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Editorial

There are a couple of **funding opportunities** with deadlines this month that local groups might be interested in. The first is for funds made available through the Kinross-shire, Almond & Earn Action Partnership. That has a closing date of **10 March**. See pages 4 and 9 for more information. The other is for grants from the Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd charitable fund, whose next deadline is **31 March**. See page 96 for more information.

As our cover indicates, **RSPB Loch Leven** is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The Newsletter will help to celebrate this significant milestone with an article later in the year. In the meantime, the RSPB would love to hear from Newsletter readers with your memories and photos of the reserve from the last 50 years. To start this off, Alice from RSPB is asking for help in identifying some photographs on page 11.

The Newsletter team hopes you enjoy your March Newsletter. Remember, clocks go forward on the night of 25 March as we change to British Summer Time.

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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CLlr: Councillor

CC: Community Council

CCllr: Community Councillor

'Dear Callum'

I must reply to your introduction in last month's Newsletter to clear up some inaccuracies:

1. You say the town centre refurbishment is visually appealing. Good. That was the intention. To address safety concerns, the Council has agreed Kinross Councillors' request for a Puffin crossing at the Co-op and, possibly, south of the chipshop;
2. You mention the 'loss of High Street parking spaces'. Actually, only three were lost. However, on my initiative, the old Mill Street surgery was demolished to make way for 19 new spaces. Net gain 16;
3. You support a new railway across our county; a popular idea. To be clear, railway building is a Scottish Government responsibility, not a Council one. My current correspondence with Scottish Ministers asking for a full M90 J7 Milnathort interchange has made me realise the difficulties of persuading government to fund such projects.
4. You agree we need new housing, but disagree with building 'over and above what is indicated' in the Local Plan (LDP). 'Indicative' numbers are only 'suggested'. Councils can consent higher numbers. Why? The LDP doesn't specify housing density, so planners will allow higher numbers on sites where higher densities are appropriate. Common sense, really.

Also, some sites identified in the 2004 Kinross Area Local Plan remain unbuilt because infrastructure costs make them unviable e.g. Hattonburn 30 houses, Pitdownies 40 and Ochil Hills 35. So the increased numbers of houses on viable sites is offset by sites which may never be built on.

5. You say that 'since 2007 council tax has been set centrally'. Not true. The Council has **chosen to keep the tax frozen** since 2007, in line with SNP policy. The Government compensated councils for the tax freeze.

6. You assert 'we have almost no local oversight of our police force'. I disagree. I serve on the Council's Community Safety Committee, often sitting in closed session with the Chief Superintendent who is Divisional Commander in overall charge of our Council Area. Be assured, he is closely questioned and held to account by Councillors.

Regards

CLlr Joe Giacomazzi
38A New Road, Milnathort

About the Kinross Newsletter

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

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

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

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

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FRED TURVEY



Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP) says thank you

By the time this letter is published, I shall already be in Ethiopia on our seventh annual, month-long trip to the Buccama Clinic, six hours south of Addis Ababa, where all our thoughts, work and help have been and are focussed.

As many people will know, since my return last year, I have been able to talk to many groups in and around Kinross. There are so many calls and demands on our resources in this time of austerity. However, when people hear at first hand an account of the deeply uncomfortable, yet fairly easily healed, condition of the mothers of Buccama, and the little clinic which helps them, they have kindly wanted to contribute. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the groups that I have spoken to. I want, once again, to thank all these groups for their contributions.

We guarantee that every penny donated goes directly to the clinic. We pay our own expenses, including flights, and there are very few other costs, except for the medical equipment we buy, and the postal cost of the thousands of pants that we send out, as a result of our "Pants and Pounds" parties. (Thanks, too, to the patient ladies in Kinross Post Office!)

This year we are really excited to go, as we will be officially opening the newly built clinic, housing two wards. The Kinross

and District Rotary Club have been enormously supportive in this plan. Their Overseas Committee recognised that our efforts definitely fell into their criteria for support. Therefore, the funds raised, thanks to the tireless efforts of Alistair Smith, the generosity of this club, other Rotary clubs and the District, ensure that our newly built extension will have sanitation, beds and medical equipment.

The amount of money required for this single project was £23,000+. With this, added to other generous donations received locally, and other parts of UK, the building has been built and its contents supplied for two ten-person wards, a nurses' station and a pharmacy. I shall take photographs, and report back.

If anyone had told me that I would be doing this 10 years ago, I would have laughed at the thought. The moral of the story is: embrace change, embrace adventure, as we never, ever know what is around the corner, or what delights life has to offer, if only we are open to it.

With huge thanks to everyone who has contributed locally. I carry your good wishes and kindness with me.

In very sincere gratitude,

Jo Middlemiss
25 Broom Road, Kinross



The new clinic at Buccama



Inside one of the wards of the new clinic

Westfield Open Cast Coal Mine

I refer to the comments made by Kinross-shire Civic Trust and others in February's Newsletter with regard to the plans to develop the Westfield open cast coal mine by Cardenden and Kinglassie.

Firstly, the proposals did not come as a shock to those of us interested in these matters. I am surprised that Perth & Kinross Council do not look at neighbouring council's planning proposals as a matter of routine. The current plans were featured in the Fife local press in March 2016.

Secondly, the Civic Trust are correct to argue for the re-introduction of the railway track to reduce the planned HGV traffic, and I hope that the Fife planners insist on that.

Finally, I wish to put forward my view that this development should be warmly welcomed as it is the largest area of derelict, abandoned and degraded land in this area, and badly needs development. It is an extremely large site of nearly 1,000 acres and includes a 600 plus feet deep pond containing severely contaminated water. In short, it is an

ecological disaster and a severe blight on our landscape. It is hard to imagine what a developer could do to make it worse. This is a valuable opportunity to support growth in our local economy, provide much-needed local jobs for our young people, restore natural diversity to the site and create amenity space for public use.

Alan Thomson
Easter Dunochil,
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Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP for Ochil and South Perthshire



We're so fortunate in Kinross-shire to have such a spectacular and vibrant local environment as a backdrop to our day-to-day lives. I still remember the first time I walked to the top of Dochrie Hill above Milnathort in the company of a local farmer, and the breath-taking view that unveiled itself before me. That day the vista stretched from the banks of Loch Leven to the Pentland Hills south of Edinburgh.

But it could perhaps be understandable given the hustle and bustle of everyday life for some to take the majesty of the Ochil and Lomond Hills for granted, or to be complacent about the beauty of some of the fantastic nature reserves we have here right on our doorstep.

That's why I joined with Roseanna Cunningham MSP earlier this month on a visit to the RSPB Nature Reserve on Loch Leven to find out more about their work and celebrate the Climate Coalition's 'Show the Love' campaign, which has encouraged people all over the country to show the love they have for the special places and wildlife you cherish and don't want to lose to climate change.



Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP, Rea Cris (Parliamentary Officer for RSPB) and Roseanna Cunningham MSP visiting RSPB Scotland Loch Leven during the 'Show the Love' campaign

Extreme weather events are occurring more often, and frequently have a devastating effect on both people and nature. Food chains are being affected, while many species ranges are shifting northwards, and uphill. This could bring back previously occasional visitors, which may seem exciting for us here in Scotland, but elsewhere in Europe species may be lost from the southern edges of their current range. More importantly, this shifting wildlife will only survive if there are suitable areas for them to move into.

That's why supporting local habitats like the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve is so important.

We all have a personal responsibility to do our part to care for our environment. But since my election I've also been committed to supporting local businesses and others to promote renewable energy here in this constituency, while using my platform in Parliament to stand up for tough international standards and targets to help shape the UK government's approach to tackling climate change.

For example, in Scotland, renewable energy has been a success story over recent years with almost 50% of Scotland's electricity consumption now coming from renewable sources. My colleagues and I have also joined with the Scottish Government to seek assurances from the UK Government about the future of the Green Investment Bank, which is currently based in Edinburgh. I will continue to press the UK Government to commit to retaining the jobs and the HQ in Edinburgh, and retaining the Bank's green purpose so that we can drive forward the green agenda, promote future growth and create more jobs both within the organisation and the wider sector.

Over the weeks and months to come, I'll continue to do all I can to support our environment.

If I can help support people and organisations in Kinross-shire, whether that be on local, national or international issues, please get in touch anytime on tas.mp@parliament.uk or 01259 726661. If you'd like an appointment at my **next local surgery** for constituents in Kinross on **Friday 10 March**, please get in touch.

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP

Kinross-shire decides!

Local groups have the opportunity to bid for funding of up to £1,500 through the Kinross-shire, Almond and Earn Action Partnership.

Community groups can apply for funding to carry out projects that help to create a fairer place and give people a more equal chance in life. Perhaps you have an idea that would benefit a particular group of people – older or younger, people with disabilities or health needs, people facing poverty, or people who are isolated? Or perhaps your idea is something that the whole community could get involved in?

Funding will be allocated using "participatory budgeting" – this means that successful bids will be chosen by a **public vote**, to take place at Kinross Farmer's Market on **Saturday 22 April**. The day will also be an opportunity for people to share their views and opinions of local priorities, to influence future activity.

The **CLOSING DATE** for applications is **Friday 10 March**. Further details and application forms are available via the webpage www.pkc.gov.uk/communityplanning or by contacting Tracey Ramsay by email on TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk. The Kinross-shire, Almond and Earn Action Partnership aims to tackle inequalities in the locality. It is a collaboration between local community representatives, PKC, Police Scotland, NHS Tayside and other public services. Similar opportunities are available to communities in other parts of Perth and Kinross.

See also poster on page 9.

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Councillor Barnacle

**PKC Local Government Election,
4 May 2017**



On Monday 13 March 2017 the Council will publish the Notice for the above Election with a deadline of 29 March 2017 for nominations and withdrawals of candidacy. (Some dates from the election timetable are included at right.)

After taking soundings locally, I am currently preparing to stand again as an Independent candidate for the Kinross-shire Ward, an area I have been proud to represent since May 1999.

I have a campaign team in place and wish to continue for a fifth, and possibly final, term in making Kinross-shire's voice heard up at Perth and protecting its identity and interests that should not be compromised by party positions.

There remain a number of matters that are ongoing and which I am currently heavily involved in. Unfinished business for me includes, amongst others in the shire, campaigns relating to landscape, planning, roads and footpaths and I would particularly mention the following:

- Restoring the landscape designations for the Cleish Hills and the River Devon Gorge around Rumbling Bridge.
- Securing Regional Park Status for the Ochil Hills.
- Delivering capital improvements to the A977 between Blairingone and Turfhill in ongoing consultation with the community.
- Ensuring the B9097 Action Plan is delivered and improved between Crook of Devon and the Fife boundary near Westfield.
- Delivering on the proposed pedestrian safety measures in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell following community consultation.
- Improving Kinross High Street Regeneration Scheme following community representation and exploring economic and tourism initiatives to improve our County Town and Loch Leven's surrounds for residents and visitors.
- Ensure that our PKC Local Development Plan 2 progresses, as far as possible, in accordance with community views, especially following further consultation on development zoning proposals in Fossoway; enhancing the policy protection of Loch Leven's catchment and reviewing policies in relation to Gypsy/Traveller sites.
- Maintaining my continuing commitment to argue for an Area Planning Committee for Kinross-shire to arrest a clear 'democratic deficit' and for continuing improvements needed to our current 'failed' planning process.

Hopefully I can continue with such work-in-progress if I receive the community's backing on 4 May.

Kind regards,

Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

Deadlines of Note

(As referred to in Cllr Barnacle's column)

Some deadlines of note coming up soon are:

- 10 March** Final date for project application from community groups to Kinross-shire, Almond & Earn Action Partnership participatory budget funding. [See p. 9.]
- 13 March** Publication of Notice of PKC authority election and delivery of nomination papers.
- 29 March** Last day for PKC election nomination papers, appointment of election agents and withdrawals of candidacy.
- 4 April** End of consultation on future of Scottish Planning system. [See p. 18.]
- 17 April** Last day for registering to vote if not already on PKC list.
- 18 April** Last day for new postal vote applications in PKC.

Councillor Robertson

Springfield Road crossing

The crossing point on the bend in Springfield Road, Kinross, is potentially very dangerous. Because of the bushes to the east of the crossing, it is impossible to see oncoming cars until they are almost on you. I have contacted the Council about this and they in turn have contacted The Greenbelt Company who maintain these bushes and asked for them to be cut back.

Keep Kinross-shire Tidy

This is an ideal time for road verges to be litter picked as the grass and other vegetation has grown back. If you notice areas that could do with a litter pick, please let me know and I will contact the Council's Environment Service.

Core Paths Maintenance

I asked for volunteers in last month's Newsletter to form a team to keep our important core paths open in the summer. There is no Council budget to do this and many of them have become very overgrown and impassable. I have used offenders carrying out community payback orders in the past to trim paths at Burleigh, Balado and Crook of Devon but this isn't a long-term solution.

The good news is that, to date, I have had four people volunteer, all from Milnathort. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch. The Council will provide any equipment required and any training needed.

20mph speed limits

Perth & Kinross Council now have a policy on 20mph speed limits. This should open the way for reduced speed limits to be introduced in residential areas or in streets which are narrow with little or no pavements. Communities like Keltiebridge and Maryburgh have already put in a request for the road which passes through these settlements to be considered for 20mph speed limits.

Green Park

The pavements in Green Park are very uneven and are badly in need of resurfacing. The Council has promised to repair the worst of the problems as a short-term measure. I will press for the pavements here to be put into the schedule for resurfacing to give a more permanent and acceptable walking surface for local residents.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Contributors

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Councillor Giacopazzi

Kinross Hockey

In my five years as a councillor, I've become aware of the longer time it takes to get things done in local government compared with the world of business which I previously inhabited. So I was delighted to see material being unloaded from HGVs in the Muirs to construct the new all-weather hockey pitch, a project which I have been keen to see happen. The project has only come about through joint funding between the Council and the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust, a local charity of which I am a Trustee. The Hockey Club applied for, and were granted, £80,000 to supplement their own resources. On the basis of this, the Council agreed to make up the considerable shortfall.

Milnathort Football

The Kinross Colts' application to build a changing facility at the Donaldson Park has been delayed by planning concerns for the well-being of trees at the park. The revised planning application should be decided by the Council's Development Management Committee (Planning Committee) in the spring. The funding offer of £45,000 from the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust was time limited and expired. However, I'm pleased to say that the Trust has agreed to extend the time scale for the resourcing of this worthwhile project.

Portmoak Community Council

A Community Councillor from Balgeddie once complained that Portmoak was rarely mentioned by Councillors in the Newsletter. Well, here goes. The B9097 South Loch road may be set to become a very busy road indeed, following the news that the Westfield site in Fife is subject to a planning application for a biomass electricity plant. The talk is of 250 lorries a day using the road in each direction to reach the site. It was thanks to the vigilance of the CC that the community became aware of this proposal which could, if permitted, have a considerable impact on the RSPB site at Vane Farm. All four Kinross-shire Councillors, together with Portmoak Community Councillors and planning officials from Fife and PKC, met at the campus in January to discuss the obvious concerns. PKC has now formally lodged an objection to the

proposal. The decision whether to permit this development is one for Fife Councillors to take. Time will tell.

Pace Hill, Milnathort

The application by the Dundas Estates Company to build 80 houses (of which 20 would be affordable homes) on the area of land between the northern boundary of the village and the M90 motorway, has been withdrawn.

Given the volume of comments from Milnathort folk in relation to this proposed development, I have been taking a close interest, so I immediately contacted Council planning officials to discover the reason for the withdrawal. It seems the reason that the application cannot proceed in its present form is a technical one. I therefore expect the application to be resubmitted in a modified form at some point. As a member of the Development Management Committee, I am legally obliged to express no opinion on any planning application in advance of the hearing to decide its outcome.

Local Development Plan

In course of discussion at Fossoway CC the other evening, a resident expressed disapproval of including sites around Crook of Devon in plans for future development. His point was that he liked living in a village and wanted its rural character kept without more houses being built. Having seen Milnathort expand considerably in my own lifetime, I fully understand the frustration of those who see Kinross-shire becoming more urbanised.

The underlying reason for the growth in housing relates to Scotland's increasing population. People need a place to live, so under the Planning Act the Government obliges councils to publish a local development plan identifying suitable sites for houses with the intention of balancing the availability of housing land with the expected housing requirement. But what if a Council refused to publish an LDP? Well, it would become a 'free for all' with developers applying to build wherever they chose. This has never happened.

There is one constraint on development in Kinross-shire, much of which is within the Loch Leven catchment area, a fragile ecosystem in respect of phosphate emissions. To protect the loch, the Council has diverted a proportion of Kinross-shire's housing allocation to Perth City.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi

Campbell's last day

After 39 years, Campbell Watson has left Andersons to enjoy a richly deserved retirement.

Campbell joined the firm of J L Anderson, Gardner & Co in 1976 and was appointed partner in 1978. He was then a founding partner in the "new" firm of Andersons LLP in 2007. Campbell's last official day was marked with informal drinks in the office with his current colleagues and many of those who have worked with him over the years. A few hours of nostalgia and tales from the past were 'enjoyed' by all. Campbell, of course, will not be severing all ties with the firm; we will still see him on a regular basis involved in our sociable and charitable activities.

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Campbell's last day at Andersons





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Explaining the rationale for this Alisdair Stewart, Chairman said...

"ASSET was established as a Company Limited by Guarantee and registered as a charity with OSCR. Over recent months it has become evident that our corporate structure was impeding discussions with key funders who felt ASSET was too narrowly governed despite the fact that it has an open membership. Conversion to a CBS makes the open membership structure much more transparent and ensures that control, ownership and benefits are clearly vested in the Kinross-shire community."

ASSET will continue to operate as a not for profit charity whose objectives are the advancement of education, heritage and science in relation to aviation, astronomy, technology, science and space for the public benefit. Aero Space Kinross will continue to be wholly owned and operated by ASSET.



WATCH THIS SPACE

Thursday 16th March 2017, 7.30pm
Loch Leven Community Campus Assembly Hall

Introduction by Dr Stephen Breslin
Chief Executive Glasgow Science Centre

THE WONDERS OF THE NIGHT SKY
Steve Owens, Astronomer and Planetarium Manager at Glasgow Science Centre. Author: *Star gazing for dummies*

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WANTED! Your photos and stories about Loch Leven

By Alice O'Rourke, RSPB Scotland Loch Leven



This year, we are celebrating our 50th anniversary at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven with special events throughout the year. Over the coming months we are hoping to bring our history to life and we'd love for you to get involved in the process. If you have old photos taken on the reserve or stories you'd like to share, then we want you to get in touch.

We're especially interested in photos of people enjoying and learning about nature but would also welcome landscape

or wildlife photos with a good story behind them. Do you remember coming here as a child on a school trip? Did you attend a special event or see your first red squirrel here?

We are also keen to know more about the photos below. Can you tell us anything about them?

To share your stories or photos, please email LochLeven50th@rspb.org.uk or drop into the visitor centre. We can't wait to see what we'll discover!



Late 1960s. Is this a photo of you or do you know its story?



1985. Are you in this photo? What were you looking at?



1991. Did you go on this bike ride? Where did you go?

Coco in FutureChef regional finals

Kinross High School pupil Coco Ramponi (13) reached the regional finals of the 'FutureChef' competition.

The regional finals were held at City of Glasgow College on 2 February where competitors had to create a two-course meal for two. Although Coco did not progress to the next stage, the national final, she has thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Coco received coaching from Chris at Loch Leven's Larder and Matthew

Moorhead, head chef at Dunkeld House Hotel. She is grateful to them and to Ivan Woods who supplied the edible flowers! FutureChef is an industry-backed programme that relates closely to the food curriculum. It is aimed at young people aged 12 to 16 and inspires them to cook through classroom activities, industry skills demonstrations and competitions.

Coco Ramponi at the FutureChef Regional Finals



John Swinney sees new school under construction

Deputy First Minister of Scotland, John Swinney, visited the construction site of the new Kinross Primary School on 20 January.

The visit by the Deputy First Minister, who is also Cabinet Secretary for Education, marked the start of the major construction phase, with steel beams being erected.

Once completed, the new Kinross Primary School will have an increased capacity of 566 pupils, with a dedicated nursery provision for 64 children. Inside the school there will be

18 open-plan teaching zones, a dedicated gym hall and separate dining facilities. Outside, there will be a grass pitch, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), outdoor teaching facilities and eco-features.

On the same day Mr Swinney also visited the construction site of the new Tulloch Primary School in Perth. The new schools are being jointly funded by the Scottish Government and Perth & Kinross Council.



Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education John Swinney MSP with pupils and staff from Kinross Primary School, representatives of Perth & Kinross Council, representatives of Hub East Central Scotland and Robertson Tayside
Photo: Craig Halkett Photography

Holiday Park plan for Burleigh

A Proposal of Application Notice has been lodged with Perth & Kinross Council for the erection of a Holiday Park and Visitor Centre on land at Burleigh Sands. The application has been lodged on behalf of Kinross Estates Company and D King Properties (Scotland) Ltd.

The site plan can be viewed on the PKC planning portal under reference number 17/00002/PAN.

Details of the site and proposals will be on display at two **public events** at the Loch Leven Community Campus, one to be held on **Wednesday 29 March** (12.30pm to 7.30pm) and the other on **Saturday 1 April** (10am to 2pm).

See also official notice on page 19.



Land at Burleigh: part of the land included in the site plan for the Proposal of Application Notice for a Holiday Park and Visitor Centre

The 39th Glenfarg Folk Feast comes to town!



For the second successive year, Kinross is to host the Glenfarg Village Folk Club's Feast, the event taking place over the weekend of **7-9 April** and being centred around The Green Hotel. This will be the 39th such Feast and will be a prelude to a very special 40th celebration already being planned for 2018! The committee all agree that this year's line-up is indeed very special and the event should prove to be the best for many years.



Steve Tilston and Jez Lowe

So what is on offer? Well, apart from the expected singarounds, sessions and general background of music in the hotel and village pubs, the celebrations will get underway on the Friday night with a Ceilidh-Concert to get the spirits aroused for the remainder of the weekend. The dancing will be under the lead of The Craigie Collective Ceilidh Band, although there will also be entertainment provided by invited guests. This is a new initiative for the format of the night and should add to the overall enjoyment of the attendees. Saturday will bring a morning's guitar workshop conducted by Maurice Dickson, followed by an organised singaround. After that, there will be the Original Song Competition; this year's theme is "Wildlife", and the trophy

for the event will be awarded to the funniest original song of the afternoon. After the laughter has died down from that event, we have a brilliant concert at night featuring the exciting young band Dallahan, the amazing John Tams and Barry Coope, the wonderful voice of Robyn Stapleton and the club's very own merry band of local minstrels and songsters, the Farg Folk. The line-up for this concert is quite exceptional and is guaranteed to be a sell-out.

Having thought that it couldn't get any better, Sunday starts with a special event as it will feature A Conversation with John Tams, followed by another singaround, followed by a children's entertainment featuring the amazing Artie Trezise and Ryan Moir, followed by the world famous Puff-a-Box championships! There will be no let up as we move to another great night at Backstage featuring the legendary Steve Tilston and Jez Lowe on stage together, the brilliant young Irish group Na Leanai, and the wonderful guitarist and singer Maurice Dickson. All in all, this promises to be another great night with another seriously sensational line-

up to bring the weekend to a close. Further information on all of the above and on available accommodation can be found on our club website www.glenfargfolkclub.com and tickets can be obtained either online through the web site or our ticket hotline 07944 665617, or through tickets@glenfargfolkclub.com.



Robyn Stapleton will sing on the Saturday of the Folk Feast

The committee have done their bit and would now love you to come along and show just how good a weekend's entertainment you have on your doorstep. Hope to see you all there!



Talented young Irish group, Na Leanai

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Loch Leven Music Tuition opens studio in Kinross

After many successful years providing music education in Kinross-shire and across the UK, Loch Leven Music Tuition is opening a studio in Kinross.

Loch Leven Music Tuition provides tuition for guitar, bass, ukulele, and drums. Alongside the work undertaken in Kinross-shire, Sam (owner of Loch Leven Music Tuition) has worked across the UK providing music education to a diverse clientele ranging from local community groups to the BBC. The studio will enable the further expansion of Loch Leven Music Tuition's activities. These include: Rockschoo!s new 'Music Production' syllabus; support for SQA qualifications; singing lessons; percussion workshops and 'Kid's Rock!' workshops.

Sam started teaching in Kinross-shire as a supplement to his work in various Scottish bands in 2011. Now, Loch Leven Music Tuition has grown to be the largest music tuition provider in Kinross-shire, operating seven days a week, all year round.

It will no longer be a one-man show, however; Sam will be joined by top educators providing one-to-one and group sessions for all ages, abilities and interests.

The studio opens early March.

Keep your eyes peeled for Loch Leven Music Tuition at local

events (and keep your ears open for Loch Leven Music Tuition's students performing in Kinross-shire and beyond!)

Further information available from:

Web: lochlevenmusictuition.com

Email: lochlevenmt@gmail.com

Phone: 07938 663269



Sam of Loch Leven Music Tuition

Kinross firm investing in young people

Mozolowski and Murray has received an Investors in Young People Award (IYPP) by the Minister for Employability and Training, Jamie Hepburn MSP.

The minister presented the award to a group of young employees at the company's Kinross manufacturing base in January as he toured the factory and met with their manufacturing and construction teams.

The minister met with Darren Gardiner (20), an apprentice builder on a CITB 4-year apprenticeship; Scott Wilkie (18), an apprentice builder on a CITB 4-year apprenticeship; Jamie Johnston (26), in-house trainee painter; David Peden (24), site painter following a two-year in-house apprenticeship and now part of the main painting team; Regan Smith (18), in-house trainee stores operative undertaking her SVQ in Warehousing this year; Graham Kilby

(22), trainee joiner's mate undertaking an in-house site joiner apprenticeship. Kerr Meiklejohn (19), apprentice joiner, was unable to be present due to onsite commitments.

Mozolowski and Murray is Scotland's leading glass and timber structure specialist. The independently owned business employs over sixty staff, apprentices and young people.



l to r: Craig Hunter, Director; Darren Gardiner; Scott Wilkie; Jamie Johnston; Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Employability and Training; David Peden; Regan Smith; Graham Kilby; Virginia Murray, Director

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Councillor Cuthbert

Council Election 2017

I note that a number of people have started announcing that they will be standing for various political parties in the local government election in May this year.

I have been absolutely delighted and proud to act as your representative on Perth and Kinross Council and thought that I ought to also say that I will be standing again in May, as an Independent candidate.

Unfinished Business

One of the characteristics of the Council is that it moves slowly. I think I am starting to get things to change at Perth. I will give more details in my campaign leaflets about this.

The two roles of a Councillor

Councillors have two roles, one being to act as a local member resolving local issues, the other being to act as a Councillor on committees.

Over the last five years, I have been sucked into doing a lot more committee work than I would have liked. This is due to the death of Cllr Alan Jack who was an Independent Councillor. With his death, I had to pick up his committees. Again, I will give more detail on this in my campaign leaflets.

PKC Budget

Over the last few months I have been working on the Independent Group Budget Proposals. This has been made much more difficult due to external forces changing how much money the Council will have available. I believe in consensus and am trying to work with other political parties to get the things the Independent Group wants in the budget. I also think it is important that all elected members participate in designing the Council's final budget.

Risk Awareness v Risk Aversion

Up until now the Council has had a culture of risk aversion. This has meant that officers would not do anything which was deemed to be potentially risky.

I have been questioning this since I was elected in 2012, the problem with this culture being that it leads to a blame culture and, in my view, prevents innovation and change.

I have been pushing for a more open, risk aware approach. Taking this approach means that it is possible to try new ideas, evaluate them and, if successful, keep doing them. If not successful then accept they haven't worked, chalk it up to experience and move on.

So, I was delighted when a paper entitled "*Corporate risk management strategy*" came up at the February meetings of the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee (on which I sit) and the Scrutiny Committee (on which I also sit). This paper effectively introduced a risk aware policy rather than a risk averse one for the Council. Both committees welcomed the paper and it is now Council Policy.

I will be watching to see how this impacts going forward. Personally, I think it is excellent news.

Action Partnerships

I am pleased to say that the Kinross-shire, Almond and Earn Action Partnership has come to life... at last!

The Partnership has £20,000 available for granting to local groups to help address inequalities. Kinross-shire will have £10,000 available and Almond and Earn £10,000. Bids for up to £1,500 are now being sought. [See p. 9 for more information.]



Review of Community Campuses

I mentioned last month that a paper was coming to the Lifelong Learning Committee outlining proposals to change the way that Community Campuses operate.

I sat on this committee and spoke on the paper, which was approved at the meeting with an instruction that a report should be brought back to the committee on how the campuses will be better marketed.

I said last month that I would outline some of what this paper means for the Kinross-shire Community – it is complex!

Charges – the cost of hire of rooms is to be reduced by 20%.

Food – Community groups are to be allowed to make their own tea and coffee and bring in their own food.

Community Campus Management Committee – is to be changed to include elected members and community reps. This is important as it will hopefully: prevent regular bookings from being summarily cancelled; stop the refusal of bookings by sports groups competing with Live Active Leisure; Encourage the campus to become more community focussed.

Kinross Town Centre

Your local members have been assured that a controlled crossing will be put on the High Street near to the Co-op and that a potential crossing will be investigated near to the chip shop. In addition to this, further mitigation measures are to be implemented in the area to make it work better and feel safer.

The work on this is being held up due to a lack of funding for the road safety team at the Council. I am trying to get money in the budget to address this.

Thefts of equipment from Powmill in Bloom and Crook and Drum Growing Together

I have been working with these two bloom committees as I think the work they do is fantastic. However, both groups have suffered from equipment including planters, benches, flower pots and the like being stolen.

If anyone knows anything about this, please let me know.

Broadband

The roll out of Broadband continues in the area, at a snail's pace, in my view. The good news is that the Council and the Scottish Government have announced additional funding to get high speed broadband into homes as quickly as possible.

A977 mitigation measures

Councillor Barnacle and I have been working hard to get these measures on the road as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the employee recruited by the Council to deliver these improvements left soon after he joined the Council. We have been told that a new employee has been recruited. Watch this space.

There is a lot more going on, but again I have run out of space!

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

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MP under question by High School pupils

Local MP Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh visited Kinross High School on 20 January as a guest of the school's History Department. Ms Ahmed-Sheikh took questions from S4 Modern Studies students.

Speaking after the visit, Ms Ahmed-Sheikh said: "Thanks very much to the History Department at Kinross High School for the invitation to speak with their pupils. I had some brilliant, well thought out questions from a range of bright young people, so hopefully my answers were up to the challenge!

"It was a fun event, and I was especially glad to

meet so many young people who are clearly engaged with politics and have great aspirations for their community and the world around them."

See also Kinross High School, page 67.



Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP with Kinross High School Modern Studies students

Kinross dancers meet West End stars

Students of the Matthew Dance Academy in Kinross recently took part in a weekend of workshops at the famous Pineapple Dance Studios in London.

The Senior Grades students worked with cast members from current West End productions of Aladdin, Mamma Mia, The Lion King and Guys and Dolls, as well as taking part in master classes with Pineapple Dance Studio tutors.

Principal Nikki Matthew said: "As always, they performed beautifully and gained valuable experience about the dance profession."

Matthew Dance Academy pupils are currently rehearsing for forthcoming theatre shows at Carnegie Hall in Dunfermline. To find out more, call 07869 120989.

To read about recent exam successes by MDA students, see page 81.

Kinross Bus Services Information

Kinross High Street will be CLOSED between Mill Street and Piper Row from 7 March until 10 March inclusive and therefore local bus services will be diverted as follows:

Stagecoach Service 201 will operate between Montgomery Street and Kinross Park & Ride site via the south end of the High Street, Clashburn Road and Junction Road. This means Station Road and the section of High Street between Montgomery Street and Station Road will not be served.

Stagecoach Service 56 will be unable to operate the usual clockwise route around Kinross and will instead operate to and from Kinross Park & Ride site via Station Road only. Kinross High Street (south of Station Road only), Clashburn Road and Junction Road will not be served.

Planning system consultation

The Scottish Government published a consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning System on 10 January.

The consultation paper "Places, people and planning" sets out 20 proposals for change which aim to strengthen the planning system. The consultation can be found at: <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultation-on-the-future-of-planning/>.

Comments are welcome. The consultation is open until **Tuesday 4 April**.

The Kinross Community Council Newsletter

is available from:

The Co-operative	High Street, Kinross
Baillies	High Street, Kinross
Sainsbury's	Station Road, Kinross
Costcutter	Green Road, Kinross
Giacopazzi's	Lathro, Kinross
Giacopazzi's	New Road, Milnathort
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort
Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Fossoway Store	Crook of Devon
Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Powmill Milk Bar	Powmill
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News from the Health Centre



Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

7,000 women a year are diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the UK, but most women are still unaware of the symptoms to look out for. Target Ovarian Cancer is a UK charity which works to improve early diagnosis. It also funds life-saving research and provides support to women with ovarian cancer. Their awareness campaign this month, which is supported by the Health Centre, is aimed at increasing knowledge amongst women of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

Ovarian cancer cannot be detected by the smear test, so it is essential for women to know more about it so that they can raise any concerns as soon as possible with their GP or practice nurse. The symptoms of ovarian cancer are frequent (they usually happen more than 12 times per month) and persistent. They include: increased abdominal size/persistent bloating; difficulty eating/feeling full; pelvic or abdominal pain; needing to wee more urgently or more often. Other symptoms can include unexpected weight loss, change in bowel habits and extreme fatigue.

If you have any of these symptoms more than 12 times a month and they are not normal for you, please telephone Reception on 01577 862112 and make an appointment with your GP or one of our senior nurses. Further information is available on the Target Ovarian Cancer website: www.targetovariancancer.org.uk

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (Regulation 7(2)(b))

PRE-APPLICATION PUBLIC EVENT

Proposal: Erection of Holiday Park, Visitor Centre (Ancillary Café/Restaurant with Commercial Space), with Supporting Recreational Infrastructure.

Land at Burleigh Sands, Milnathort, Perth and Kinross, KY13 9GF

Public Events will take place on Wednesday 29th March 2017 from 12.30pm to 7.30pm and Saturday 1st April from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Loch Leven Community Campus, the Muirs, Kinross KY13 8FQ,

Details of the site and proposals will be on display and representatives of the applicant will be on hand to answer questions.

Visitors will be provided with a comment sheet to share written thoughts and ideas, which may be used to refine the plans prior to submission of an application. These written submissions will be included in a Pre-Application Consultation report to accompany any future application.

Further information relating to these proposals may be obtained from the agent: Neil Gray, Partner, Rapleys LLP, Caledonian Exchange, 19A Canning Street, Edinburgh EH3 8EG, email: neil.gray@rapleys.co.uk Phone: 07467 955228.

Those willing to make comments on the proposals may do so at the above event and/or in writing at the above address and no later than Friday 7th April 2017.

Please note that all written representations must be sent to the above address and NOT to Perth and Kinross Council. An opportunity to make representations to the Council will exist when a formal planning application is made.

Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife



Last month the Queen celebrated her Sapphire Jubilee, marking 65 years on the throne. She is the first British monarch to reach this incredible milestone and is showing no signs of slowing down as she approaches her 91st birthday.

In those 65 years she has seen 13 prime ministers come and go, witnessed the rise and fall of communism and worked hard at both home and abroad to represent the UK and our interests. The premature death of her father in 1952 resulted in the young Elizabeth ascending to the throne at just 27 years old; a job that she was born into but perhaps not fully prepared for. Any signs of inexperience were thrown aside as she embarked on a lengthy tour of the Commonwealth where she drew huge crowds and significant praise from the political leaders of the day. This resounding success set the tone for a reign that has seen her role and Britain's place in the world transition, yet throughout it all she has reigned with poise, stoicism and control.

In these uncertain political times, the stability brought by the Queen as UK Head of State is of huge benefit. In the weeks running up to her low-key Sapphire Jubilee, newspaper chatter centred on how she would handle the forthcoming state visit of President Donald Trump. William Hague perhaps best summed up how she would perform by stating that she could more than handle the visit of a "brash billionaire from New York". This speaks to the Queen's ability to deliver in even the most pressured circumstances.

The Queen has always held Perth and Kinross in high regard. In 2015 she visited horse trials at Blair Castle on the very week that she became Britain's longest serving monarch. In previous years she has made official visits to Scone Palace and is known to love Kinross-shire's rolling hills. Perth and Kinross is home to two Royal Burghs, Perth and Auchterarder, and the people of this area hold their Queen in high regard. She has a very special relationship with Scotland and every year spends a week in the summer at Holyrood for Royal week. She is also an enthusiastic supporter of the Braemar Highland Games and has given patronage to charities promoting Scots Gaelic and the ancient pibroch style of piping.

As the UK moves into its new role post-Brexit, the role of the monarchy will play an important part in providing the stability and security that the Queen has delivered for 65 years. Although her diary might be a little quieter as she enters her tenth decade, I would like to congratulate her for her achievements thus far and wish her all the best as she moves towards her Platinum Jubilee.

As always I can be contacted at The Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, Perth PH2 6PL tel: 01738 553990 or email: Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot

Elizabeth Smith MSP

Newsletter grants deadline approaches

The deadline is approaching for the next opportunity to apply for grant funding from the Kinross CC Newsletter Ltd charitable fund, which was built up from past profits of the Kinross Newsletter. Applications must comply with at least one of the aims of the charity. The next deadline is **Friday 31 March**. See the notice on page 96 for more information.

April at Kinross Learning Centre

Whether you're planning your summer holiday and need to pick up some essential language skills, or want to revamp some jaded furniture, Kinross Learning Centre's spring programme has just the course for you.



French, Italian, Spanish and German are all available at a range of levels providing you with the skills and confidence to deal with a range of situations. For those whose talents are creative, there is Upholstery, Sewing, Floristry and a range of art classes. Or come along to 'Get to Grips with your Apple Ipad' to learn the basics about your tablet.

To find out more or to book your place, contact Maureen Ross on 01577 863863, email pc.kinross.perth@uhi.ac.uk or visit Kinross Learning Centre at Swansacre, Kinross.

Course	Start Date	Time	Weeks	Cost
LANGUAGES				
Spanish Beginners	Thu 20 April	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£75
Spanish Improvers	Tue 18 April	4.30 – 6.30 pm	10 weeks	£75
Spanish Improvers	Tue 18 April	7 – 9 pm	10 Weeks	£75
French Improvers	Wed 19 April	10 am - 12 noon	10 weeks	£75
French Intermediate	Tue 18 April	1 – 3 pm	10 weeks	£75
French Advanced	Tue 18 April	10.30-12.30 pm	10 weeks	£75
German Beginners Term 3	Wed 19 April	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£75
Italian Beginners Term 3	Tue 18 April	4.30 – 6.30 pm	10 weeks	£75
Italian Beginners Term 3	Tue 18 April	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£75
Italian Improvers	Thu 20 April	6.15– 8.15 pm	10 weeks	£75
Italian Advanced	Thu 20 April	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£75
Get set to Learn – Maths, English and more for all	Thursdays	12.30 – 2.30 pm	ONGOING	FREE
IT				
Get to Grips with your Ipad	Tues 26 April Tues 16 May	9 – 11 am	2 weeks	£20
ART				
Textile Screen Printing Term 3	Thu 20 April	10 am – 12 noon	8 weeks	£75
Learn to Draw	Wed 19 April	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£75
Painting with Acrylics	Wed 19 April	1 – 3 pm	10 weeks	£75
Watercolour Painting	Mon 17 April	9.30 – 11.30 am	10 weeks	£75
CRAFTS				
Upholstery	Wed 19 April	4.30 – 6.30 pm	10 weeks	£90
Upholstery	Wed 19 April	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£90
Sew Smart (Sewing, Mending, Altering, Recycling, Tailoring)	Tue 18 April	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£90
Learn to use your own sewing machine	Thu 20 April	1 – 3 pm	6 weeks	£50
Stained Glass Intermediate	Tue 18 April	10 – 12 noon	10 weeks	£75
Stained Glass Beginners 2	Tue 18 April	2 – 4 pm	10 weeks	£75
Springtime Floristry	Fri 21 April	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£75
GENERAL INTEREST				
Intermediate Photography:	Wed 19 April	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£75
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Rams killed on RSPB land in suspected livestock worrying incident

Police are appealing for information from the public after two Beltex rams were found dead near the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

The suspected livestock worrying incident happened sometime between 8am on Friday 10 February and 2pm on Saturday 11 February in a field close to the Gairney Burn on the RSPB reserve. This is in the vicinity of the viewpoint structure.

Farmer Kevin Davidson, owner of the stock which grazes on RSPB Scotland's Loch Leven reserve at Vane Farm, said there were welfare and financial implications as a result of the incident. There were 12 years of breeding behind one of the rams and Mr Davidson no longer has any of that bloodline left.

Anyone with any information is urged to call the Police on 101, quoting crime reference CR/3886/17, or to telephone Mr Davidson on 07790764242. Or information can be passed anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Uwe Stoneman, Tayside Reserves Manager with RSPB Scotland, said: "Grazing by sheep and cattle is very important to create a home for wildlife at RSPB Scotland's Loch Leven Reserve. Without grazing, the wet grassland would shrub over and species like the peewit (or lapwing) would not be able to breed.

"I am very pleased to have worked with Kevin as our grazier for the last three years. I know that he cares deeply for the welfare and wellbeing of his animals. As the Manager for the site, I am truly shocked and disappointed about what happened. We want people to use the Heritage Trail, enjoy the reserve and bring their dogs if they want – but livestock and wildlife must be protected. The vast majority of people behave responsibly, and this is a terrible, but thankfully isolated incident. If people have seen anything that could relate to the incident, please report it to the police."

The loss of the rams occurred just days before the launch of a campaign to raise awareness amongst dog owners about the devastating effects of livestock worrying.

See next column.

Warning to dog owners

Dog owners are being warned their animal could be killed if it is found to be in the presence of sheep, even if it has not physically attacked them or chased them.

The warning is part of a campaign launched by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime, in partnership with Police Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, NFUS, Scottish Land & Estates and the Kennel Club, to raise awareness amongst dog owners about the devastating effects of livestock worrying.

The campaign seeks to highlight to dog owners who live in or walk their dogs in the countryside that they must act responsibly and keep their dogs under close control. Results from a similar campaign last year showed two-thirds of all reported crime involved a dog which was either local to the area or allowed to roam free, or had 'escaped' from a house or garden.

A dog attacking, chasing or even being at large in a field where sheep are kept can lead to significant injury and often leads to the sheep being killed or destroyed. Such attacks have a financial and emotional impact on the farmer and cause immense suffering to the animals and are avoidable if dog owners follow some simple steps.

Inspector Jane Donaldson, Police Scotland's Rural Crime Co-ordinator, said: "The worrying of livestock can have devastating consequences for farm animals and has an obvious financial and emotional impact on farmers and their businesses. This campaign is being launched to coincide with the spring lambing period because this is when sheep are at greatest risk.

"The vast majority of livestock worrying incidents involve sheep and can occur when a dog attacks, chases or, in the case of sheep, is at large (not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field where livestock is kept. The devastating effects of a dog attack are evident and cannot be overstated but significant damage can also be caused by a dog simply being present in a field. Pregnant ewes can abort their lambs or lambs can be separated from their mothers, causing distress and in some cases malnutrition.

"The advice to dog owners who live in rural areas or anyone walking and exercising their dogs in the countryside is to ensure they are under control at all times and avoid going into fields where livestock is grazing. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code says dogs shouldn't be taken into fields where there are lambs or other young farm animals."

"We are encouraging farmers and landowners to engage with dog walkers and to put signs up on gateways and on key roads and paths alerting them to the presence of sheep and lambs in their fields," added Inspector Donaldson.

Farmers and those who use the countryside are urged to report all incidents of livestock worrying to police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Preventative measures can also be taken using Dog Control Notices issued by the local authority. These written Notices can be served on owners who do not keep their dogs under proper control and place control measures such as keeping the dog on a lead or being muzzled in a public place.

Police Scotland will also enforce the existing legislation robustly, ensuring all reported cases of sheep worrying are thoroughly investigated and offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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Pop into the library where you can meet other parents, have a coffee, chat, read a magazine or just relax while your child plays. Toys provided. Family friendly. These sessions are suitable for pre-school children and their parents or guardians.

French Storytelling, First Saturday of each month

French themed story-time for 4-8 year olds, 11.30am-12pm on the first Saturday of each month. This project aims to support the 1+2 approach to modern languages, where every child has the opportunity to learn a modern language from P1 onwards. Contact the library to book your **free** place.



Book Groups at the Library

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

Crime book Group: Once a month on a Tuesday evening, 6.45-7.45pm

General Book Group: Once a month on a Friday morning 10.30-11.30am

Café Book Group: Once a month on a Saturday morning 11.15am

Please contact the Library for the next book group date.

World Book Day free event for children:

Thursday 2 March, 4pm-5pm

Lindsey Gardiner, author and illustrator of books for young children, will be visiting the Loch Leven Library where she read some of her stories interspersed with art inspired by her books.

Suitable for children aged 4-8 years

Tickets are free, but bookable in advance. To reserve a space, contact the library.

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



Acclaimed actor backs Seamab campaign

He's currently inundated with red carpet appearances and television interviews thanks to the release of T2: Trainspotting, but actor Robert Carlyle has taken time out of his hectic schedule to support local children's charity, Seamab.

Robert has shared his childhood memories as part of Seamab's Pocket Money Campaign, to raise funds and awareness of the charity's work with some of Scotland's most vulnerable children.

Robert reflected back on a time when two shillings meant the world: "I thought I was rich and spent it on a comic, a packet of Polo Mints and a packet of crisps. I got the same amount every week intermittently over the next few years and I always bought the same thing. I would read the comic over and over, eat all of the crisps very slowly and half of the mints, saving the other half for the rest of the week when I would have one a day till the next Saturday came around!" Seamab is at Rumbling Bridge, Kinross-shire. For more than 28 years it has been caring for and educating children with complex needs, following experiences of abuse, neglect, trauma and loss.

See also page 66 for a report from Seamab.



Actor Robert Carlyle is supporting Seamab's campaign

Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

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



Kinross-shire Roll of Honour 1917

13 March George McKee

First World War Timeline 1917

10 January	Allies state peace objectives in response to US President Woodrow Wilson's December 1916 peace note
1 February	Germany resumes submarine warfare
23 February	German forces begin withdrawal to Hindenburg Line
11 March	British capture Baghdad
15 March	Tsar Nicholas abdicates following Russian Revolution

See also Kinross Museum, page 53.

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

Police Box



Kinross Community Team

From the middle of January 2017, Kinross Police Office have a new designated Community Policing Team.

Sergeant Nichola Forrester is the new Community Sergeant along with Constables Dougie Stapleton and Atholl Spalding.

The new policing model in South Perthshire, including Kinross, allows for locally based community officers to be visible in the area they are dedicated to, engaging with the community.

Constables Stapleton and Spalding will be primarily tasked with identifying repeat issues and tackling them with problem solving approaches. This will include focused activities within the community including dedicated Hi-Visibility foot patrols, speeding issues, neighbourhood disputes and building long-term relationships with the local schools, community groups and Community Councils.

Constables Stapleton and Spalding will be holding Community Surgeries at various locations locally during the forthcoming months where members of the community can meet them and discuss any local Policing issues they may have.



Community police officers Atholl Spalding and Dougie Stapleton

The new Community team has a wealth of not only Police service but community policing experience and are happy to discuss any issues. They can be contacted direct via 101 or via the already set up community e-mail for Kinross. (See right.)

PC Spalding is also on Police Scotland twitter and can be followed on [@policescotland](https://twitter.com/policescotland) or [@KinrossPc](https://twitter.com/KinrossPc)

From next month there will be a regular updates from the officers regarding local crime issues and ongoing campaigns etc.

Here's some background to your community policing team.

PC Dougie Stapleton

Dougie joined Police Scotland in 2011 and has been a community officer for four years.

Dougie resides in Kinross and is married with two children, aged 16 and 12. Dougie was born in Liverpool and his hobbies include horticulture, socialising and carpet bowls.

PC Atholl Spalding

Atholl joined Tayside Police in 1997 and has served in Perth, Auchterarder and Crieff as a response officer before spending the last nine years as a Community Officer in Perth City Centre and now Kinross.

Atholl resides in Kinross and has three children aged 14, 11 and 7. Atholl was born and bred in Kinross and his hobbies include football, golf and boxing.

Sgt Nichola Forrester

Nicky joined Tayside Police in 1992. She has worked throughout Tayside in various roles including a community role in Perth. PS Forrester has also served as a Community Sergeant in Blairgowrie.

Nicky resides in Perthshire and has two children aged 15 and 17.

Police Scotland – local community

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

Community Sergeant (Kinross-shire): **Sgt Nicky Forrester**.

Community officers for Kinross-shire: **PC Atholl Spalding** and **PC Douglas Stapleton**.

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Community Watch

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

Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Home-Start looking for board members

Home-Start Perth is looking to recruit Board Members, and in particular a Chairperson.

Home-Start Perth helps families with young children who are finding life difficult and stressful. Trained volunteers visit families to offer practical and emotional support.

To find out more, visit: homestartperth.org.uk



Hare coursing incident

On Sunday 12 February around 11.30am a green Subaru Forrester (51 plate) was seen on farmland near to Strathmiglo. Four males and two dogs were seen with this vehicle and they are thought to have been hare coursing in this area.

If you have any information in relation to this incident, please phone Police Scotland on 101 or give information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Community Council News



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

Kinross Community Council News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 1 February 2017 were: CCllrs B Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secy), M Blyth, J Bryson, D Colliar, B Davies, I Jack, D MacKenzie and T Stewart; P&K Councillors D Cuthbert and J Giacopazzi; Sgt Nichola Forrester and PC Atholl Spalding. No members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs M Scott and D West and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: Sgt Nicky Forrester and PC Atholl Spalding were welcomed. Sgt Forrester explained that there is a new policing model for the area. [See page 25 for more.] A lot of police matters now are concerns rather than crimes, e.g. vulnerability, threats, drugs, alcohol and mental health issues. The CC had sent an enquiry about detection rates. There were some sneak-in thefts recently and the theft of a vehicle, which were all linked to a male and female (drug users) who were arrested. There was one recent incident of driving without a licence. Cllr Giacopazzi wondered if the former warning system to alert shopkeepers to shoplifters might be reintroduced. The police will look at this. Other topics discussed were: speeding and techniques for dealing with it, litter in the countryside, supply of alcohol to children, anti-social behaviour by youths, selfish parking at primary schools and Police use of social media. Sgt Forrester and PC Spalding were thanked for their attendance.

Defibrillator and telephone kiosk: CCllr Davies reported that BT have released the Muirs kiosk to PKC. Mrs Hunter sent an update regarding fund-raising and will be in touch with CCllr Davies.

Toilets at Pier: Cllr Robertson has held further meetings with stakeholders. TRACKS will steer the project. Representatives of SNH and HES are consulting with their organisations. CCllr Davies has attended meetings as the CC representative. He stressed that the proposed toilet block should be regarded as a temporary measure; ultimately, the aim should be to have a high quality visitor centre.

Streetlights: Cllr Robertson reported via email: the lights on the Muirs had been brightened previously. Nothing can be done to increase the spread of light.

Campus Review: PKC's Lifelong Learning Committee had discussed the campus review report on 25 January. Cllr Cuthbert reported that there will be several changes beneficial to the community, e.g. reduction in room hire charges and more flexible arrangements for not-for-profit groups organising refreshments. A member of the public had left a message on the CC Facebook page (under the post advertising the December minutes) expressing disappointment that the CC is "trying to overturn the campus ban on children bringing food in from outside..." The CC was puzzled by this remark as the CC had not taken any particular stance on this issue. It was agreed that a response should be posted, quoting the relevant parts of the December minutes.

Hearing loop: Lodge St Serf have fixed the hearing loop and supplied a microphone. The Secretary had thanked the Lodge Treasurer.

Venue: The Secretary had checked with CC Liaison to see if CCs are entitled to free room hire at the campus; they are not.

Paperless bin collection calendars: PKC had responded to the CC's complaint over the Council's change to calendars having to be downloaded from the internet rather each household being sent one. Ms Bell explained all the various ways that the public have been informed about the change and repeated that residents without a computer can access a computer at the library. Residents who require a large print version are entitled to have a calendar mailed to them.

Street Naming: Reply received from Lisa Wilkie, PKC Street Naming and Numbering officer. GS Brown will not change the name of Bishop View as they have sold nine of the ten apartments and the name is in the deeds. If there is any system in place to avoid confusion or repetition, it is not working, as Ms Wilkie quoted several more street names in Kinross-shire with the word 'Bishop' in them. The CC has reached an impasse in attempting to be consulted, in that ward Councillors had encouraged the CC to write to Ms Wilkie but she had said the decisions lie with the Councillors. The Secretary was asked to forward all emails on this subject to Cllr Giacopazzi who will follow it up.

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Planning Applications Submitted to PKC

16/02166/LAW Extension to dwelling house, 20 Pier Road, Kinross. No CC comment.

16/02132/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and 2 garages, land 50m W of Easter Cockairney Farm, Kinross. No CC comment.

16/01931/ADV Display of a sign, former Kinross High School, 8 High Street, Kinross. Agreed to object, as experience has shown that development names end up becoming permanent and the CC would like proper consultation on the name.

16/02146/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and stables and formation of a private riding arena and vehicular access (change of house design), land 120m W of Chance Inn Farm. No CC comment.

Kinross Town Hall: 16/02053/LBC Alterations, 108-114 High Street, Kinross, and 16/02054/FLL Change of use and alterations to former town hall, public library and post office to form 9 no flats and installation of replacement windows and doors. The CC had requested an extension to comment. PKC had failed to send out the relevant planning list in mid December so community councillors were unaware of the application until January. The applicant's design statement referred to a meeting with ward councillors on 21 November. Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacopazzi were asked why ward councillors had not mentioned this at the CC's December meeting. They said the developer had not even decided what use he was putting the buildings to when they met him so did not think there was anything to report to the December CC meeting. The CC planning sub-committee had drawn up a report with draft comments for the CC to consider. It was agreed to submit a letter of comment largely in line with this. Comments included: welcoming the reuse of the buildings but expressing regret that there is no commercial or community element; welcoming the retained single ownership of the building group (dwellings are to be let); stating that unauthorised works must be dealt with appropriately; strong objection to the suggestion that the developer could acquire the public areas around the fountain and in front of 117-129 High Street for private parking.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

16/02166/LAW Extension to dwelling house, 20 Pier Road, Kinross. Approved.

16/01972/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of a garage, 6 Millbridge, Kinross. Approved.

16/01930/FLL Removal of condition 5 (use and ownership) of permission 09/00925/FLL, change of use from ancillary accommodation to dwelling house and erection of fence, 126 High Street, Kinross. Refused.

16/01901/FLL Erection of 2 holiday accommodation units, land 25m NE of Leepark, Coldrain. Application withdrawn.

16/01894/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 400m NE of Leepark, Coldrain. Application withdrawn.

16/01894/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 193 High Street, Kinross. Approved.

16/01884/FLL Extension to dwelling house, The Ranch, 11 Hatchbank Lane, Gairney Bank, Kinross. Approved.

16/01763/FLL Extension to dwelling house and erection of replacement garage, 73 Muirs, Kinross. Approved.

16/01931/ADV Display of a sign, former Kinross High School, 8 High Street, Kinross. Approved.

Planning Correspondence

- **New Primary School landscaping.** The CC had received an email in December saying that, due to new fencing, more of the beech hedge had to be removed than originally planned.
- **Scottish Government Consultation** on plans for the future of the Scottish planning system, with closing date of 4 April. Cllr Giacopazzi said this is about 50 pages long. It was suggested that community councillors look at it before the March meeting.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration: Cllrs Davies and Thomas had accompanied the four ward councillors and three council officers on a two-hour walkabout in the town centre on 13 December to discuss issues. The four Councillors had a meeting with roads officers in January to discuss measures to be implemented. Cllrs Cuthbert and Giacopazzi said these would be: a pelican crossing near the Co-op; *perhaps* a pelican or zebra crossing at the southern end of the regenerated area; perhaps more narrowing at the southern end; signage; reflectors on the bollards in town hall area; bollards separating traffic from pedestrians at the give-take. The CC noted that in his letter to the CC dated 7/10/16, PKC officer Willie Young had said that the CC could be present at a meeting with ward councillors and key representatives following the walkabout, but the CC had not been invited. It was agreed the Secretary would write to Mr Young pointing this out and asking for a definitive list and description of the measures to be implemented.



Advertising boards have begun to appear on roundabouts in Perth & Kinross

Advertising on Roundabouts: Bright pink boards had appeared on roundabouts in Perth & Kinross towards the end of 2016 inviting businesses to advertise on the boards. PKC has entered into an agreement with a company with experience of arranging advertising and sponsorship of local authority assets across the UK. PKC expects this to generate income for the Council early in 2017. There are three boards on the Station Road/Springfield Road roundabout in Kinross.

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An invitation to comment on this on the CC and Newsletter Facebook pages had elicited over 60 comments in 23 hours, approximately 87% of which were negative. The main points made were: the signs are tacky looking and spoil the entrance to Kinross; they are distracting; they obscure other traffic and the signals of other traffic; don't they require planning consent? Several residents took the opportunity to state that traffic coming off the motorway is travelling too fast on the approach to this roundabout. Cllrs Jack and Davies pointed out that advertising on roundabouts is not advisable according to the Dept of Communities and Local Government Planning Practice Guidance 2014. Cllr Cuthbert read out an email from PKC officers which said: "As these signs are not classified as advertising but promoting sponsorships, they do not fall into the category of requiring planning consent, Nick Brian Head of planning supports this." Take-up of the sponsorship appears to be zero so far. Cllr Bryson wondered why PKC had not tried a pilot scheme for one or two of the busier roundabouts in Perth first before rolling this out across the whole authority area. More details of this PKC initiative can be found in a Report on "Transformation Review of Council Assets for Commercial Sponsorship" which was approved by PKC's Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 30/11/16. Other assets available for sponsorship are bins, lighting columns etc. In the next tranche, the naming rights of greenspaces and parks will be available. This could cause anger in communities if parks named after local people were changed to commercial business names. It was agreed that the secretary should write to the appropriate Council officer expressing the CC's concerns. Cllr Giacomazzi said that PKC committees cannot rescind a decision within six months.

KCCNL Charity Changes: A report on changes to the Memorandum & Articles of KCCNL had been circulated to community councillors. The actions suggested were agreed, i.e. to pay the solicitor's bill and to call a meeting of KCCNL Directors and community councillors to discuss various matters.

Correspondence: A summary of all correspondence received since the December meeting was circulated prior to the meeting. Items mentioned were:

Twenty's Plenty: Request from "20's Plenty for Us" to start a campaign group in our area. The CC decided not to.

MSPs: The office manager for MSPs Murdo Fraser, Dean Lockhart, Elizabeth Fraser and A Stewart ask if the CC wishes to bring any particular issues to their attention. Suggestions can be made at the next meeting.

Reports from Ward Councillors: Cllr Giacomazzi mentioned that the new surface at KGV is being laid.

Attendance: Why do so few members of the public attend Kinross CC meetings? Perhaps the Newsletter is too comprehensive.

Bus information: Cllr Jack raised an anomaly with the signage and timetable information at the bus stops at the park & ride. The secretary will write to PKC's Andrew Warrington.

Chance Inn potholes: Cllr Stewart reported that the potholes have returned.

Campus parking: A query was raised about parking rules at the campus. Cllr Colliar said that some visitors recently received parking tickets while attending an evening event. Cllr Cuthbert asked to be sent the details and he may be able to help with an appeal.

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

Draft Agenda for Meeting on 1 March

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Meeting of 1 February
4. Police Report
5. Matters Arising from Minutes of 1 February
6. Planning Matters
7. kinross.cc Website
8. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration
9. New Primary School
10. Miscellaneous Correspondence
11. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
12. Any Other Competent Business
13. Date of Next Meeting (5 April 2017)

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

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the February Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 9 February 2017 were: CCllrs K Heneghan, E Kirkham, C Lawson, C Williams, S Young, M Leach and S McHardy; P&K Cllrs W Robertson J Giacopazzi.

Apologies from CCllr Cartwright and P&K Cllr D Cuthbert.

Police matters: No police in attendance. There has been a break in at Curler's Crescent, Milnathort and items were stolen from a car in Back Loan.

New members: Two new members have been vetted by PKC and have been proposed and seconded by members of the community. They were voted in by the four MCC members in attendance. The new members are Matthew Leach and Stuart McHardy. MCC were delighted to welcome them. MCC now has a full complement of eight members.

Notice Boards: There are two community notice boards, one at Giacopazzi's and one in the bus shelter. The one at Giacopazzi's was acquired and paid for by the previous CC. The one in the bus shelter leaks and is not fit for purpose. It is too expensive to purchase a new board. Steven is to try to get the notice board at the bus shelter fixed and the one at Giacopazzi's is to be tidied up. MCC to take back control of the board at Giacopazzi's for CC use.

Planning Applications Submitted

Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Craigwell.

Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Burleigh Fam Cottage.

Erection of a football pavilion at Donaldson Memorial Park. The resubmitted planning application for the football pavilion has a new reference number 17/00077/FLL. Comments to be in to PKC by 14 February. A tree survey has been carried out and the building has been moved further forward away from the trees. Other than that, the proposal appears the same as the first planning application.

One resident sent in a petition with eleven names on it but PKC states that it will only count as one comment. It was also noted that PKC will not carry forward comments from the previous application. The elected Councillors were asked why, if there were negligible changes to the application, was there not a case that comments from the first application should be carried forward? Joe agreed that there is a strong case and that he fully expects it to go to the Development Management Monthly Planning meeting in March. Steven asked the elected Councillors what the point of a petition is if it only counts as one comment. Willie said that one comment even if signed by 1,000 people is still classed as one comment. He did, however say that Councillors do have access to look at all the comments and petitions before the meeting (if they choose). Willie said that the petition should go to the committee.

The question was raised why the resubmitted application had a different number. The reason being that it was lodged and withdrawn and that the position of the pavilion has changed. Joe raised the issue that no one was advised that the application had been resubmitted. One resident received an email but it appears no one else who commented on the previous application was advised by PKC.

Stuart asked why the trees in Donaldson Park had been tagged and raised concern about the distance of the building from the trees. According to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' website, buildings should be erected a minimum of 10-15m from any trees. The tree survey seems to have approved the pavilion being much closer than that.

Planning Applications Determined

Alteration and extension to South Coventry Way.

Installation of telecommunications equipment, erection of fence and formation of access, land 170m south west of Whitehall Farm at Path of Condie.

Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Craigwell.

New Matters and Correspondence

Tarmac: Matthew mentioned that tarmac is breaking up on South Street at the entrance to Donaldson Park, and on North Street opposite the grass. Joe to provide Matthew with details for BEAR Scotland to follow up. A comment from the public also raised concerns at the state of the tarmac everywhere in Milnathort. Steven mentioned Church Street; some potholes were over 2 inches. Joe to take this forward but said there will be no money available until after April. It was suggested that the surfaces be dressed rather than filling potholes.

Litter: Matthew highlighted the amount of rubbish in several areas of Milnathort. Willie mentioned that there had been problems in the past with litter to the left of the High School near the entrance to Lethangie, but because the rubbish was on private property PKC would not clear it up. This is an ongoing problem. Willie asked that people let him know of areas of concern. There was a problem with litter last year on the on and off ramps on the M90. This is the best time of year to address litter while the grass has died back. There is also more rubbish after strong winds when residents' wheelie bins have blown over.

Stuart mentioned that PKC contractors collected the leaves in Donaldson Park but left the rubbish.

Matthew asked whether the community should be doing a "Spring Clean". It could be an activity to get the community together and it could work in conjunction with the council.

Steven mentioned that we should all be taking pride in our "Best Kept Village".

Richmond Homes: Campbell raised concerns about the Richmond Homes site on Wester Loan now that they have gone into administration. They have left the site in a mess. Joe suggested that Campbell find out who the liquidator is. Joe to raise this with the Enforcement Officer, David Rennie. A resident also commented about the site asking if, when work starts again, that the health and safety of the public is considered. Previously there were cars parked on the pavement and members of the community were having to walk on the road including the elderly, people with prams and children on route to school. Safety should be paramount. The road is narrow and Richmond Homes had previously asked residents to move their cars. The crane was also very near the high voltage cable. Joe said that parking on

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the pavement was a matter for the police. If a car is parked on the pavement it is an obstruction and the vehicle can be removed or a fixed penalty notice could be issued.

Campbell mentioned that no planning consent would be needed if another company took over the contract for the Housing Association from Richmond Homes.

Action Partnership: There is £10,000 available for organisations in Kinross-shire to bid into to support efforts to close inequalities with a limit of £1,500 per organisation. Elyse to look in to it and also ways to attract more funding.

Victoria Avenue: Craig raised concern about traffic still going the wrong way down Victoria Avenue, which is now one way. Vehicles reversing due to oncoming traffic is causing disruption. A member of the public also mentioned cars driving the wrong way down Church Street, which is also one way.

Bins: Steven mentioned the new smaller green bins. He feels they are too small for a family and is having to take general waste to the tip every two weeks. Additional pink bins may be issued by PKC for families of 5 or more. Comment was made about the restrictions on what can go in the recycling blue bin. It was felt that the PKC website is misleading. Willie responded saying that the council are adamant the introduction of the smaller green bin is the only way to get more people to recycle. Concerns were raised that this may increase fly tipping.

A member of the public mentioned that residents are not allowed to take their smaller green bin to the tip to empty it. They also mentioned that they don't have a car only a van used for work and are therefore not allowed to take residential general waste to the tip. They must seemingly complete a self-certify form from PKC and a waste transfer exemption note from SEPA.

Trust: Steven mentioned the Trust responsible for the lease for Donaldson Park. He mentioned that no one knew of the existence of the Trust. He asked that two members of the CC could be added as Trustees along with the two elected Councillors, the Head Teacher of the Primary School and the Minister of Orwell Church. Historically the two additional Trustees were the two bank managers at the two banks now closed in Milnathort. Willie to ask the solicitor dealing with the Trust (Eric Williamson from Wilsons in Kinross) for a quote on what it would cost to add two MCC members as Trustees. Joe felt that this may be a problem. If the MCC members can't be added before the lease to the Kinross Colts is finalised, then it was agreed by all including Joe and Willie that the community would get sight of the lease before it is signed. Stuart asked why the Trustees were considering leasing out the only green space in Milnathort to a club from Kinross. He felt they should be representing the community of Milnathort. Willie said that they are only leasing the space for the pavilion and not the football pitch.

Surgeries: Members of the public had approached Stuart asking if the elected Councillors would consider holding surgeries so that residents could make an appointment or turn up at a set time to raise any issues or concerns they may have. Willie and Joe said that they have done surgeries before and no one ever came. Stuart feels that as elected councillors they are well paid and should therefore be available to the community. Steven asked why people should have to wait a month until the next MCC meeting to raise any issues or concerns. Willie agreed to speak to the other elected Councillors about the possibility of a surgery.

Council houses: Stuart raised concerns about the renewal of windows and doors in council owned homes. Willie to look into it.

Stuart also raised concern about a lady who is registered blind whose boiler ran dry because she couldn't see the water gauge on her boiler. Stuart to pass on details to Willie who will look at getting additional support in place.

Comments/Questions from the Floor

A member of the public asked why PKC wouldn't erect a fence to protect his property from the football pitch in Donaldson Park. Joe has asked the Kinross Colts to erect it and they have agreed. A discussion ensued about why PKC can take up to 4 years to erect a fence for residents and why the Kinross Colts were providing something that PKC should be.

A member of the public asked where the materials access will be for the proposed pavilion. Joe said that they need to wait for planning and then a building warrant.

A member of the public mentioned that drinking alcohol in Donaldson Park was not permitted. Willie has asked the solicitor that it is written into the lease that no alcohol should ever be consumed on the premises of the pavilion. If the conditions of the lease are not upheld the Kinross Colts risk having the lease withdrawn.

A member of the public asked where parking for the Kinross Colts would be. Joe confirmed that he had successfully sought permission from PKC to use the school car parks to discourage parking on Church Street.

Willie stated that he had asked for the barrier to be replaced at the entrance to Donaldson Park on Church Street.

PKC Councillor Comments

20mph: Willie discussed the new PKC policy on speed limits. There is now more flexibility to where a 20mph speed limit can be introduced. Areas in Milnathort can be considered. Applications should go through MCC.

PKC have said no to a 20mph speed limit at Back Loan before the policy was revised. They have agreed to a no HGV sign behind the Thistle Hotel. Joe said it may be worth MCC writing to request it again.

Steven asked if we could make the whole village a 20mph speed limit. Willie thinks we could apply for roads like Church Street and possibly others to be included.

Volunteers: Willie is looking for volunteers to help keep core paths around the village open. [See p. 7.]

Jessie's Park: Joe has contacted the Community Green Space team to look at a solution for replacing the wall at Jessie's Park. This won't be done until after April.

Zebra crossing: Residents report that the zebra crossing on South Street seems to be making a difference.

Containers: Joe to contact the Enforcement Officer at PKC again to have the shipping containers moved from Webster's.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 9 March 2017.

Find Milnathort CC minutes, agenda and other information at:

- www.milnathortcommunitycouncil.org
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Portmoak Community Council News from the February Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 14 February 2017 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chair); R Cairncross (Secretary); B Calderwood (Treasurer); S Forde; D Morris and A Robertson; Ward Councillors M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; 11 members of the public and PC Atholl Spalding of Police Scotland.

Apologies: CCllrs T Smith and C Vlasto; and P&K Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacomazzi. The CC sent its best wishes for a speedy recovery to CCllr Chris Vlasto who had recently undergone surgery.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Our Community Kinross and Earn Partnership. Funding application forms are now available. [See page 9.]

Arrangements at Whitecraigs and Stephen's Field. Following discussions with Bishopshire Golf Club and local residents the Chairman had now written to A & J Stephen setting out the conditions for the CC taking responsibility for the path leading from the A911 at the Golf clubhouse up to Stephens Field. He had also sought a report on progress in resolving the arrangements for maintaining redundant plots of land across Whitecraigs and on submitting a proposal for a development on the retained plot of land at Stephens Field.

Place Standard Survey for Portmoak: to consider a report on the results to date.

In September 2016 Portmoak CC decided to review local priorities using the Place Standard, devised by NHS Health Scotland, The Scottish Government and Architecture and Design Scotland. This was a simple framework where groups were asked to rate each of 14 factors on a scale of 1-7. Responses were received from a range of groups which represented a range of ages and interests, each of which was made up of 4-6 representatives, plus a large Brownie pack and one individual response. The Pupil Council at the Primary School also completed the exercise. The Table presented reflected a fairly high rate of consistency for most items (Moving around; Streets and spaces; Natural spaces; Play and recreation; Work and local economy; Housing and community; Identity and belonging; Feeling safe; Care and maintenance) and a greater range of responses for others (Public transport; Traffic and parking; Facilities and amenities; Influence and sense of control). The two most highly rated factors were Natural spaces and Feeling safe and the two lowest rated factors were Public transport Influence and Sense of Control. The CC recognised that this provided invaluable information not only to it but to planners

in PKC and other groups. Once the final version has been confirmed it will be shared with PKC and other groups and used to support the CC's case for improving Portmoak. The report will be filed in due course on the CC's website. The CC wished to thank all who participated in the survey and who made it possible.

Kinnesswood:

Re-siting the recycling provision in light of the closure of the Lomond Inn facility. In preparation for a meeting with interested parties, Cllr Barnacle had confirmed that there were significant reservations about re-siting this facility near to or within car park area close to the School. The preferred way ahead was for a CCllr to join with PKC officers as they examined further options for a site around Kinnesswood. The CC would contact PKC and recommend that CCllr D Morris participate in this visit.

Car parking in the immediate vicinity of the school. Prior to a formal consultation on the matter the CC had been asked by PKC for its thoughts on proposals to limit parking on the access roads to and in the immediate vicinity of the school. It confirmed that:

- a) the proposed solution should be permanent and not just for an hour when the school opens and closes (large and emergency vehicles require access at all times); and that
- b) restricted parking areas must include the stretch on the left hand side of Buchan Avenue approaching the School and immediately opposite the sharp right hand turn leading to the car park.

Cllr Barnacle was thanked for his help. The CC would write to PKC confirming these views.

Police Report: The CC welcomed PC Atholl Spalding. New community policing arrangements had been introduced. The Kinross Community Team is led by Community Sgt Forrester along with PCs Stapleton and Spalding. [See page 25.] While there was no front desk provision, the Kinross police station was manned 24/7. A recent search for a missing person had drawn on the local knowledge of the Team. Agricultural related incidents including sheep worrying and the theft of quad bikes were a concern. There would shortly be one of several rural crime events to explore preventive strategies. The problems of linking intelligence on road traffic incidents to road safety planning had yet to be resolved. PC Spalding was thanked for his helpful presentation. The CC also noted that the Local Policing Plan (2017-2020) had just been released for early comment. The Area Commander Bulletins of 26 January and 2 and 9 February were noted.

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Treasurer's Report: The General Account at the end of January was £389.27 while the Michael Bruce Way account was £739.62 giving a total of funds on hand of £1,128.89.

Planning

New applications:

16/02228/FLL RSPB Vane Farm Nature Centre: Construction of an underpass. The CC would write in support of this proposal.

16/02204 FLL Carraigen by Leslie, Change of use of garage to dwelling house. No comment.

16/02243/FLL Scottish Gliding Union, Erection of a staff facility building. No comment.

17/00188/PN Vane Farm, Proposed use of land for Kinross Agricultural Show. No comment.

17/00028/FLL Learig Sandy Lane Scotlandwell, Installation of flue. No comment.

17/00142/FLL Land at Chalet, Lochend Farm, Erection of a dwelling house. No comment.

The CC had been advised of a Proposal of Application Notice: Erection of Holiday Park, Visitor Centre (Ancillary Café/Restaurant with commercial space) and supporting recreational infrastructure, Land at Burleigh Sands. It would respond in due course.

Progress with Developments:

Westfield Restoration and Regeneration Project, Fife (16/03661/EIA). The CC had submitted a response to Fife Council which could be seen on the CC website. It noted a supportive response from PKC which could be viewed on the Fife Council website. It thanked our four ward councillors for enabling a joint meeting with the senior planning officers from both Fife and PKC. Although details were not known Fife Council had signalled that a further consultation was planned.

Former Lomond Inn. Formal consent for this development to proceed awaited preparation and settlement of the related Section 75 order.

Glenlomond. No progress to note. Formal consent for this development to proceed was awaited.

Roads Report: The CC had just received a formal response to its letter of 7 December to Jim Valentine, PKC Deputy Chief Executive, concerning traffic flows through Portmoak. The CC will now consider the response and the comments made on the low cost specific solutions it had presented.

Paths: No report.

PKC Ward Cllr Reports: Ward Councillors reported that, following additional funding from the Scottish Government, budgets for the forthcoming year were being reviewed and should be finalised on 22 February. Cllrs had sought further support for the hard pressed Road Safety Team. Current consultation on the Future of the Scottish Planning System was noted and the CC's commitment to respond confirmed. Although CC speed restrictions on the B9097 had been refused by PKC, Cllr Barnacle would pursue the matter further. It was understood that the matter of the disputed visibility splay at Kilmagadwood had been resolved.

Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor:

Devil's Burden Race. The Chairman with Cllrs A Robertson and D Morris will meet shortly with representatives of Fife Athletic to discuss toilet and car parking provisions and specific routing on the approach to Kinnesswood.

Airspace change programme at Edinburgh Airport. The CC had noted that in a second consultation the descent pathway would be routed away from the Loch Leven area.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). The Chairman had received a response from the Deputy Chair of SNH welcoming his recent approach and confirming the Loch Leven Reserve Plan would be finalised by the end of March. SNH valued strong links with Portmoak and had a strong commitment to community empowerment and involvement.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 14 March 2017 in Portmoak Primary School.

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

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

Hustings at Portmoak

Tuesday 11 April

Local Government Elections to appoint Councillors to Perth & Kinross Council will take place on 4 May 2017. Portmoak Community Council will hold a Hustings on Tuesday 11 April at 7pm in Portmoak Village Hall to which all candidates will be invited.

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Fossoway & District CC News from the February Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 7 February 2017 were: CCllrs C Brown, A Cheape, J Donachie, C Farquhar and G Pye (Chair); P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, J Giacomazzi and W Robertson; and nine Members of the Public (MoP).

Apologies: CCllrs T Duffy and G Kilby.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report: Unfortunately, no Officer was able to be present at the meeting. There were no incidents to note in our area from the Commander's Reports. A MoP raised concern over lack of officer attendance at CC meetings, as there have been a number of rural thefts in recent months. Cllr Cuthbert replied that there is the possible development of officers rotating between CC meetings in the near future.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Cllr Barnacle pointed out that "Church Committee" should be changed to "Village Hall Committee" in the minute about Station Road Adoption.

Crook Moss Traveller's Site: Cllr Barnacle notes that the chalet mentioned last month has now been removed again. Applications can now be made for connections to Drum waste water treatment plant, which brought some public concerns as to how such applications are prioritised and accepted.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: A member of the public has written to this CC asking about creation of safe routes to Fossoway Primary School, and the progress of the planned cycle route from Crook of Devon to Kinross. Cllr Robertson confirmed that the Coldrain to Balado cycle route would be following the dismantled Devon railway. Planning is approved and funds secured with works commencing in spring. Plans to link from Balado to Kinross will eventually complete the route.

Cllr Cuthbert made the meeting aware that there is a defined travel plan for Crook of Devon Primary School for safer routes to school and suggested that the Community Consultation Event on 18 February would provide an opportunity for members of the public to put forward their priorities and views re A977 mitigation measures.

Powmill Bloom Group: CCllr Farquhar reported that the Powmill bloom group will be meeting with the Crook of Devon Bloom group on 8 February. The group have made a move to brand planters, furniture etc, in an attempt to discourage thefts.

Progress on the Phone Box adoption has come to a standstill due to some conflicting views over liability. Cllr Cuthbert suggested the CC could purchase the phone box, which their insurance should cover, whilst the Bloom group could be responsible for its maintenance.

The refurbished Powmill Milk Bar will reopen on 10 February.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle has arranged a site meeting with Profile Projects, PKC planning representatives, PKC property, a Fossoway CC representative and other interested parties on 14 February.

Domestic Waste Exemption Form: Last month a MoP reported that it was very hard to answer the questions on this form, needed for an ordinary householder to take a van or trailer to the dump, if you were retired. The form has now been modified to make this much easier. Cllr Giacomazzi mentioned the form can be filled out on line and is now fairly straightforward; go to <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/recyclingpermits> for more info.

Speeding Through Villages: No progress at the moment due to lack of staff resources but Cllr Barnacle has made contact with relevant persons at PKC.

Crook Hall Bollards: Longer-term solutions are being looked into. Cllr Barnacle has arranged for the grit bin to be moved.

Station Road Adoption: Cllr Barnacle reports that this is still awaiting final confirmation of four residents' contributions – some because properties have changed hands.

Old Fossoway Bridge: This bridge over the River Devon on the A91 between Muckhart and Carnbo was struck by a vehicle causing some damage, which CCllr Brown reported to Cllr Robertson, who in turn reported it to Derek Davidson, PKC Engineer. Mr Davidson replied that works to repair the problem are scheduled for March. CCllr Brown brought to the meeting's attention that the bridge is not currently listed like other 19th century bridges in the area, even though it is a Recorded Historic Monument. PKC have informed us that Historic Environment Scotland will accept listing proposals from interested community members. This CC intends to propose this, with CCllr Brown submitting an application. Cllr Giacomazzi asked what would be the benefits of listing a bridge. Cllr Barnacle suggested that if a structure is of considerable age and historic significance then it should merit protection through listing. He also raised the point that a proposed priority system for the bridge was explored in the past to improve safety. Cllr Robertson suggested that the listing of a feature or building can produce a standard by which a building should be repaired, be that to retain its character, appearance or traditional elements of its construction. However, the consensus at the meeting was not to move forward with applying for listed status for Old Fossoway Bridge.

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LDP Public Consultation: The meeting on 18 February is to discuss possible developments in the Crook of Devon, Blairingone and Rumbling Bridge area. Cllr Barnacle called for further public comments on designated developments, as well as A977 improvements. Comments from members of the public can help to inform what is within LDP2, or not, depending on response. The delay in LDP2 has provided an opportunity for more consultation with the public.

One MoP raised concern that the Community Consultation Event fell on a half term date meaning some families will not be able to attend.

Cllr Farquhar voiced concern that residents of Powmill were excluded from the LDP consultation despite historic proposals for the village which seem to have gone quiet, as well as concerns that new residents or less well informed residents will miss an opportunity to comment or become aware of possible developments within the village. Cllr Barnacle stated that there will be feedback through A977 discussion critical to Powmill and that it would be worthwhile for Powmill residents to attend.

A MoP raised concerns over the extent of development in Fossoway villages when it could be focussed in cities. Cllr Barnacle responded that the majority of development as outlined in TayPlan is in fact concentrated within the tiered centre towns with a lack of allocation or zoning in small rural villages. Cllr Giacopazzi commented that zoning is used to protect greenfield sites etc from over development. Cllr Barnacle recommends that the event on the 18th will be an ideal opportunity for the community to put forward such concerns and suggestions regarding planning in the area.

Edinburgh Airport – Airspace Change Programme: The airport has now launched the second consultation about proposed changes to flight paths to and from the airport. Cllr Brown has studied the proposals (available at letssofarther.com) and concluded that the apparently preferred path for Route F, F2a, has the highest CO2 emissions of the six proposed options due to a longer track, bringing into question how sustainable this option is and how it may affect residents and the environment of Fossoway, as well as Fife and Kinross in general. Otherwise, the changes should have little noticeable impact on this community. Cllr Giacopazzi's analysis is that the aircraft are at such a height over the area as not to affect the community, however he advised the CC to make a comment re CO2 emissions through the platform provided.

Foul Habits: Blairgowrie & Rattray CC have suggested that supermarkets and other retailers should be encouraged to promote the sale of dog poo bags alongside the dog food displays. Free dog poo bags are currently available at library and local shops, 1 pack of 50 per day. They have asked this CC to support this campaign and the general consensus at the meeting seemed to be positive toward the idea. On this topic Cllr Robertson encouraged people not to leave dog waste that is in poo bags on paths and to find a bin.



The beach at Burleigh Sands, complete with poo bag!

Meetings Attended: Cllr Cheape: The Kinross Fund is currently looking for new funding opportunities.

Councillors' Reports

Mike Barnacle: Cllr Barnacle has written to Daryl McKeown of PKC re instatement of a 40mph speed limit on the U241 at Drum, and the erection of a No Entry sign in Main Street. Cllr Barnacle brought to attention the Scottish Government Consultation on Planning running until 4 April, which all councillors will respond to and he suggests any interested members of the public to contribute also. He has raised concern over lack of planning enforcement at a site in Rumbling Bridge.

Dave Cuthbert: Action Partnership, looking to hold event at time of farmers market; advertising to come. Budget meeting end of February: PKC may see an increase in funding.

Joe Giacopazzi also brought to attention that there will be an additional sum of £3.2 million in the coming budget, on top of additional funds raised from increasing council rates on higher bands and retention of commercial rate increases.

Willie Robertson: It is currently a good time for litter picking with the vegetation died back. If any members of the public know an area prone to littering such as grass verges they should get in contact with a councillor or PKC.

PKC have revised policy on 20mph limits. If communities are concerned with speeding in villages they can reapply for signage etc. The sooner communities apply, the more quickly their issues can be addressed.

Core path maintenance: if anybody feels a path is in need of maintenance they can contact PKC for facilities to put together a volunteer group as well as the relevant resources for enabling such works.

Planning Matters

16/02060/FLL Erection of dwelling house and garage (revised design and layout) at land 20m E of 3 Ashfield, Carnbo. Objected on grounds of planning history.

16/02226/LAW Extension to dwelling house (proposed) Balhaldie, Main Street, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.



17/00029/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle) land 50m N of Craighead House, Drum. No CC comment.

17/00083/FLL Extension to dwelling house at Easter Coldrain Farmhouse, Coldrain, Kinross. No CC comment.

17/00128/FLL Formation of vehicular access at Birchbank, Main Street, Crook of Devon. No CC Comment at the moment, however the period for comment has been extended by 21 days from 7 February, due to the adjacent Church not receiving neighbour notification. The CC may comment based on the Church's concerns about ownership of the land involved.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing: Lorna.Thompson@parliament.scot is the Office Manager for MSPs: Murdo Fraser, Dean Lockhart, Liz Smith & Alexander Stewart.

Kinross Farmer's Market will be held on the 4th Saturday of each month from April to November between 9am and 1pm. A survey is being held to decide whether to close the High Street during the markets.

The Crook of Devon Railway Path will be reinstated by John Fraser during February.

Other Business

A MoP raised concern over tree felling on the site of former Crook of Devon manse. Has there been a follow up on the tree felling which took place before planning permission was granted? Cllr Cuthbert raised the issue with relevant persons at PKC since December meeting but is still awaiting a response. This brought forward the recurring concern of members of the public and councillors re the enforcement of planning conditions as well as when and when not certain works can take place on a site, or if conditions in an outline application are carried over to a detail application. Cllr Giacopazzi will bring the issue of enforcing conditions such as retaining trees etc to the upcoming Member Officer Working Group.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: Crook Moss Site, A977 Mitigation, Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Crook and Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Community Sports Hub, Station Road Adoption, Blairingone War Memorial.

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 7.30pm Blairingone Primary School. All Welcome.

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from the January Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 30 January 2017 were: CCllrs H Somerville, M Traylor, P Fraser, F Principe-Gillespie and R Cairney; P&K Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacopazzi and six members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs R Kitchin and F Whalley and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert.

The **street lamps** in Cleish have now been cleaned with thanks from the community after an email by DC resulted in prompt action. The lights behind Templeton Cottage have been dealt with.

Crime Prevention: Police were not in attendance.

Correspondence:

Email from the offices of Murdo Fraser, Dean Lockhart, Liz Smith and Alexander Stewart, all MSPs for Mid Scotland and Fife asking if the CC had any issues they needed to know about.

There is a Lunch and Learn seminar regarding Child Protection. Community Justice Scotland is renaming and there is a meeting in February regarding this.

Cleish & Blairadam CC Website: Meeting required re a policy on updating the CC Facebook page so that not too much information is put up but pertinent local information is shared. Community Broadband progresses but at a slow rate due to ongoing decisions and policy developments in the Scottish Government. More avenues continue to be explored but there is a reliance on Community Broadband Scotland in order to facilitate progress.

Finance: Balance of £700 with in excess of £160 owed but still not paid.

Planning

Westfield: Portmoak CC has kindly brought to our attention an application for regeneration of the old Westfield Coal Mine that is proposed to become a power generation plant burning waste that would otherwise go to landfill. This is pertinent to our community due to the potential increased traffic on the B9097. The application is currently in the consultation stage and will potentially be re-advertised due to perceived lack of notification in the P&K area. There is still time to comment on the application.

Mawmill: This is a new application, slightly outwith the CC boundary, for a biomass system for drying grain at Mawmill. As part of the Renewable Heat Incentive only Grade A trees can be used (not the rumoured poultry waste) which means

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Nivingston: Ken Drew, the representative for this proposed application, has been back in touch after the discussion at a previous CC meeting. A new plan has been submitted with a revised layout for the former stable, car park and new stabling. However, despite the feedback from the CC, Planning and other members of the community, the new stables and store are still proposed sited away from the existing Nivingston development. The CC were grateful for the open discussion but frustrated that the proposal has not materially changed and that the consensus that the new stables and barn should be sited on the existing Nivingston side was being ignored. The CC will feedback that this plan as submitted would not be supported by the CC.

Sunnyside: Extension to house at Benarty view. No objections, nor have any been raised.

Sunnyside Farm: Change of use of an office to a holiday let. No objections and no objections or representations from locals.

Refusal: Land 40m north of 9 Blairfordel Steading.

Village Updates: Blairadam

Awaiting the results of the **P&K budget** meeting to determine what actions will take place. The 20mph limit in Maryburgh, verge markers and proposed green route are all awaiting progress.

JG and WR have been making representations to the councils re **safety schemes**. There is a new policy re 20mph speed limits so the councillors will be making a case for these. (WR) A new representation will be made to make this a green route with a 20mph limit.

It was voted reluctantly that with only the limited number of volunteers it is time for the **C&B Newsletter** to move to digital. It will potentially be available printed and put into the community noticeboards and potentially available printed by request. However the CC Newsletter is already currently available by email, on the website and on Facebook. Potentially also put this into the Kinross Newsletter. This will be highlighted in the next newsletter.

Village Updates: Cleish

The street lamps in Cleish are sparkly and clean.

School review: The school estates will be putting forward

plans for the school upgrade. The portakabin is needing renewed after 23 years and the existing building is also not really fit for purpose. Architects are supposed to put forward plans, hopefully later this year, to address this.

Road restructuring grants may be available from the EU for forestry use. JG will find out.

There are increased amounts of **rubbish** in the verges. Some are dumped in bags. Trailers require a licence which is available through the council website for residents. Businesses (vans and trailers) have to pay and concern was raised that this might lead to more fly tipping. However, as this new system has just been put in place it will need some time to bed in and then be reviewed. Information is on the PKC website. For litter in the verges let the P&K Councillors know and they will ask to have litter picking of the verges take place.

Other Business

Fife Council has agreed to fix the **Kelty Bridge**.

Boreland: The latest update is that the last appeal was refused and unfortunately the site still has significant work required to be completed. The site is conditioned that requires the steading to be completed prior to the remaining properties being built.

Changes to Council Tax: If your income is below £25k it entitles a person to a reduction. It is possible that the information required to achieve this is extensive. The P&K website and Pullar House would have more information.

The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 3 April 2017 at 7.30pm at Tabernacle Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk

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Club & Community Group News



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Kinross-shire Civic Trust is pleased to announce its programme for the coming year.

Programme

Tue 25 April Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in Cleish Hall, followed by a speaker from SNH.
TBA Visit to Cowden House.
Sat 10 June Visit to Falkland House.
w/c 17 July Best Kept Village Competition.
Sat 12 August Kinross Show: The Trust will have a stand at the show.
Wed 25 Oct Annual Dinner, Grouse & Claret.
TBA Joint meeting with other Civic Trusts and CCs.

Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association

www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org



We are hosting two free 'introduction to composting' workshops for those who are interested in expanding their knowledge and getting more from your garden waste and veg scraps! The workshops will be on **Wednesday 15 March** and **Saturday 25 March**, both from 10.30am to 12 noon, at the allotments site behind Dobbies Garden Centre at Turfhill.

We will also have a plant stall at the Farmers' Market in May so, if you are looking for veg or flower plants, then why not pop by and have a look at our selection of home-grown plants. All proceeds go to the Association funds.

If you're interested in growing your own fruit and veg you can join the waiting list for an allotment plot, or register an interest in one of our 'Learn-to-Grow' beds in the Allotments Community Garden by emailing the Association Secretary at mkaasecretary@gmail.com.

More details about the Association, upcoming events, meetings and membership can be found on our website.

The allotments site behind Dobbies is open every day to visitors, so feel free to have a wander round.

Milnathort Town Hall

Burns Supper

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting our first Burns Supper on Saturday 28 January! We made £420, which has gone towards the continuing refurbishment of our town hall. Special thanks go to some local people and businesses who have helped us: Sainsbury's, Giacomazzi's, Lorraine Holdsworth, Blair Atholl Distillery and Luckie Ales.

With particular thanks to all of our performers and speakers, namely Gordon Menzies, Willie Robertson, Joe Giacomazzi, Jeannie Paterson, Sandy Smith and Kathleen Mitchell, 'we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne'

We are currently looking to recruit new committee members to help our fundraising efforts for phase two of our renovation, as well as a new treasurer. We're a friendly bunch and would love to hear from you if you feel you could help us out. Please contact Susan for more information on susanjbritton@yahoo.co.uk.

Common Grounds

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February, as promised, saw us busy organising fundraising events. The first date for the diary is **Friday 17 March** when we will be having a games evening. All ages are welcome to enjoy, among other things, a beetle drive, then a light supper before going to the dogs; a race night with a difference! Tickets will cost £5 for an adult and £2.50 for children and are available from Common Grounds or through any volunteer. It will certainly chase away any winter gloom!

Project: Our project for March is an 'Out Of Africa' project which we historically do around this time every year. This year we are going to donate to the Nepal Trust. The Trust was founded in 1993 by a Scottish businessman and ex British-Indian Army Major, Alan Jacobsen, who served alongside Nepalese Gurkhas in the Second World War. The Trust works in one of the most impoverished and remote areas of human habitation in the world, the upper Karnali River zone in North-West Nepal. It supports the Nepalese people by working with them on sustainable community development projects in areas of health, education, eco-tourism and heritage preservation. The emphasis is local participation and recognises local people as the ultimate custodians of their communities.

Project lunch: Our next project lunch will be on **Wednesday 5 April** at 12 noon in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort, with speaker Caroline McKay from Link Community Development. Homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and fairtrade tea and coffee. Everyone welcome.

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

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

Kinross Parish Church

A look back and forward: The stated annual meeting during the morning service on 26 March will be an opportunity to celebrate the life of the congregation over the past year, with plenty of photos. It will also be a chance to look forward, building on the Kirk Session's thoughts on a vision for 2030.



Pram Service: If you are caring for a child below school age and are free on Tuesday mornings around 10am, you're always welcome to join our informal pram service.

One Friday: An event for children and their families from 10.30am to 12.30pm on **Good Friday, 14 April**, organised by our family week team. Put it in the diary now. Further details next month.

Refugee Survival Trust: The retiring collections at the communion services on 5 March will be to support this volunteer led charity. It provides small grants to destitute refugees in Scotland with no other support. The grants can cover living expenses or be for travel to work, education and important meetings.

Portmoak Film Society

A handful of hardcore film fans braved snow and sleet to watch February's film 'Spotlight' and rated it 98% excellent on the marble count (our very own audience appreciation system). It was fascinating to watch how the team of journalists at the Boston Globe built a robust enough case in 2001 to prove that the RC Church knew about, and covered up over decades, the historical sexual abuse of hundreds of children in Boston, a scoop that triggered similar investigations across the globe.

Our next film on **Saturday 11 March** is **'The Hunt for the Wilderpeople'**, released just a year ago to wide critical acclaim. It's the story of a difficult youngster who's been through the care system and is placed with a foster couple, the father played by Sam Neill. They go on the run from 'the system' into the bush, and the film is described as 'charmingly off-beat' as it charts the development of their relationship. Filmed in New Zealand and directed by NZ film-maker Taika Waititi ('Flight of the Conchords' TV series), it promises to be altogether more light-hearted.

And date for your diary: the final film of the season will be Ken Loach's **'I, Daniel Blake'** on **8 April (with AGM)**.

Films start promptly at 7.30pm with hot drinks and refreshments afterwards. Entry is with membership card or costs £5 on the door and we look forward to welcoming you all; for further info, visit: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Kinross-shire Day Centre

On Wednesday 25 January we had a double celebration here at the Day Centre. It was Burns Day, of course, and we had our service-users piped in with due ceremony by Richard Scott. Richard also gave the address to the haggis. It was also a special day for Isobel, our queen of the kitchen. She has been at the day centre for 30 years, but as she said, she did start when she was 2! She was presented with flowers, a voucher and an engraved chopping board! Thank you for all those delicious meals, Isobel.

We have also had a tea-dance, organised by the ladies of the Inner Wheel. Thank-you to them for their tea and company. It turned out to be a busy day that day as the Care Commission made an unannounced inspection too. It's good that they saw we have such good support from local organisations like the Inner Wheel.

Unusually for an organisation like ours, there was a man's afternoon out to the snooker club in Dunfermline. Ladies not excluded, of course, but I think they enjoyed some man time. Apart from that, the only other trip out this month was to Sterling Mills Retail Outlet for a look around, a cup of tea and to enjoy the scenery on the way.

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

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk

Please let us know what you think of the current KLEO events and if you have ideas for any other local events! Just go online and fill in this short survey, www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KLEO2017 (note that this is a different survey from last month's farmers' market survey. **The results of the farmers' market survey will appear in the April Newsletter**).

Monthly Farmers Market from April to October

Kinross Farmers' Market days are to be on **every fourth Saturday of the month from April to November**. This means that the dates are as follows; **22 April, 27 May, 24 June, 22 July, 26 August, 23 September, 28 October** (all 9am to 1pm) and **25 November** (Festive Street Market from 4pm to 7pm).

Extra cash/funding available for local community group

We are looking for a community group or local sports club who can help out once a month (from April to November) with setting up/dismantling stalls for the farmers markets and who can deliver the market equipment with the KLEO trailer to the market site on Kinross High Street. KLEO has received funding to pay a local group £200 for their assistance for each of these markets/events.

During the month of June there is an opportunity to have one or two additional events for which market equipment will be needed. So, overall, there is an opportunity to earn **£2000** a year for your local group.

We need a local group who: can provide 6 to 8 helpers for the dates above from 6am to 8am (setting up stalls) and the



breakdown of the equipment after the market from 1pm to 2.30pm; can provide a driver (with a clean driving licence) and car with tow bar to tow the KLEO trailer with market equipment from Fruix Farm to the market site on Kinross High Street.

If interested in this opportunity, please contact Bouwien Bennet by e-mail at bouwien@kleo.org.uk.

Leven Voices

Leven Voices is a fun, informal drop-in singing group which you can join anytime. No music reading or singing experience is necessary, just come along, sing and enjoy!

The current block of 10 sessions with tutor Alice Marra will run until 14 March. A new 10 week block will start again after Easter on Tuesday 18 April. All at 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £6 'registration fee' which is used to pay for the hall for 10 week period.

For more information about KLEO events, go to our website.

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The Battle of Arras 1917

In January, Willie Coupar presented a talk on this battle at which his uncle, J. Coupar, was initially injured and subsequently died on 21 April 1917.



This was a British offensive on the Western Front during World War I. From 9 April to 16 May 1917, British troops, including the 9th (Scottish) Division, were led by General Allenby. They attacked German defences near the French city of Arras. There were big gains on the first day, followed by stalemate. The battle cost nearly 160,000 British and about 125,000 German casualties. Allenby was transferred to Palestine where he was to command a very successful campaign.

There was stalemate for much of the war with a continuous line of trenches stretching from the Belgian coast to the Swiss border. The Allied objective from early 1915 was to break through the German defences into the open ground beyond and engage the numerically inferior German Army in a war of movement. The British attack at Arras was part of the French Nivelle Offensive. The aim of this combined operation was to end the war in 48 hours. At Arras the British were to divert German troops from the French front and to take the German held high ground that dominated the plain of Douai. The British effort was a relatively broad front assault. The British armies then engaged in a series of small scale operations to consolidate the new positions. The battles were generally successful in achieving limited aims but there were relatively large numbers of casualties.

When the battle officially ended on 16 May, British Empire troops had made significant advances but had been unable to achieve a breakthrough. New tactics and equipment had been used, showing that the British had absorbed the lessons of the Battle of the Somme. The French to the south had failed to make the expected breakthrough and so stalemate returned, except for attacks around Lens, culminating in the Canadian Battle of Hill 70 in August.

The vote of thanks was given by Sandy Smith.

Poppy Scotland

In February, Rachel North spoke to us about this organisation. She was quick to point out that it does far more than most people realise. The money raised by making and selling poppies each year is collected and is used to aid men and women who have served in the armed forces and now require assistance to live their lives.

The organisation was founded by Earl Haig after he saw the need to assist disabled soldiers and their families. Around 702,410 soldiers were killed or missing in the First World War and around 1,662,025 disabled or wounded together with quarter of a million widows and half a million orphans.

The Earl chose the poppy as the emblem after seeing two French women selling poppies in the street and hearing Lt. Col. John McCrae describe the war zone of the First World War as the 'Poppies of Flanders Field'.

The first poppies were made and sold in 1921. The first factory solely producing poppies began in 1922. It was not until 1926 that a factory was established in Scotland. The poppies made in Scotland were designed by Lady Haig and this led to the difference in that poppies made in England have a leaf and those made in Scotland do not. Five million poppies are made each year and, in 2015, a sum of £12,449,865 was raised.

This money is used in a variety of ways such as care homes and medical assistance. It is also used in education, including visiting schools and arranging short courses such as five-day vocational courses. Help is also provided to assist in the hunt for suitable employment.

Although Poppy Scotland has offices in most large towns, a lot of work is carried out in co-ordination with other organisations such as the British Legion. Contact can be made if Poppy Scotland does not have the required expertise or advice and people can be directed to appropriate information. Money is available for training, financial help and speciality is available for mobility devices including servicing services. This interesting talk was well received and Alex Johnston gave the vote of thanks.

The Gaelic Society of Perth

After a wonderful ceilidh in February with the members of the Stirling Gaelic Choir providing a variety of songs and music, The Gaelic Society of Perth will hold their March Ceilidh at **St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth** on **Friday 17 March** at 7.30pm.

Rhona Morrison, Catriona Lang and Emma Deans will all sing, while Gordon Patullo will play the accordion, and there will be a piper from Perth and District Pipe Band. Come and hear these great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments!

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

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Kinross in Bloom

The first meeting of the new year look place in the Garden Room of the Church Centre on 1 February.



The committee discussed various items. The polytunnel needs some repairs. The watering buggy's battery was flat, but is OK now. The Church Centre planters need planting. Some new plants are required at the War Memorial. Due to trampling of spring bulbs, it is proposed to fence off the fountain when events take place. The possibility of installing a solar-powered watering system in the polytunnel was discussed, as was the publication of a calendar for the season.

Calendar

First Wednesday

of each month: Meetings at the Church Centre, 7.30pm.

w/c 3 April: At polytunnel: preparation for plant delivery.

w/c 10 April: At polytunnel: plant delivery. Polytunnel watering commences.

22/23 April: Plant plugs first transplant.

6/7 May: Planting up baskets.

w/c 22 May: Planting planters and fountain.

w/c 29 May: Kinross High School volunteer week.

End May/ beginning of June: Hang out baskets. Hopefully Rugby Club will assist. Summer watering begins and continues until end of September.

Mid Oct: Removal of hanging baskets. Emptying planters.

End Oct: Winter planting begins. Polytunnel tidy up.

Wed 1 Nov: Last meeting of year.

This sort of programme of events takes place every year in order to produce the colourful Kinross which won gold in the Take a Pride in Perth awards last year. As our committee is getting smaller in number and even older, we implore you: if you have an hour or two to spare, please come and help. You will be made very welcome; contact Derek Lawrence on 01577 862833 or Aileen Sorbie on 01577 861477 or Iain Todd on 01577 208110.

200 Club

The draws for January and February were made. The winners are:

January: 1st: No 57, Mr J Montgomery. 2nd: No 49, Mr G Milburn. 3rd: No 64, Mrs E Sinclair. 4th: No 65, Mr & Mrs I Simpson.

February: 1st: No 36, Mrs R McCalman. 2nd: No 72, Mr I Todd. 3rd: No 18, Mrs S Findlay. 4th: No 68, Mrs E Sparling. Congratulations to all our winners.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Our first meeting of 2017 was held in February at St Paul's Episcopal Church Hall. Our speaker was Andrew Sharples, Product Development Manager at Brightwater Holidays. His topic was 'The History of Travel'. He took us through the ages from the first wanderers who were in search of food, on to people who were curious enough to wonder what was 'over that hill'.

New countries were explored, empires grew, and then travelling was in pursuit of pleasure. Families started to travel and accommodation was needed. The Egyptians travelled widely and the first 'hotels' were established. The Greeks were the first to offer hospitality to travellers in their homes, which custom still endures today worldwide.

Then came the Romans who conquered most of Western Europe. The middle ages and the fall of Rome brought a decrease in travel as it was considered unsafe to travel in some countries. Richard the first travelled to the Holy Land with the Crusades, then the Vikings who are believed to have reached America before Columbus. Marco Polo ventured as far as China.

With the Renaissance in the 15th and 16th centuries, travel again increased. As we all know, Francis Drake and Christopher Columbus travelled widely.

The grand tours of the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries were undertaken by fashionable young men with a view to education in classical music, art and architecture. Young girls were taken to Paris, Rome and Venice to find a husband!

The industrial revolution from 1750 to 1840 brought the age of steam and railway travel became popular. The number of passengers on the railway had increased dramatically by 1920. Thomas Cook's first travel tour in 1841 was all of 20 miles for a temperance outing costing a shilling a head.

The 20th century started the wakes week holidays for workers in the factories; they would close down for two weeks in Scotland and the North of England. Blackpool was a popular destination for them.

During the 1950s holiday Camps such as Butlins catered for the masses for a short period but, by the 1960s, many families owned a car and the train and bus excursions decreased. The first package holidays began and people travelled to the Costa Brava instead of Skegness. Today, there are companies such as Brightwater which offer themed holidays with tours to gardens, architectural sites and art holidays.

Our thanks to Janet and Ian for hospitality. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8 March** and members are requested to bring along a 'treasure' to talk about.

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Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk

For its first Artist demonstration of 2017, the club enjoyed an inspiring session with Scottish landscape and wildlife Artist **Leo du Feu**. Leo graduated from Edinburgh College of Art in Painting and Drawing in 2006 and his work is now widely exhibited across the UK. A keen cyclist and rail traveller, he has recorded his journeys in annotated sketches and paintings. Some of these are included in his two publications 'Landscapes and Birds of Scotland' and 'Sketches from Canada'.



Leo du Feu signs copies of his book for Gillian Ross and Linda Sharp

Leo's interest in the natural world, and birds in particular, was also of special relevance to club members. An enthusiastic member of the RSPB, many of his paintings feature birds and he spends two weeks in every year on the Isle of May, observing, drawing and painting the birds. Since the club shares its 50th anniversary this year with RSPB Loch Leven at Vane Farm, this is a subject of current interest to members. One of a number of activities planned to celebrate this event is a sketch book of 50 paintings (by KADAC members) relating to the local landscape and the birds of our area. This will be presented to, and displayed at, Vane Farm.

As well as a wealth of ideas on subject matter and the value of sketching and painting 'en plein air', the audience also appreciated the many hints and tips on techniques, tools and materials which Leo, as a highly experienced artist, has at his fingertips. But perhaps above all, his words relating to what painting is all about for him, were the encouragement that aspiring artists needed to hear: 'It needn't be about achieving a 'perfect' final image, it's about experimenting and enjoying the whole process of creating something for yourself!'.

If you'd like to be creative too, why not come along to the club? **We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. Our **next demonstration** will be on mixed media, by local artist Pauline McGee, on **Friday 10 March**. The calendar of events and other information about the club can be found on our website. More information on Leo du Feu is on his website at www.leodufeu.co.uk.

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Fair Trade Group

A bag of Kilombero rice from Malawi can change a life!



The Perth & Kinross Fair Trade Group is taking on a 90kg rice challenge to help Malawian farmers and their families. This is part of Just Trading Scotland's campaign to have 90 groups commit to the 90kg challenge for Fairtrade Fortnight 2017.

We will be helping to make a huge difference to the lives of farmers in Malawi and their children by taking part.

Malawi is one of the world's poorest countries and fewer than one in four

children are able to attend secondary school. The 90kg rice challenge was inspired by the fact that if a farmer can sell just 90kg of rice at a fair price, they will be able to send a child to secondary school for a year.

John Riches of Just Trading Scotland said: "By simply buying a bag of rice we can all make a huge difference by helping to unlock the potential of people and communities and tackle inequality in Malawi and elsewhere."

The rice will be being sold in 1kg bags for £3 by Traidcraft stalls at all the local churches and Kinross Parish Church Office.



Supporting the 90kg rice challenge will help more Malawian children attend school

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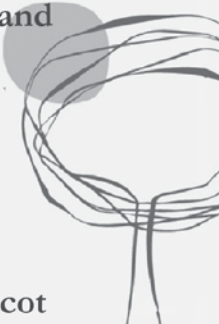
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Boys Brigade

Junior members took part in the Battalion chess competition at Scone. They are also involved in a building structures challenge, using pasta rods, at their normal Friday evening meetings.

Company section members took part in Battalion's scripture search competition with questions on passages from both Old and New Testaments. The results will be announced once all the papers have been marked.

Forthcoming Battalion competitions are drill, five-a-side football, basketball, volleyball and midnight hike.



The Anchor Section competing in a fun relay race

The Duke of Edinburgh Award programme continues throughout the winter months with members carrying out volunteer work and learning new skills as well as taking on a physical activity of some form. The outdoor expedition practicals will resume after Easter. The company D of E classes are not exclusively for BB members and any youngster wishing to enrol should contact the Company Captain, David Munro. There are three levels; bronze, silver and gold.

Company Section Summer Camp will take place from 1 to 8 July. It will be based in Yorkshire with the usual camp outdoor activities and visits to places of interest (for example, Eden Camp, Jorvik Viking Centre, National Rail Museum and, of course, a day visit to a nearby theme park).

The Company still has a few vacancies in all three sections (no waiting lists).

Anchors meet on Fridays in the Church Centre from 6pm to 7.15pm for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three.

Juniors meet on Fridays in the Church Centre from 7pm to 9pm for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six.

Company (primary seven to S2) and Seniors (S3 to S6) meet on Fridays in the Church Centre from 7pm to 10pm.

It is hoped to have two more Queen's Badge awards, with a completion course taking place at the Carronvale Scottish HQ in April.

NANNY / CLEANER / DOG SITTER

Childhood Practice student looking for Nannying / Cleaning / Dog Sitting job in Kinross-shire over Summer 2017 (June-September).

Babysitting, Nursery placement and cleaning experience. References can be provided.

Please contact Abi 07919 401218 for more details

Our Portmoak: Uncovering stories from the past



If you have an interest in the history of our fascinating area, are a Time Team addict, or have ever hankered to pick up a trowel and take part in a real archaeological dig, then 2017 is your year!

2017 is the Scottish Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology; a year to celebrate our country's unique history and heritage. Under the banner "Our Portmoak", Kinross (Marshall) Museum, in association with partner groups in the Portmoak area, have been successful in obtaining grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland in support of a year-long community programme of events for all ages that will include walks, talks, visits to protected sites, archaeological fieldwork and creative workshops.

Commenting, Lucy Casot, Head of HLF in Scotland, said: "The Heritage Lottery Fund is a key partner in the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and it's our ambition that people of all ages will have the chance to discover something new about the heritage they care about. We're delighted that, thanks to funding from the National Lottery, Kinross (Marshall) Museum will be opening the door to fun, learning and everlasting memories for many people as we celebrate this special year."

The 2017 Our Portmoak events will tell the fascinating story of Portmoak through the ages. The full programme of events will be published shortly.

Contact Our Portmoak:

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The New Year got off to a flying start with two really interesting talks from club members. Richard Dibley provided a fascinating insight to 'Underwater Photography' while Jeannie Meacham shared some photos from her latest travels to 'Cuba'.

Our guest speaker in January was Damian Shields, who is well known for his wonderfully moody landscape photographs of Scotland. Some folks just seem to get all the good light!

This was followed by our League two competition covering colour prints, mono prints and projected digital images.



Well done to the latest winners for some fantastic photos including Richard Dibley, Linda Reid, Gerry Leeper, Andrew McPherson, Ken Barclay and Bill Paton.

The club is going from strength to strength with membership at an all-time high and the committee would like to thank all members for their ongoing support this year.

Our meetings are held in the Church Centre, Kinross, every Thursday at 7.30pm. 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.



'Nearly Home' by Linda Reid

Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus

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Amongst a number of new accessions to the Museum collection since the beginning of the year have been a

Robert III groat discovered in Portmoak Parish by metal-detectorist Jim

Crombie, copies of early photographs of Kinross-shire taken by local photographer Peter

Ewing, a copy of an 1828 map of Fife and Kinross by Sharp, Greenwood & Fowler, copies of Kinross-shire photographs from the collection of Bill Fiet and fine examples of linen products made in Kinross, gifted by Jessie Fitzsimmons and Molly Robertson in Edinburgh.

The *Lest We Forget* World War I exhibition timeline and Roll of Honour have



been added for 1917 and plans are being made to mount an exhibition to mark the 450th anniversary of the imprisonment of Mary Queen of Scots in Loch Leven Castle.

If you have any queries on Kinross-shire history, do visit the Museum on Thursdays or Saturdays where volunteers will do their best to help.



Soldiers of the 2/4th Lowland Division assemble at Rumbling Bridge, August 1915, from the collection of Bill Fiet, Leslie

Broke Not Broken Kinross Food Bank

Let's get Quizzical

Part of our plan for the year ahead is to do more fundraising events. The first will be our **Quiz Night**, so mark the date in your diaries, folks:

Friday 31 March, Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets £5 each including food.

We really look forward to a great evening with everyone who has supported us over the last nine months since our doors opened. We will have a bar on the night and some hot food, as well as the quiz itself with prizes for highest score and best team name. You can get your tickets from any committee member, contact us on Facebook, or drop into The Beacon on a Friday.

Two of our committee, Joan and Graham, enjoyed an evening at the invitation of Liz Grant, the Provost of Perth at the Provost's supper at St John's Kirk, Perth. They were both on their best behaviour at the event which was held to thank individuals for their contributions in their local communities.

We also welcomed our MP Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh to The Beacon. She came on a house visit to see one of our clients

and donated £500 to help us continue our work supporting those in need and in crisis in our community.

Going forward, we are looking for volunteers to help out in the garden over the next year. Looking out at the snow, it's not a tantalizing thought, but once the ground thaws, we need to start planting and landscaping.

We would like to thank the people who donated household goods to our recent appeal on Facebook; they were gratefully received.

A reminder that we are open on

Tuesday from 10am to 2pm and Thursday from 10am to 2pm to service users only.

I am sure you can understand the need for privacy in their time of crisis. On Fridays from 10am to 2pm we are open for food drop offs or for referral agents or partners to come and speak to us.

You can always drop off food at Sainsbury's where collections are weekly. Alternatively, contact us directly to arrange another option.

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Joan, Graham Tasmina and Clare

Kinross Beavers

After the Christmas break, Beavers returned on 13 January when they were learning about first aid as part of their Emergency Aid Stage 1 badge. We also welcomed three new beavers to the colony. Welcome to Tom, Charlie and Eli.

The next day, 25 beavers attended our winter sleepover at the hall and they had great fun completing the experiment badge. Some of the experiments included exploding volcanoes, fake snot and the egg drop challenge, which required the beavers to create a container which would protect an egg from cracking or breaking from a high fall. The beavers also worked on the skills section of the Beavers Scottish Thistle Award. Everyone had a great time and all the beavers who attended were presented with the badges they had earned before departing on the Sunday morning.

On 3 February Kathleen and Alexander from the Kinross and District Pipe Band came along and spoke to the beavers about the bagpipes and snare drum. Also, on that evening, Mackenzie and Myles were presented with their Chief Scouts Bronze Award which is the highest award a beaver scout can get. Congratulations, Mackenzie and Myles! At the same time, we said goodbye to Gregor W, Myles and Mackenzie who were moving to Cubs. Good luck, boys, and have fun!

As you can see, we have lots going on in the colony at the moment. If you would like to have the Beavers help your community group, or are interested in volunteering with Scouting, please contact us at kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk.



Above: Bronze Awards

Below: goodbyes to Beavers moving to Cubs



Kinnesswood in Bloom

Thanks to money awarded to the Michael Bruce Trust from the Celebration Fund, Kinnesswood in Bloom would be able to replace some of the plants in the Michael Bruce Garden. Also, the plan is to install an information board there as part of the 250 year anniversary.



Some of the group had helped fill in a questionnaire regarding their opinions on local facilities and this had been added to the input by other local organisations.

The night out involved not just Kinnesswood in Bloom, but the members of the local Paths Group and Craft ladies who all contribute to the local environment. It was held in the Boathouse and a great time was had by all.

Nationally it is the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and there will be plenty going on locally in connection with this. Beautiful Scotland have a theme of 'Birds, Bees and Trees' and we hope our knitters and crafters will get busy making birds and bees to add to our garden areas. Any locals who can knit, crochet or sew and who want to help out can get patterns and/or wool from Janette Gardiner or Norma Smith.

Saturday work parties will be starting soon and information will be on the village notice board. All are welcome to come along.

The Primary 5/6 class had a poor day for their first garden session but managed to learn about seed tatties, laying them out on trays. They also planted onions in trays for planting out later.

We have another quiz and curry night planned for **Saturday 25 March** at 7.30pm. It's our main fundraiser for the year. The evening starts with a curry buffet (all tastes catered for) and a great selection provided. As usual, our colourful quizmaster

will be Raymond Sutherland. The charge for the evening is an amazing low charge of £6 per head, so don't miss it.

The next meeting will be held at the Well Country Inn at 7.30pm on **Thursday 2 March**.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Purple Sprouting Broccoli Gratin

In a spring of shortages, let's try a recipe using a locally grown vegetable.

Ingredients

- 800g purple sprouting broccoli
- 600ml whole milk
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large piece of mace
- 4 bay leaves
- 8 black peppercorns
- 50g butter
- 40g cornflour
- 5 tbsp cream or crème fraîche
- 1.5 tsp nutmeg
- 25g grated cheddar

Method

Halve the stems of sprouting broccoli and peel the lower halves if thick and tough. Put the milk, onion, bay leaves, mace and peppercorns into a small pan, bring slowly to the boil, then set aside off the heat for at least 20 minutes to allow the flavours to infuse.

Bring the infused milk back to the boil, then strain it into a jug (discard the flavourings). Melt the butter in a medium pan, stir in the flour and cook gently for one minute. Remove from the heat and gradually beat in the hot milk. Return to the boil, stirring, then simmer for five minutes, stirring now and then. Stir in the cream, nutmeg and some salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm over a very low heat, continuing to stir the mixture now and then so a skin doesn't form.

Preheat the grill to high. Put the broccoli in a steamer (or colander/sieve) set over a pan of boiling water, sprinkle with salt, cover and steam until just tender. Drain the broccoli, wait for the steam to die down, then lay over the base of a large, lightly buttered, shallow ovenproof dish. Pour over the warm sauce, then sprinkle with the grated cheddar. Grill for four to five minutes or until the top is golden in places and bubbling.

Quiz 'n' Curry Raffle

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Kinross & District Rotary Club

Santa Sleigh 2016

Jointly organised with the Round Table, this event raised a total of £3,751.71.

At a special ceremony on 30 January, Rotary Vice President George Lawrie presented cheques to the organisations who help collect on the evenings. He commented on what an amazing event this had been and said it was so rewarding to see Santa bringing smiles to the faces of both children and adults alike.



Local group representatives with George Lawrie

Organisations involved included Kinross Duke of Edinburgh Awards Group, Orwell Guides, Perth and Kinross Adventure Scots, South Unit (Milnathort), Kinross Cricket Club, Kinross Otters, Swansacre Play Group and Kinross-shire Tangent. Rotary and Round Table send a BIG thank-you to the communities of Kinross-shire for their support.

Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP)

We raised £7,900, including a Rotary District Grant, for the purchase of much needed beds, furniture and medical equipment for the new post-natal clinic at Buccama, Ethiopia. A cheque will be presented to Jo Middlemiss later in February. EMP was established at Buccama, in southern Ethiopia, a few years ago by Jo and her cousin Maureen. The purpose of the project was to establish a medical clinic to tend to the post-natal problems that many women suffered in the area. The result of these problems was that the women were stigmatised and in many cases ostracised from their husbands, families and villages.

The clinic serves an area of some 20,000 people and has been so successful that a second clinic is now about to be completed. This will create a Health Centre, which was a requirement of the Ethiopian Government. Jo will be travelling to Ethiopia to check on how the money is being spent and the progress of the clinic.

See photo at right, and letter on page 3.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Caitlin Welsh of Kinnesswood and Struan Smith of Kinross, both pupils at Kinross High School, have been chosen to be sponsored for this year's RYLA.

RYLA is an annual programme for young people from 16 to 18 years old. It aims to develop leadership qualities and team working, to give a sense of pride in achievement and to stimulate mind and body. In doing so, the programme emphasises the importance of sportsmanship, fitness, character and personal relationships as part of quality living.

Caitlin and Struan will be visiting Abernethy Outdoor Centre at Nethybridge, near Aviemore, for a week of intensive activities.

Rotary Young Chef

Following the local heat in December, the district round was held in Dundee and Angus College on Saturday 28 January. Eleven competitors from as far and wide as Inverkeithing and St Andrews took part, and the standard of cooking was extremely high.

Lewie Reith represented Kinross in the four-hour competition, supported by his family and local Rotarians. Thanks go to Trevor Wootton and Emma Niven of Loch Leven's Larder for their mentoring of Lewie in his preparation.

Primary School Quiz

The local round of the annual Rotary sponsored Primary School Quiz will take place in Loch Leven Community Campus on **Thursday 23 March**. Teams from six schools will compete for the trophy, won last year for the first time by Arngask Primary School, Glenfarg.

Competing this year will be Arngask, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Milnathort, Portmoak. Teams of four will be faced with 10 rounds of six questions, with tie breakers if necessary. Each round covers a different subject, with answer papers marked by a team of Rotarians.

The winning team will proceed to the area final to be held in Balwearie High School, Fife, on 26 April. From there, the top two teams will qualify for the Rotary District 1010 final in the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, on 10 June.

Breakfast meetings and Associate Membership

We continue to meet over breakfast on every third Tuesday of the month. Since the start of these meetings in 2016, the club has recruited 10 associate members, who enjoy many of the privileges of full membership and are able to take part in the vast array of activities of the club. The club is currently looking to double the number of associate members.

Meetings

We meet most Mondays in the Kirklands Hotel, Kinross, at 6.30pm. On the third week of the month, the Monday meeting is replaced by a Tuesday breakfast meeting at 7.30am, also at the Kirklands. Come along and find out what's happening in the club and meet some of our members. Contact the Club Secretary, Brian Timms, at brian.timms230@btinternet.com to find out more.



Jo and Maureen with Sister Haimanot and the mothers

Fossoway Primary School PTA

There was a very positive start to the spring term for pupils and staff with the news that the Kilted Christmas Tree Company would be donating over £600 to Fossoway PTA.

This was as a direct result of 63 Fossoway Primary School "family and friends" purchases of trees and wreaths. Families using vouchers supplied via the PTA were delighted to be able to select the tree of their choice from the vast stock on display at the tree retailer's Tillyochie premises.

This was the first year that Fossoway Primary School and The Kilted Christmas Tree had collaborated together. Many thanks to all at The Kilted Christmas Tree Company from Fossoway Primary School and we look forward to working with you in Christmas 2017.



The Kilted Christmas Tree Company has donated £647.20 to Fossoway Primary School PTA

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

For the past 5½ years Healing Rooms has been open in the Orwell and Portmoak church office, 29 South Street, Milnathort, on Thursdays from 10.30am until 12 noon. During this time the team has prayed for many men and women from various places in Fife and Kinross-shire, and even further afield. We are one of almost 50 Rooms in Scotland and are part of an International and National organisation. All our volunteers are from different churches and have to undergo training, and all the Healing Rooms in Scotland are supervised by a national leadership team based in Glasgow. Please don't think that you have to be seriously ill to come for help! We will pray for anything that is troubling you, emotional, physical or spiritual, no matter how insignificant you feel it might be. All sorts of people, young and old, are blessed through personal prayer and we should like to give a special invitation to everyone in the community, whether you go to church or not, whether you have a religion or none at all, to come and experience this too. No-one ever goes away feeling worse than when they came in!

Please either call into the office on a Thursday morning between 10.30 and 11.45, or you can make an appointment by contacting the church office on 01577 861200 or using the contact details on the website www.healingrooms-scotland.com. This service is completely free and totally confidential. We look forward to seeing you!

*Grace Simpson
Local Director, Healing Rooms*

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What's Happening at the Campus

French Story Telling in Library, Sat 4 March. See p. 24.

Kinross Hub, The Carers Café, Mon 6 March. The Café is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members in the campus Activity Meeting Space, 10am – 12 noon on the first Monday of every month. The guest for March is Ian Robertson (Wellbeing Support Team) who will be providing a Talk and Relaxation which will commence at **10.15am prompt**.

Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust lectures and presentation, Thursday 16 March. See p. 56.

Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair, Sat 18 March. There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Kinross High School Spring Concert, Wednesday 29 March. Please see campus noticeboards for more information.

Classes and Groups at the Campus

Sew Smart Classes at the Campus with Perth College on Tuesday evenings. Classes are 7pm-9pm covering Sewing, Mending, Altering, Recycling and Tailoring. The current ten-week course finishes on 21 March. For more information, contact Kinross Learning Centre on 01577 863863.

Upholstery Classes at the Campus with Perth College on Wednesday evenings. Classes are 4.30pm-6.30pm and 7pm-9pm. The current ten-week course finishes on 15 March. For more information, contact Kinross Learning Centre on 01577 863863.

WeightWatchers meet on Wednesdays at 6.30pm in the Activity Meeting Space.

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

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Friends of Loch Leven Community Library

Musicians wanted!

We had a very successful morning on 30 January when we opened the library for our first Monday session. As well as members of the community who came along to borrow books and use the library computers, Councillor Willie Robertson popped in to wish us well. We'll continue to be open every Monday morning and Saturday afternoon as usual, but we also hope to hold some exciting events on some Saturday afternoons in the near future.

Advance notice to all you budding musicians out there; we are planning to have an **Open Mic event** one Saturday afternoon in April. If you would like to give a short public performance of your singing or playing in the library, please contact us now on 07999 510500 for more information on applying for a spot!

We are 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.

We would also be delighted if you would like to join us as a volunteer. Please get in touch on 07543657539 or find us on Facebook.



Cllr Willie Robertson (second from left) with Friends of Loch Leven Library

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Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?

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

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

January was a busy month for our members. We started with a baked potato lunch to mark Inner Wheel Day on 10 January. The lunch was held at the home of our club president. Donations were invited from our members and we are delighted to report that the total raised, together with the proceeds from our candlelit supper held in December, will enable us to send a donation to Shelterbox. It is enough to pay for a whole Shelterbox (£590) and a little bit more. We hope it will make a difference to the lives of some of the people caught up in disasters throughout the world.

At the start of February, some of our members helped run a tea dance at the Kinross Day Centre. An enjoyable time was had by all with 28 Centre users and 11 Inner Wheel members dancing and enjoying the baking provided by club members. Our meetings continue in February with our speaker, Catriona Dalrymple, whose topic will be 'Being Procurator Fiscal'. Sounds interesting!

Our next fundraising venture will be our **Bridge Afternoon** to be held on **Friday 31 March** in Orwell Bowlers' Hall. If you are a bridge player and would like to take part, please contact Liz Pottie on 07768 244699 for more information.

Step In My Shoes

Step In My Shoes (in conjunction with Edinburgh Cares) is a charity which has been backed by the Scottish Government and the Girl Guide Association. It was started as a direct result of experiences of volunteers who were helping Syrian refugees on beaches who had no, or inadequate, shoes.

Although the news has fewer photos of people arriving on beaches, the need for robust shoes is still there and Step In My Shoes is collecting used shoes, new socks and small donations of money to help with transport costs. The shoes are then sent on lorries or containers taking other supplies to refugees.

Please look at the Step In My Shoes Facebook page for further information and if you have shoes or socks you would like to donate, please contact kjarvie@btinternet.com

Kinross Garden Group

We had a very informative talk in February from Sally Lorimore of Willowhill garden in Newport. The photos of her beautiful garden showed us that we have a lot to look forward to when we visit it in June. She also talked about the Fife Garden Trail, which takes place in June and July; it provides an opportunity to see nine privately owned gardens which rarely admit visitors.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 9 March** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, when Alison Goldie and Mark Hutson of the Scottish Auricula and Primula Society will give a talk entitled 'How Angus plants started: cultivation, history and types of auriculas'.

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 & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Don't just sit in the house this winter! Being active not only improves your physical fitness but also maintains good mental health. Walking gives you a sense of achievement and boosts the chemicals in your brain that help put you in a good mood. Being active can help eliminate tiredness, anxiety, and stress. Whether you've never walked much, are returning to walking, or are a regular walker, come out with us, explore new places and meet new people to see if you'd like to join our very 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 4 March: Crail to Ness, 6.5 miles. Circular walk from Crail going inland via Wormiston, then along the Fife Coastal Path to Fife Ness, past the cave and golf course.

Sunday 19 March: Lendrick Hill, 7 miles. Steep climb up forestry road then hill tracks to top of Lendrick Hill (lovely views). Gradual descent to Carnbo side and return by track and forestry road.

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

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

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 7 March: Perth, Moncrieffe Island, Sculpture Trail and North Inch. Across the rail bridge, down and around the island, then along the River Tay to view the sculptures and Rodney Gardens.

Tuesday 21 March: Blairhill, Rumbling Bridge and Crook of Devon. A 'lollipop' walk. Around the Blairhill area, then a walk through the gorge, past the new weir (part of the community hydro scheme) and along the River Devon to the Crook.

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The **monthly meeting** is on **2 March**, when we will have our **Annual Lunch** in the golf club, 12 for 12.30pm. The **AGM** is at 12.30pm and lunch at 1pm.



Away Days

23 Mar Broughty Ferry.

Bus leaves the Green Hotel at 9.15am. Contact Mrs P Crawford, 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

10 Mar Birnie Loch and Ladybank Woods.

24 Mar St Bridget's Kirk and back from Anstruther.

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

Friday Hill Walkers

3 Mar Lomonds Craigmead Car Park Robin 9am

17 Mar Glen Tarkin Jock 9am

31 Mar Benarty-Lochore Carolyn 9am

Contact Pauline Watson, telephone 862865.

Activities

Activities are open to all members of the club.

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

L.U.S.T. The slimmers meet each Thursday, 9.30am to 10.30am, in the Millbridge Hall. Contact Norma Anderson, 01577 863548.

Line Dancing every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall. Contact Betty Fergus, 01577 866961.

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

Carpet Bowls: Meet Monday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Helen Duncan, 01577 863638.

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



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Seamab School



Feathered Friends at Seamab!

Thanks to a generous donation in 2016, Seamab has been able to offer the children some new experiences through Project Free, a programme designed to enhance the children's health and wellbeing through outdoor education.

The children have been enjoying mountain biking, skiing, camping, walking, swimming and most recently, gardening. The purchase of a large chicken coop has created a lot of excitement for both the children and the adults! We're looking forward to the arrival of six hens at the end of February.

The easy thing to do would have been just to purchase six eggs for hatching and watch the birds grow from tiny chicks to fully fledged hens. However, at Seamab, we never like to do things by halves, and so it was decided that we should offer a home to some ex-commercial (battery) hens instead.

The birds will be supplied through an organisation called Homes4Hens, which exists to give commercial laying hens a future after farming. It's likely that when they arrive, although treated for worms and lice, they won't be in the best condition due to the environment they'll have lived in prior to being rescued.

This is a valuable learning opportunity for our children, and is designed to tell a reflective story about recovery after a difficult experience. Even though the chickens may be missing feathers, behaving differently to other birds, and feeling scared and timid, they'll be cared for, nurtured, loved and valued, and helped towards a happier and healthier future. A powerful message for Seamab's children, all of whom have experienced neglect, abuse, loss or trauma in the past.

We're looking forward to settling the hens into their brand new coop and helping the children to learn about how to feed them, care for them and help them thrive.

A new year brings new opportunities, and we have ambitious plans for fundraising at Seamab in 2017.

We'll have places in the Color Me Rad Glasgow 5k run or walk (Saturday 13 May), the Edinburgh Kiltwalk (Sunday 17 September) and the Great Scottish Run (Sunday 1 October), to be used for sponsorship raising. We're also planning a firewalk in late summer, a football tournament organised by our corporate supporters Thomson Gray on Friday 2 June, another Seamab Golf Day on Friday 1 September, a ceilidh and a race night!

We're also looking to recruit some volunteers to support fundraising activity so, if you have a few hours a week to spare that you're willing to use to distribute some of our collection cans, attend collections and events, or to set up a group to raise funds to help the children at Seamab, we want to hear from you!

Visit www.seamab.org.uk/volunteering to find out more and, if you're interested in any of the fundraising opportunities listed above, contact Susie, Fundraising Manager at swilliamson@seamab.org.uk, or call 01577 840307.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

January Draw

1st	No 23	Alastair Morgan, Kinnesswood.
2nd	No 77	Elizabeth Runell, Kinnesswood.
3rd	No 78	Keith Milne, Mawcarse.



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Kinross High School

At Kinross High School we are in the middle of another very busy term. Our pupils have completed their prelim examinations and are working towards their final assessments. Pupils in S2-5 are considering their course choices for next session while our S6 students are finalising their choice of further study and future careers. In addition to these activities, we have been delighted to welcome a number of visitors to the school. These have included Mrs MacLeod who helped us to celebrate the Chinese New Year, Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP who worked with our Modern Studies pupils and Sportive Kinross who ran a design competition for our pupils. *[For a report of the latter, see February Newsletter, p. 75.]*

We also have also received the outcome of the Community Campus Review and we are grateful to the ongoing support of a team of volunteers who are able to extend the opening hours of the library.

Chinese New Year

On 26 January 2017 we celebrated the Chinese New Year with the help of Yongle and Mrs Macleod. Pupils were given the chance to wish each other Happy New Year – in Mandarin of course! We also were shown the traditional Chinese instrument 'the lute' and introduced to some activities carried out during the Spring Festival. The students were all keen to have a shot of playing the lute and thought it a bit tricky. Chinese zodiacs and the story behind them were shared with the pupils. This is the year of the rooster. Finally, we taught the students to make Chinese lanterns, which they danced with in their hands, following the rhythm of the live lute music. All in all, a fun and really interesting insight into Chinese traditions.

Visit of Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh

This term is a particularly demanding one for the S4 Modern Studies classes. They are busy researching and writing up assignments on a political issue of their choice, completing course work and preparing for the final exam. To help with their research, the students were treated to a visit from their Member of Parliament, Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh. The students enjoyed a spirited question and answer session, discussing a wide variety of issues from the crisis in Syria to women's rights and also managed to fit in a few selfies.

[See also page 18.]

Community Campus Review

The Lifelong Learning Committee has passed the recommendations of the Community Campus Review. This review aims to: improve community use of the campus;

remove perceived barriers to use; improve efficiency and reduce operational costs. As a result of this review there are a number of changes that will be implemented in a planned way at Loch Leven Community Campus:

1. The school administration and campus teams will be integrated and the position of Campus Supervisor will be removed from the structure.
2. There will be a relaxation in the Live Active Leisure (LAL) contract to enable commercial sports providers' access to the campus.
3. The current catering arrangements provided by Tayside Contracts will be changed. This means that not for profit community groups will be able to provide their own food and drink for meetings and events. The opening hours of Food to Go will be reduced.
4. The charging arrangements for campus facilities have been reviewed. This change aims to provide more affordable and flexible lets.

Gerry MacGregor, our events and booking co-ordinator, is planning to leave us in March. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gerry for the exceptional support she has given to a wide range of school and community events over several years.

If you would like to use the campus for an event, please contact the Loch Leven Reception to discuss your requirements by telephone on 01557 867200 or email lochlevenreception@pkc.gov.uk

Library

The volunteer group Friends of Loch Leven Community Library, who currently open the library on Saturday afternoon, have extended their hours to include Monday mornings.

[See pages 24 and 62.]




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Networking Breakfast was Blooming Marvellous

Wednesday 1 February saw Kinross-shire Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart welcome around 20 local entrepreneurs to the first Kinross-shire Partnership Business Breakfast of 2017. Although the fog was hanging low outside Loch Leven's Larder, inside everyone's spirits were high as they tucked into a hearty full Scottish Breakfast (or porridge) plus cereal, toast, tea, coffee and orange juice.

Conversation was lively during breakfast, and the networking continued afterwards when Sid Grant invited each attendee to tell other attendees about their products and/or services. These ranged from providing co-working space to consultancy, from legal advice to laundry services, and from mortgage advice to children's play equipment.

Despite the eclectic nature of the businesses that attend regularly, a strong synergy has evolved over the years as a result of this networking facilitated by the Partnership, and many of the entrepreneurs who attend not only do business with each other but also recommend fellow breakfasters to contacts further afield.

Sarah Brown, Leader of the Loch Leven Community Campus, asked local organisations to suggest ways in which High School volunteers could assist with local initiatives during the High School's 2017 Challenge Week. She also mentioned the 'Action Partnership', which seeks to tackle inequalities in the area, and invited small organisations whose work helps address such inequalities to apply for grants.

Roderick Moncreiff introduced the latest feature at Tullibole Castle: a tree which can sit up to 60 diners inside ('showerproof but not rainproof' apparently!). Meanwhile, Alisdair Stewart revealed that a Community Benefit Society

launch event will be held at the campus on 16 March at an astronomy evening entitled "Watch This Space". Booking for this event is essential, via the link on the Aero Space Kinross website (<http://www.aerospacekinross.com>).

The after-breakfast speaker was Derek Lawrence from *Kinross in Bloom*, part of the nationwide network of 'Bloom Groups' under whose care cities, towns and villages quite literally 'blossom' every summer.

Derek explained that while many people imagine that the Council fund the Kinross in Bloom flowers, in reality every penny has to be fundraised. Last year the group raised £8000 and planted 2500 flowers in 53 containers and 60 baskets round Kinross.

Moreover, the cultivation of plants in polytunnels, planting out in the spring and watering in the summer (the latter process alone takes 3 hours) are all done by volunteers. The only exception to this are the high-level baskets, which are provided by the Council but still watered by volunteers.

Currently, the Kinross in Bloom team consists of 13 people; just eight of them are watering volunteers, so Derek would welcome new recruits. Last year short-term assistance was given by High School pupils during Challenge Week, but despite various articles and leaflet drops, not a single longer-term volunteer has come forward. The group would also welcome sponsorship from local businesses; as Derek pointed out, if Kinross looks visually attractive, people will want to come here and spend time – and money.

Thanking Derek for his talk, Kinross Partnership administrator Karen Grunwell reiterated how fortunate we all are to live and work in such a beautiful environment, and that it is important not to take Kinross-shire's beauty for granted. She revealed that the speaker at the March KP breakfast at Loch Leven's Larder on **Wednesday 1 March** will be RSPB Site Manager Uwe Stoneman. Please email mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to book your place (members £10; non-members £15).

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme PLEASE READ ME!

Having the help of one of our volunteer drivers makes such a difference to many residents in Kinross-shire. Perhaps you have thought about becoming one of our volunteers but do not really like driving long distances, say to Perth or Dundee, but would be quite happy to drive someone to the shops, supermarkets and campus in Kinross? If this type of volunteer driving appeals to you, please contact Ann Munro on 01577 840196 for more information and an application form or email Ann at administrator@kvgandros.org.uk. You can also visit our website www.kvgandros.org.uk. By becoming a "shopping only" volunteer you would be a great asset to our team.

Kinross-shire Churches Together Les Miserables



Kinross-shire Churches Together has organised a Lent Study based on the film of *Les Miserables* over five Wednesdays beginning **8 March** at 7.30pm in Kinross Parish Church.

Each week we will watch part of the film and discuss some of the themes and principal characters in relation to their struggles and the part that faith plays in their lives. Anyone is welcome to come and take part.

Easter Sunday Morning, 16 April

We are holding our Easter morning service at the loch at the far end of the Kirkgate Park, meeting at the lookout just onto the path round the front of the graveyard at 7.30am. Afterwards we will be going to the Kirklands Hotel for breakfast together. Feel free to join us!

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Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

Dust off your tennis rackets as our 2017 tennis programme will soon be underway! Indoor junior coaching is just about to finish at the campus and we are all looking forward to getting back on court on a more regular basis.

We kick start our season on **Saturday 1 April** with our **Open Day**. Why not come down and give tennis a try for free? We'll be there from 10.30am to 3pm for membership renewals and enquiries, coaching enquiries, bookings, and general information. Existing members will need to exchange their court key for the new season.

Junior Easter Camp will run during **week commencing 10 April**. Siobhan is now taking bookings for this. The summer term block of coaching which will run on Tuesdays and Fridays and **starts on 21 April**. Enquiries to Siobhan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Adult club sessions continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am. There is also the Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm. Adult coaching with Daniel Reed will continue to run on Friday afternoons or at other time subject to demand. Notes of interest to kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

Our **Annual Quiz** takes place on **Tuesday 7 March** starting at 7.30pm at the KGV rugby clubhouse. It is always a great evening and we invite club members, their family and friends to come along and support the club in this fundraising event. Remember, it's the taking part that counts - keep that competitive spirit for the tennis courts!

More details on other events will be provided next month. Meanwhile, as ever, new members are welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary Margaret Hamblin on 01577 850252 or at kinrosstennis@gmail.com. Visitors are also welcome. Keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



Kinross Curling Club

The destinations of two more trophies have now been decided. The Jubilee Salver, contested by leads and seconds, was won in a fairly one-sided final by the rink of Jamie Montgomery, Gregor Hutcheson, Eddie O'Donnell and George Ponton.

The Gallowhill Ploughshare for skips and thirds was a much tighter affair, with the rink of Davie Clydesdale, Paul Baughan, Steve Kinninmonth and Ben Cormack eventually prevailing. Ben was absent from the final but did have a note from his mum explaining that he was away at the Scottish Junior Championship finals in Aberdeen. Things didn't go to plan in the finals, but well done to Ben for qualifying as one of the eight best junior rinks in Scotland.

We continue to enjoy success in our friendlies against local clubs, following up a good win in December over Orwell with wins against Fossoway and Orwell Ladies. The latter was a close-run affair with Sandy Nelson's rink, skipped in Sandy's absence while recovering from surgery by Ally Simms, going down to a heavy defeat by Val Inglis. However, the other two rinks saved Ally's blushes, winning by just enough for an overall winning margin of one shot. The ladies seem very confident of turning this round next year!

Ally redeemed himself in part by skipping one of two Kinross rinks which successfully defended the Province Blairhill Trophy, the other skip being Paul Baughan.

As yet, no sign of sustained frost and ice this winter so the new lighting at the outdoor pond is yet to be put to the test. But there is still time!

For information on the club, check out our Facebook page or get in touch with the Secretary at blairmelville@tiscali.co.uk



Kinross Curling Development Club

www.kinrosscurlingdevelopmentclub.weebly.com

The club was formed in 2010. The main purpose was 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 or 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.

KCDC 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. This provides 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 for next season. Please explore our website for further details or contact kcdcmatchsec@gmail.com

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Kinross Swimmers

We seem to have settled down in to the New Year programme and those winter cobwebs are being well and truly blown away. We have had a few new people along which is making things more vibrant and some interesting sessions have taken place with all that new input.

Numbers are looking a lot more healthy with all these swimmers and we are now regularly getting more than 15 swimmers at a session covering all ability levels. This is a nice change, even Lachlan is being challenged!

It may be too late by the time you read this but our winter warmer is taking place at the Apricot in Dunfermline on **Friday 3 March** (if you can make it) and an update will follow. Swimming in a club setting is proven to be much more beneficial than solo swimming. Without realising how hard you are working you tend to try harder and swim longer, moving well beyond your comfort zone with no conscious effort. The end result is you feel much better with all those good endorphins coursing through your body, and it has to be better for you than an hour lounging on the sofa. It's cheap too. You'll have no problem sleeping after a good session, I promise!

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

For further information please either contact us on Facebook (Kinross Swimmers) or Ian Shepherd via email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944 503074.



Kinross Bowling Club

The AGM was held on Sunday 22 January. The officials are: President: P R Grant. Vice President: J Mitchell. Treasurer: C Matthews. Secretary: G M Rennie. Thanks to all who attended the AGM.

The **opening of the green** is on **Saturday 15 April** at 2pm. We look forward to welcoming all members and hopefully get some interest from potential members who can come along on the day and see what goes on. It is an active, friendly sport, so come along and give it a go or contact Secretary G M Rennie on 01577 864727.

Kinross Golf Club

www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk

Following the success of our last 'Ladies Night', another tribute evening has been organised, this time featuring Lionel Ritchie. It will take place on **Friday 3 March** in the clubhouse. Tickets are on sale behind the bar.

The 2017 season opens on **Saturday 25 March** with the annual Captain v Vice-captain competition. All members (ladies, gents and juniors), are invited to come along for a fun day of golf with the opportunity to meet other members. The event starts off with coffee and a bacon roll on arrival and is rounded off with the opening season dance in the clubhouse in the evening. The format is 4ball betterball matchplay, and the draw takes place on the Thursday evening.

For more information about golf and social memberships and other club activities, check out our website, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, or pop into the clubhouse.

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Volleyball

It is extremely busy volleyball wise, especially at Kinross High School. Senior boys and girls teams took part in Scottish Volleyball's day-long festival at the Lynch Sports Centre in Dundee.

The boys team finished in third position, having lost by a mere two points in two close matches against eventual winners Queensferry High School and Belmont Academy from Ayr. The senior boys also meet Queensferry High and Kyle Academy in the Scottish Cup semi-final at the end of February.

The S1 boys teams made the long trip to Ayr to play Belmont Academy and Kyle Academy with the team winning against Belmont and losing to Kyle. As section runners up they now face another trip to the west coast to take on Woodfarm High School from Glasgow.

The S2/3 girls team face a trip to meet Aberdeen Grammar School in their Scottish Cup semi-final.

The Perth and Kinross under 16 boys Junior National League team have played two rounds of fixtures, first of all travelling to Oban to play local side Lorn and Cavalry Park NUVOC. Their second round of fixtures was held at the Loch Leven Community Campus against Beacon Blaze from Aberdeen and James Gillespie's NUVOC. Player availability has been an issue resulting in one win and three losses. The team is due back in Oban in early March to play their final round of fixtures.

The under 18 Junior National League side play their Scottish Cup games in early March against Orkney's Stromness Academy.

In the local Perth and District Leagues our local sides have not performed as well as in previous seasons, again player availability being a major factor. Nevertheless it is commendable that Kinross can field five teams overall, spread over the Premier League (two teams) and Recreational League (three teams).

Kinross players are also looking forward to playing in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the last weekend of May. This is the largest volleyball tournament in the UK, attracting around 100 teams.



The Kinross High senior girls' and boys' teams at the Lynch Sports Centre, Dundee



Kinross Road Runners

Website: kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com

Our winter training programme continues until the end of March. The club meets every Tuesday and Wednesday evening at **7pm at the Medical Centre car park**, The Muirs, Kinross. There is also an informal run on Sunday mornings meeting at 9am at the



KRR out in force for the Devil's Burdens relay race over the Lomond Hills

Medical Centre – often there is a choice of trail or hill run on Sundays. New members are always welcome, whatever your running ability. Our programme of training sessions and championship races through March is detailed here - check our website for more information.

Tue 28 Feb	Informal run round streets
Wed 1 March	Hill Reps at Milnathort
Sun 5 March	Bishop Hill Race
Tue 7 March	Informal run round streets
Wed 8 March	Two-mile Time Trial followed by hot chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage
Tue 14 March	Informal run round streets
Wed 15 March	Diagonals at KGV
Sun 19 March	Alloa Half Marathon
Tue 21 March	Informal run round streets
Sat 25 March	Birnam Hill Race
Tue 28 March	Informal run round streets
Wed 29 March	Trail run, TBC

Kinross Otters

It's been a great start to the year, with several new members joining the club after our very successful open days on 21 and 22 January. We had lots of keen swimmers attending hoping to be chosen to become Otters and we thank everyone who tried out. If you weren't successful this time, don't worry, we'll be holding further trials later in the year so keep practising!

We had another successful two-day gala where a team of 12 Otters attended the Carnegie Graded Meet at the Michael Woods Centre in Glenrothes on 21 and 22 January. We got off to a great start on the Saturday morning with five medals, Murray Pritchard and Ben Smallwood taking two each and Helen Hamilton taking gold in the 50m breaststroke.

Otters sent a small team to the FIRST Annual Open Meet and they did us proud! Coming home with, amongst others, a bronze medal for Emily Cumming in the 100m backstroke, as well as new PB of 1:21.66. Ola Stanton also broke the club 100m breaststroke short course record with a fantastic new time of 1:17.99 at the same event which is a great opportunity for our swimmers.

Falkirk Integrated Regional Swim Team (FIRST) came into being in 2006 to improve the level of competitive swimming of clubs in the Falkirk area by providing a focused training environment headed by a dedicated full time professional coach.

The programme has established itself as one of the leading of its kind, with athletes competing successfully at District, Scottish, UK and International level. FIRST Open and Graded meets are excellent competition opportunities for other clubs, including Kinross Otters. Well done to all the Otters who attended for, as usual, giving their best for the club.

Earlier this month our fundraising guru Pamela Watson was delighted to accept a cheque for £400 towards club funds after a team of dedicated Otters, parents and coaches braved the wild weather during the Santa Sleigh event in December. Thanks to all who attended and to the Kinross and District Rotary Club for their kind donation.

We're looking forward to a range of meets over the next month and will keep you up to date with our successes. As usual, we'd like to make special mention that Otters is run entirely by volunteers and we are dependent on the commitment and support of the coaches, parents and

swimmers who work so hard to make Kinross Otters the successful club it is. Thank you all.

One small additional note, our Head Coach Simon Metcalfe is a member of the Caledonia Water Polo Senior Team, one of the elite water polo teams in the UK. They take part in competition at the highest level and many of them play for the Scottish National team. They'll be taking part in the 2017 British Championships and we wish them every success. As a self-funded team they are always looking for ways to help with the costs of competing at this level. You can find out more at their Go Fund Me page. Good luck to Simon and his team mates!



Fundraiser Pamela Watson accepting a cheque for £400 from George Lawrie of the Rotary Club

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A local rink won the inaugural **Over 40s Bonspiel** played over 13-15 January. Alan Chalmers, Iain Cormack, Graham Cormack and Peter Baughan (the Musketeers) beat current World Senior Ladies Champions, skipped by Jackie Lockhart, in an excellent final. 64 curlers and guests enjoyed a dinner and ceilidh at the Windlestrae Hotel. The sponsorship of Hatrick Bruce Ltd and Andersons Solicitors was appreciated. We are already planning and looking forward to next year: dates fixed for 12-14 January 2018.



The Musketeers (Paul Baughan, Graham Cormack, Iain Cormack and Alan Chalmers), winners of the inaugural Over 40s Bonspiel:

Photo: Eileen Thomas

At the end of February we welcome the best lady curlers from all rinks across Scotland. The **Henderson Bishop** competition commences on Monday 27 February, concluding with the final on Thursday 2 March. This is a super opportunity to spectate and enjoy fine competitive curling.

Kinross Curling Trust **AGM** took place on 18 January. Members supported the plans to provide full wheelchair access to the bar/lounge. Changing rooms and other facilities will also be improved. Mike Caffyn was re-elected and remains Chairman. Ena Stevenson and Sandy Hay were elected to the board. Phil Barton is the vice-chairman.

Our new webpage is upon and running - enjoy keeping up with all our news! Google kinross curling!

Local curler **Beth Farmer** won the Sportsmanship Award at the recent Scottish Junior National Championships.

Thinking ahead, the **closing bonspiel** is on **Saturday 8 April**. Contact Steven (see email in header) to book a space.

If you want to find out more about curling you will be made very welcome at the rink, which is behind the Green Hotel. The entrance is off Green Road.

Kinross and District Ladies Branch Curling

Points Competition: This was held on 24 January. Debbie Knox was the highest scoring individual. The winning team was Fossoway Ladies.



KDLB President Fiona Rutherford presents the individual winner's trophy to Debbie Knox



KDLB President Fiona Rutherford (second left) with team winners Debbie Weir, Maggie Saunderson and Liz Mills of Fossoway Ladies

Henderson Bishop Competition: KDLB looks forward to hosting this prestigious Scottish competition from 27 February to 2 March. Twenty teams are taking part including two that qualified to represent Kinross. They are: Kinross 1: Wilma Brownlie, Margaret Nelson, Pat McFarlane and Mary Lamont. Kinross 2: Fiona Spain, Alison Fyfe, Kathryn Spain and Gabriella Wallentin.

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Kinross Hockey Club

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Well, we must have been good girls and boys last year as Santa made our wish come true and the new hockey pitch is underway – yahoo! Contractor Ecosse Sports has made good progress despite cold temperatures and we hope by the time this Newsletter is for sale that we will be perfecting our hockey skills on home turf once again. A big thanks to everyone who has helped us get to this stage.



The new turf arriving for the pitch on 7 February

Ladies Section

The ladies had a great run over the winter in the Midland indoor league in Dundee and for the first time in memory were top of the leader board for many weeks. Sadly this came to an end with the last two matches of the season against Wanderers 1 and 2 where defeats were anticipated, and realised, unfortunately! We'll settle for third place, though. Outdoor matches have recently resumed.

Our 1s are having a tough season in National Championship League A and to open the 2017 account met top of the table Edinburgh Uni 2s, resulting in a 1-9 defeat, with Lynn Jack scoring our only goal.

The same day our 2s were narrowly defeated 1-3 by division 1 side Brechin in the Knock Out Cup, Catherine Wray scoring. The following week our 1s travelled to Aberdeen Uni where we hoped to pick up some points having drawn nil-nil earlier in the season. The uni ladies scored early and led one-nil through most of the match until we managed to equalised with a penalty corner finish from Vicky Carver. We would have settled for a one-all draw, but the uni were awarded a penalty corner on the full-time whistle, which they converted for a 2-1 win. We were dejected after a good team performance and it was a long trip home!

The club hosted and enjoyed a quiz night at the rugby club on 27 January. Mike and Elaine Spain ran a great quiz as usual and though the men may have struggled with some of the chick flick questions, everyone had fun and at least they know what their homework is for next year! Many thanks to the Rugby Club and Kinross Quizzicals.

Ladies training has been running at Strathallan School on Wednesdays from 1930hrs recently, but hopefully will return to Kinross in March, usual time 1830hrs. We are very fortunately to have assistance from former Scotland coach Bill Joss at the moment and, with existing coach Gurdial Duhre, the sessions have been well attended and very enjoyable. We are always open to new members though; please don't be shy!

If league games are not your thing and you just want to have some fun, social hockey either dusting off old school skills or trying a new sport, our Korinthians group meet on Mondays at 1930hrs for just that.

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

Men's Section

The Men's 1sts team has the highest number of draws in the league and added two more to its tally in January. The first was against a well organised Fidora Lions team which is sitting second in the league, a tough game where we conceded a goal from a short corner but fought back hard to get a well earned draw. The second was against the second bottom team Grange 6ths who we suspect took advantage of the national league winter break to pack the team with more experienced players. Having beaten them 9-0 earlier in the season we had to fight very hard for a 4-4 draw with some good goals from Cameron Banks.

The Men's 2nd team picked up a good win against Watsonian's Colts (4ths) but then succumbed to the league leaders Borders Fjordhus Reivers 1sts in a 0-5 loss. Despite this, the team is still third in the league and will hope to maintain this position over the next few months.

Training is at Strathallan on a Wednesday at the moment but look to be back on KGV in March at our usual time of 7.30pm on a Tuesday.

Kobras

Junior Hockey



The indoor hockey season continued with a tournament in Dundee last month in which five Kobras teams took part. At all levels there were good signs of progress with more wins, a few draws and fewer losses. Improved passing, movement and commitment contributed to fast fluid play, which helped compete against often larger and more experienced teams. Part of the credit goes to Monty's indoor sessions at the High School, which have certainly given players much more confidence about playing indoors.

With work on the pitch at KGV ongoing, training is taking place on the MUGA at the High School but fingers crossed in March we will be back on KGV ... can't wait!

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MILNATHORT – Our January meeting opened with a welcome from President, Jean Paterson, then as it was our meeting before Burns' night we had stovies and shortbread. After business was read and discussed, Jean showed us some samples of picture frames that she had decorated with oddments of ribbon. We then had a quiz on Rabbie Burns and music from Vi on her accordion.

Flower of the Month
Decorated Wooden Spoon
Scotch Egg

Cathy Cochrane
Jean Paterson
May Paterson

BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed 18 members and one visitor to our meeting. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, our speaker had cancelled, but several of our members stepped into the breach.

Norma, Jane and Shelagh gave us a potted history of Michael Bruce, the gentle Poet of Loch Leven. This year celebrations are being planned for his 250th anniversary on 1 July, but lots of projects are underway involving local schoolchildren, with teaching packs being made up for future use.

Valentine Biscuit
Pretty Jug

Greta Hogg
Jane Martin

GLENFARG – President Margot Moran welcomed Mary Ramsay for a crochet masterclass, which was enjoyed with much laughter and great satisfaction judging from the cries of joy as a member finally achieved a chain. Helen Quartermaine gave the vote of thanks for an excellent evening.

Hot Water Bottle Cover
Decorated Heart-shaped Biscuit
Flower of the Month

Margot Moran
Allison Messenger
Helen Quartermaine

CLEISH – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed twenty-eight members to our February meeting.

Before business she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Michael Bryant, and we enjoyed an interesting and informative talk on Sainsbury's, Kinross, and sampled some delicious food products from the store.

A vote of thanks was given by Vice President Mrs Lizzie Glennie.

Valentine Verse
Favourite Brooch
Flower of the Month (bowl of bulbs)

Sue Pennell
Sandra Webster
Dorothy Morris

POWMILL – President Sharon Buchanan welcomed everyone to the February meeting and introduced Dorothy Morris, who led us in a workshop in 'Napkin Art'. With her instruction we cut out motifs from napkins, pulling layers apart to leave a single ply. These were then applied to painted flowerpots with Modge Podge. It was thoroughly enjoyable evening and everyone completed a pot to take home. Vice President Fiona Buchanan gave a well-deserved vote of thanks.

Tea was then served by Ruth Briscoe and Betty Bruce. The Business meeting was conducted after tea.

Individual Panna Cotta
Piece of Jewellery with Hearts
Garden Gem

Mary Wilson
Fiona Black
Mary Wilson

Centenary Embroidery: I would like to thank the Library and the Day Centre for allowing us to showcase our centenary embroidery. The staff at both venues were most helpful. A huge thank-you from Kinross Group SWI.

Dorothy Morris, Group Chair

Congratulations



Andy and Liz Whatmore are delighted to announce the birth of a second granddaughter, **ROSA CHARLOTTE BACON**, on Sunday 22 January 2017. Both parents, Katie and Jonny, and big sister Chloe are all equally thrilled with the new arrival who weighed in at 6 lb 11 oz.

David and Isobel Syme, 3 Fruix, Kinross, are delighted to announce the birth of their sixth grandchild, **THEA SYME**, born on Monday 23 January 2017 at Ninewells Hospital. Daughter of Matthew and Chelsai Syme and sister to Lucy, 23 Lomond Place, Kinross.

Students of **MATTHEW DANCE ACADEMY** have enjoyed success recently.

VICTORIA BAIRD, CARLISSA NEILSON, CHARLOTTE PATERSON and **KATY ROBSON** achieved top scores in their recent Professional Associate Diploma examinations and are now fully qualified teachers after years of study and training. In addition, Matthew Dance Academy pupils took part in Tap, Modern Jazz and Freestyle examinations just before Christmas, which totalled over 430 exams over three days, again achieving excellent results. Principal Nikki Matthew said: "A special mention to our Ballet pupils who entered their first Grade examinations and all achieved top scores – what an achievement! We're all very proud of you at MDA." Congratulations also go to **KAYLA DOUGLAS, LOUISE LAWSON, JESSICA MATTHEW** and **ABBI STAPLETON** who were handpicked from over 1500 dancers at recent BATD Auditions to represent the board at the Annual Worldwide Conference in June.

See also news item on page 18.



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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



Is that the worst of the winter over? I really hope so. I'm looking forward to the long evenings now.

Firstly, a date for your diaries: **Discovery Day** will be on **Sunday 28 May** in 2017. We've got lots of new ideas for this year. Hopefully the weather will be better than last year. Fancy building nest boxes and Willow hurdles? There's a lot to do for all the family while learning all about Loch Leven NNR.

Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland are having their annual fundraising walk at Loch Leven on 19 March. The **Walkathon** has raised over £58,000 since it was launched in 2011 and this year it's back with a brand new home - **Loch Leven's Larder**. All routes (7km, 12km or 13 mile) start and finish at the Larder and are suitable for walkers of all abilities and ages. There is even a family Treasure Hunt available on the 7km route! If you wish to learn more about the event please go onto www.scotlandwalkathon.com for more details. *[Or see page 63.]* Please be aware there will be higher than normal amounts of walker traffic on the trail between 10am and 4pm on that day.

Around at Mary's Gate, we have been hedge laying. The hedge along that section of path is now 20 years old and we had the opportunity to do something wildlife-friendly with it. We like to give our volunteers some kind of training every year. Last year the volunteers had first aid training. This year we tried something slightly different. We obtained the skills of Torquil Varty, a hedge layer from Angus. This has certainly tidied up this section of hedge along Mary's Gate. The hedge was laid using traditional methods. The felled stems were held together with stakes and binders.

There have been some nice birds spotted about the reserve. There are still reasonable numbers of wintering wildfowl. This is largely due to the lack of ice coverage on the loch this winter. We normally get wading birds in the autumn. When the weather cools and the water level rises, waders tend to move on. This January we've had 150 Golden Plover, 30 Dunlin, ten Redshank, a Greenshank and a Ruff. We've also seen a Little Egret, Slavonian Grebes, a great inland count of 39 Scaup, and up to five Smew.

Volunteers have been busy this month. We have cleaned and put up nest boxes throughout the reserve and some on the islands. We have also been planting trees around the reserve. Gus and I have been busy updating the blog. We did a whole week of Winterwatch blogs. These blogs demonstrated how you could see featured wildlife locally. Scottish Natural Heritage NE Scotland have an Instagram account. It's called Steve the Capercaillie. We will be releasing pictures from Loch Leven and beyond.

Trout in the classroom is a project we've been doing now since 2011 as part of the Growing up with Loch Leven project. Our aims to provide a starting point for educational visits to Loch Leven National by schools. It provides background information on the natural history of the reserve, access to the reserve, and some case studies from the Growing up with Loch Leven (GuwLL) initiative. More on that next month....
TTFN,

Jeremy Squire
Scottish Natural Heritage

RSPB Loch Leven



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Hello, folks! It seems as if winter has arrived with awfa cauld blasts of snow soochin through from the north. That has put paid to the birdsong for a few days as they realise that spring is maybe not as close as they think; no doubt when it goes a bit milder it will resume again.

Due to the colder weather the bird feeders have been very busy once more, with all manner of species gleaning the feast; the usual tits, greenfinches, chaffinches, goldfinches aplenty and a few bullfinches, tree sparrows and redpoll as well.

The Little Egret is still on the reserve pools for the time being but may well go on its travels again once the warmer weather arrives properly. Pintails have also been around and this bird was part of the reason the RSPB was involved in Loch Leven in the first place. The loch was the first place in Britain that the society placed watchers (wardens in modern terms, I suppose) to guard the breeding pintail ducks round the area. As you may or may not know, 2017 celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the RSPB buying Vane Farm reserve, so if you have any pictures, memories of the old days please get in touch and give us your thoughts. Alice is the wummin to contact on the usual number, or you can also e-mail us if you prefer. *[See page 11.]*

Earlier I mentioned the breenge of birds on the feeders again. The shop will have a 20% off offer on 12.75kg sacks, with the exception of peanuts, until 1 March inclusive. Save pounds per bag and help our feathered friends survive the remaining winter, too! The other main offer is buy one get one free on scarves from the selection on show. Ask about any other offers when you visit.

The upcoming events for March are:

Sat 4 and Sun 5 March: an **Optics Weekend** from 10am until 4.30pm both days. Try and buy from our extensive selection, free advice on what is best for your needs. Free; just drop in.

Wednesday 8 March: Nature Tots: Wiggly worms, 10am until 12pm. A short story in the classroom then outside to play in the great outdoors on a different monthly theme. Please note, advance booking is required for this and, going by recent form, the sooner the better, as they have been very busy.

Saturday 11 March, 2pm until 4pm, Wildflower Meadow Workshop. Learn how to create a wildflower meadow and maintain it for biodiversity in time for the growing season. Booking essential: Members £8, non-members £12.

Saturday 25 March, 10am until 2pm, it's a Wildlife Writing Workshop. Bring along a pen, paper and a readiness to be inspired by the wildlife and landscape of Loch Leven. Booking essential: Costs £10 RSPB members and £15 non-members.

Finally, the Loch Leven **Wildlife Explorers** group will meet on **Sunday 26 March** from 1pm until 3pm for more monthly adventures.

Think that's it again for another month then, when hopefully the weather will be more spring like?

Ta ta the noo,

Colin

Farming



Reading Fiona's article last month, I was envious of the care her hairdresser lavishes on her, compared to my follicle trimming arrangement. Here at the Backward Farm boutique, things are a bit more basic with no colouring service offered, so I'll just have to go grey disgracefully, and only one style in the catalogue – shorter than it was before. Indeed all I seem to get is cheek about the small pile of hair that ends up on the floor and amount of heid visible from above. It's no wonder the boutique has a client base of only one! At least it's cheap, (cheerful?) and convenient, with flexible opening hours. Lambing time will soon be here and the ewes are being given some extra feeding now. This is in the form of tubs containing a vitamin/mineral "lick" formulated to match the nutritional needs of heavily pregnant ewes. We have also started feeding the earlier lambing ewes some high protein and energy nuts, and they are also being offered the most nutritious of our silage bales. The winter weather has been very kind up till now and not too wet until recently, so it is a bit of a concern that, come springtime, it will turn nasty with a vengeance. It usually does at some point, but as long as it is just an odd day here and there, we can cope with it not too badly. You can buy wee plastic jackets to put on young lambs which act like a mini polytunnel, and help stop cold, wet, windy weather chilling them before they grow a bit more body mass, making them more resilient.

I am also considering what cereals to sow this spring, and how big an area to sow. We are using more cereal since we have started fattening some of our beef calves, instead of selling them all as stores, for someone else to fatten, and we also have bought a small batch of bulls to rear. Since they are fed on a cereal-based diet, it takes quite a few tonnes to feed them, so it makes sense to grow their feed if we can. There are a couple of fields in which we have grown cereals in previous years but have been down to grass for a while and would benefit from being ploughed up.

The field of winter barley I sowed back in September is looking quite well, so hopefully it should give a respectable yield, although there is still plenty of time for it to be ravaged by some pest or disease, or both, or maybe even some stray sheep (which fall into both categories).

Backward Farm, as the name suggests, is a bit marginal for growing cereals. Last year one field performed well, whereas the other didn't, so I usually find it averages out not too badly, and if it makes us more self-sufficient in feeding our animals, then that can only be a good thing.

John

Weather



January Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	35.4mm = 1.41 inches
Heaviest rainfall	5.4mm (8th)
Total sunshine for the month	18 hours
Sunniest day	2.8 hours (26th)
Maximum temperature average	6.41°C
Highest temperature	10.5°C (17th)
Minimum temperature average	-1.45°C
Lowest temperature	-8.4°C (5th)

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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.

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).

Most Saturdays: 10am -12noon 'Coffee Stop', church centre.

Coffee, cakes and book sale.

Other Events and Services

February

Tue 28 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

March

Thu 2 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre: Beetle Drive.

Sat 4 10am – noon: Coffee Morning for 'Fairtrade Fortnight', church centre.

Sun 5 10.30am: Morning Service - Quarterly Communion.
6.30: Evening Communion Service.
Retiring Collections at both services for *Refugee Survival Trust*, a charity helping destitute refugees in Scotland.

Mon 6 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tue 7 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
7.15pm: Guild - 'Feed the Minds' (Guild Project), church centre.

Wed 8 (and next 4 Weds) 7.30pm: Lenten study by Kinross-shire Churches Together based on 'Les Miserables'.

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

Sun 12 12.30pm: New Members Welcome Lunch, church centre.

Thu 16 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Tue 21 7.15pm: Guild – AGM, guest speaker Brenda Frier, church centre.

Sat 25 10am – noon: Guild Coffee Morning, church centre.

Sun 26 10.30am: Morning Service incorporating **Stated Annual Meeting**.

Tue 28 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

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Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org



Sunday Services 11.15am

March

Fri 3 World Day of Prayer.

Sun 5 11.15am Morning Worship with Junior Church.
Refreshments served by members of Cleish Guild in aid of Guild projects. Traidcraft stall.

Sun 12 11.15am Morning Worship.

Mon 13 3.15pm Cleish Messy Church in the Village Hall.
All children and carers welcome.

Sun 19 11.15am Morning Worship followed by Congregational Lunch.

Sun 26 11.15pm Morning Worship followed by Stated Annual Meeting.

Mon 27 7.15pm Cleish Guild meets in the Village Hall.
Topic: Christian Aid

All welcome

Date for your diary: Cleish Church Fete will take place on Saturday 20 May this year.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday 10.30am Breaking of Bread
12.30pm Sunday School
4.00pm Gospel Meeting (1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, Friends and Neighbours Tea)

Monday 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
8.15pm Bible Study

Thursday 9.30am Toddlers Group (Montgomery Toddlers)



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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.

We predominantly use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but create experimental devotion for special events throughout the year. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

Mondays and Wednesdays

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel

Tuesdays (throughout Lent)

12.30pm Simple Lent lunch followed by a led reflection and silent meditation and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (Meeting Room).

7.30pm 'Skypble Study' (Luke's Gospel). *Please speak to the Rector directly if you're interested in joining.*

Thursdays

10 for 10.15am Lent Study Discussion Group – York Course (until April 6). *This is usually in the Meeting Room unless otherwise advertised.*

3.30pm – 4.30pm Rector's Hour (Church Office)

March Services and Events - all welcome

Wed 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

8am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

6.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

Sun 5 Lent 1

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

12.30pm Lent Lunchtime 'Pilgrim' Study Course.

Sun 12 Lent 2

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

12.30pm Lent Lunchtime 'Pilgrim' Study Course.

Sun 19 Lent 3

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

12.30pm Lent Lunchtime 'Pilgrim' Study Course

Sun 26 Mothering Sunday (Laetare ('Be Joyful') Sunday) (N.B. BST BEGINS)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Lent Lunchtime 'Pilgrim' Study Course.

HOLY WEEK 2017 (April 9 – 15):

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE'S EVENTS CALENDAR FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT SERVICES THAT WEEK

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.

March

Sun 5 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship and Junior Church followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.

Sun 12 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 19 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 26 9.45am Morning Worship followed by the Stated Annual Meeting.

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.*

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There will be no Messy Church this month.

House group

Wednesday evenings 7pm. Please contact Debbie Hill for details, 01577 842268.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group

Friday 3 March at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

Friday 3 March 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Church Hall. This is a special **Silent Movie** night with organ accompaniment. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*



Fossoway Parish Church

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Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

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Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during the services.

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

Prayer Meeting held 30 mins before each service.

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Messy Church meets in Orwell Hall on **Saturday 25 March** from 4 - 6pm.

Dates and events for your diary

5 Mar Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am. No service at Orwell Church.

7 Mar **The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm, for the Charity Meal which is open to all.**

21 Mar The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm for the AGM, and to hear Marion Morrison talk about 'Being the Moderator's Wife'.

24 Mar Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak Church New Room at 10.15am. Craft Morning with Heather Tough.

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Regular Services

Monday 7pm Mass followed by Confessions

Tuesday NO MASS

Wednesday 10am Mass followed by Morning Prayer

Thursday 10am Mass followed by Morning Prayer

Friday 10am Mass followed by Morning Prayer

Saturday 10-10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions

Saturday 7pm Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)

Sunday 9.30am Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)

Confessions also on request.

Prayer Group meets on a Monday, 8pm-10pm in the church hall and is open to all.

Children's Catechism class meets every Monday during term time, 3.45pm-4.30pm in the church hall.

R.C.I.A. for those wishing to join the Church, every Wednesday in the church hall, 7pm-8pm.

The Ladies' Group meets in the hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

The weekly newsletter, Mass times, news and updates or changes can be found on our website.

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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.

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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.

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Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)**

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carers. Play and pre-school activities, with a variety of toys. A snack is provided, plus coffee and tea for parents/carers. Younger siblings also welcome.

Contact Lynne Penny on babygaj@yahoo.com
or 07736 930923 for further details,
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross
Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15
Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,
debileighs@hotmail.com

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

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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)
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Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

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Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross

Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

Notices



Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February – 12 March



Saturday 4 March: Coffee Morning

10am-12pm, Kinross Church Centre:

"It's Time To Put Fairtrade In Your Break"

Tea and Coffee and lots of Fairtrade goodies to sample!

Sat 11 March: Fairtrade Fortnight Event in Perth!

Please support these events and look

out for more information in March.

Quiz Night

Orwell Bowling Club, Westerloan, Milnathort

Saturday 25 February

at 7.30pm

£2.50 per person (maximum of four in a team)

Contact Mike or Maz Thorn on 01577 8422271 for tickets

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",

Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays

Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm

For more info, see: www.glenfargfolkclub.com

27 February: Damien Barber and Mike Wilson: songs, harmonies and sense of humour. *Members £6, non-members £9.*

6 March: Singaround. Let's March into spring with the Armed Forces, so the "Army, Navy or Air Force" is our theme for the night. *All £3.*

13 March: Tony McManus, one of the true guitar geniuses of the fold world. Tony has a passion for traditional music and acoustic guitar and has an international reputation for his virtuosity on the instrument. Scottish born, he has lived in Canada for several years. He will be here as part of a UK tour, including the Fifestock Music Festival at Backstage. "This music is beyond beautiful, it's perfect" – Tommy Emmanuel. *Members £8, non-members £10.*

20 March: Open Mic. Attendees are invited to get up on stage and perform their songs or tunes with full PA. *All £3.*

27 March: Pauline Alexander and Sandy Stanage. We are delighted to welcome Pauline back to once again experience her stunning vocals and eclectic mix of songs. She will share the stage with an old friend of the club, Fife's brilliant guitarist, Sandy Stanage. *Members £6, non-members £9.*

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 March Beetle Drive in Church Centre at 7.30pm.

Tickets, payable at the door, are £5 and include refreshments. Proceeds to charity.

6 April The Royal Yacht Britannia Derek Miller

4 May Annual General Meeting

Kinross Garden Group

2016/17 Season

Thursday 9 March

at 2pm, Millbridge Hall, Kinross

Alison Goldie and Mark Hutson,

Scottish Auricula and Primula Society

'How Angus plants started: cultivation, history and types of auriculas'

All welcome to join us

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

Monday 6th March 2017
Wellbeing Support Team
Talk & Relaxation

Monday 3rd April 2017
Community Alarm Team

Monday 1st May 2017
Moving & Handling

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT

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



LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS
KINROSS

1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am–12noon



Contact Gail Boath

Tel. 01577 867306

Or Annette Bond

01738 567076



Quiz Night

Orwell Bowling Club, Westerloan, Milnathort

Saturday 18 March

at 7.30pm

£2.50 per person (maximum of four in a team)

Contact Mike or Maz Thorn on 01577 8422271 for tickets

Kinross Floral Art Club

Thursday 23 March

Coffee Evening

at Kinross Parish Church, 7.15pm

"Remember When" with Mrs Moyra Turnbull

Members and visitors welcome

In the Footsteps of Allenby

The Palestine Campaign 1916-18

A talk by Colonel A K Miller on the campaign of the 52nd Lowland Division in Palestine during the First World War

Friday 24 March

at 7.30 pm

in Cleish Village Hall, Cleish, Kinross-shire

Tickets £5 at the door Refreshments to follow the talk

In aid of Cleish Village Hall and the Thin Red Line Appeal, securing the future of The Argylls' Museum in Stirling Castle

British Summer Time

begins on

Sunday 26 March

Clocks go forward one hour at 1am



Business Breakfasts

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Local networking at its best

Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting more Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder as the second half of the 2016/17 season gets underway in February. Please do come along; everyone is welcome whatever size your business and it is a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other.

The Breakfast on **Wednesday 1 March** will take place from **7.30am to 9am**. The speaker will be RSPB Site Manager Uwe Stoneman. The other breakfast in the season will take place on **Wednesday 5 April**.

The aim of the breakfasts is to allow local businesses of all sizes to get together, network, introduce their business and to share their business goals. Please bring along your business cards and any brochures you wish to display.

The cost for listening to an interesting speaker, networking and enjoying a full Scottish breakfast, in beautiful surroundings is £15 per person or £10 for those who have joined the Partnership membership scheme. This price includes the cost of the breakfast, administrative costs and a small contribution to the Kinross-shire partnership.

In response to feedback you can now choose whether to pay on-line in advance or by cash on the day - further details will be given when you book your place.

To book your place at one or more of the Breakfasts, please email Karen Grunwell, Kinross-shire Partnership Administrator at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk or call 07865 193844.

You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

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

Hustings at Portmoak

Tuesday 11 April

Local Government Elections to appoint Councillors to Perth & Kinross Council will take place on 4 May 2017.

Portmoak Community Council will hold a Hustings on Tuesday 11 April at 7pm in Portmoak Village Hall to which all candidates will be invited.

All are welcome. Come along.

Music in Dollar

Season 2016 – 2017

All concerts are at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy. Ticket prices are £10 for non-members, with discounts for members and season ticket holders with free entry to anyone in full-time education.

Sat 25 Feb 7.30pm. **RUISI STRING QUINTET** – violins, viola and cello. Classical music by an award-winning quartet.

Sat 11 Mar 7.30pm. **POMEGRANATE PIANO TRIO** – piano, violin and cello. Varied programme, including pieces by Beethoven and Rachmaninov.

Music in Dollar is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. For more information about Music in Dollar, or any of the artists performing in the new season, visit www.musicindollar.org.uk

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: Adult £6; Senior £5; U18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.

Remaining Programme for Season 2016-17

20 Mar *The Way of the Wanderers*. **Jess Smith**. Travelling people, a guide to their origins and history in Scotland.

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.

Grants and Funding Websites

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

Milnathort & Kinross Scottish Country Dancing Class

every Wednesday

at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall

New Season started on 21 September 2016

New and Past Members welcome

For more information, contact Helen on 01577 861349 or visit our website: milnathortcountrydancing.blogspot.com

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
March	12th	Scott Band	HiT Scotland
April	16th	Adin Graham	Air Ambulance
May	28th	Gordon Patullo	
June	18th	Peter Bruce	
July	16th	Ian Cameron	
August	20th	Leonard Brown	
September	24th	Gary Stherland	
October	15th	Alan Small	
November	26th	Ewan Galloway	
December	17th	Lorna Mair	

Call Vi Todd for more details: 01577 863244. I have earmarked the charities up until April but would be open to suggestions for the others so if anyone has a good cause in mind, feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you. – *Vi Todd*.

Notices

Kinross Recovery and Conversation Café

This weekly group is for anyone with an interest in improving their wellbeing and needing support on their recovery journey from addiction or substance misuse. The Café aims to get people speaking about recovery and wellbeing in all its many forms and provides the opportunity to:

- share ideas, information and resources
- explore support networks and ways of moving forward
- breakdown isolation
- improve health and wellbeing

The Café takes place **every Tuesday**, 1pm-3pm, at Millbridge Hall, Kinross. Drop in and have a cuppa and a chat.

For more information, contact:

Shona Fowler: 07896 280843, shonafowler@nhs.net

Richard Lister: 07885 971298, richard.lister@cairscotland.org.uk



Supported and funded by Broke Not Broken, a local charity tackling the effects of poverty.

Broke Not Broken

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Open to clients:

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All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are: **30 September** and **31 March**.

More information is available on the kinross.cc website. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, tel 01577 865004 or email barrydavies57@btinternet.com

Mindspace Recovery College

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



Newsletter Deadlines

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
April	Friday 17 March	Saturday 1 April
May	Thursday 13 April	Saturday 29 April



Kinross-shire Fund

Grants available for local community projects



e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare, Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations

For more information and to download an application form, see www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund or telephone 0131 5240300

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am -12 noon

at the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office,
29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential. No charge. No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website www.healingrooms-scotland.org

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



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

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

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC would like to help celebrate the special occasion. PKC can arrange delivery of a basket of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



Blythwood Care collection in Perth

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

7 March, 4 April, 2 May, 6 June

Blythwood 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 Blythwood **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.



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



Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2017

Term	Start	End
Spring	Mon 9 Jan 2017	Fri 31 Mar 2017
Summer	Wed 19 Apr 2017	Thu 29 Jun 2017

Holidays and In-Service Days:

Spring holiday:	Mon 3 Apr – Mon 17 Apr 2017 (Easter Sunday is 16 April 2017)
In-Service day:	Tue 18 Apr 2017
May Day holiday:	Mon 1 May 2017 (tbc)

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- our deadline and publication dates
- what's in the next issue
- reminders of some local events
- occasional breaking news

'Like' our page to be kept informed. Search for 'Kinross Newsletter' or go to:

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Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The next visits are: **14 and 28 March**

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

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Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

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Saturdays 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4.30pm
Sundays 2pm – 4.30pm

Access also possible by arrangement

Email: dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

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1 High Street, Dollar, FK14 7AY

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Portmoak	Community Hall	1125-1140
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
Hatchbank	Road	1220-1240
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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

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

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

**First Thursday of the month,
10am – 12 noon**



**LA LECHE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL**

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

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

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

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461

www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

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.



Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com



★ Forever homes needed ★
★ for rescued Greyhounds ★

Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!

Please call or email for details
Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)
email us on femiejimmyf@aol.com



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point



**Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.

Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:
www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.



For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

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

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 (except 15th)
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm (except 15th)		
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film or music Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc	1.30pm		
	Balance & Strength Class	1.30pm		
Friday	Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow	1.30pm	(except 3rd)	
	Bingo	1.30pm	(except 3rd)	



Additional Events for March

World Day of Prayer
Chiropody

Friday 3rd 2pm
Thursday 2nd, 23rd 9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

Hearing Loss Support and Advice
Community Health & Wellbeing Support
Tai Chi

Monday 6th 11am - 12pm
Tuesday 7th 11am - 12pm
Wednesday 8th, 22nd 1.30pm - 2pm

Beach Party Afternoon - lots of fun and games
Kinross Community Care Advice and Information
Library Visit

Wednesday 15th 1.30pm - 3pm
Wednesday 15th 11.30am - 12pm
Thursday 23rd 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

Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and small businesses.

Kinross Community Care Advice & Information

Financial and Welfare Rights
Occupational Therapy Accessing Services
Community Alarms Appetito Meals

Kinross Day Centre

every month, 11.30am - 12 noon

15 March, 19 April

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.**

Items for Sale

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

TV Corner Unit £30

Pine unit hand painted in everlong olive branch.

Seller Details:

Caroline Flory
carolineflory@yahoo.co.uk

Sony 46" TV £100

Model KDL-46HX803. Full HD and 3D. Includes two sets of 3D glasses and cables. Full working order, excellent condition.

Seller Details:

Graham Haworth 07792 270609

Porch Awning Ground sheet £100

Matches Isabella awning. Excellent condition. Many extras available, please phone seller for details.

Isabella Awning £500

To fit 953cm caravan. Excellent condition. Comes with ground sheet and small indoor tent for children to use.

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Sandra Turnbull 01577 861957

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it.

We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174. On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP
www.hopepregnancy.co.uk
email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com
Helpline 01738 621174
We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

Kinross-shire Sports Hub Junior Park Run

The Kinross-shire Sports Hub was formed in 2016 with, amongst its objectives, the promotion of sport in the Community. A wide ranging fact find and survey was carried out to see what priorities the public had in respect of sport and one popular response was Junior Athletics and possibly a Junior Park Run.

The Hub Committee think that a Junior Park Run in Kinross would be viable and wonder if there are any volunteers out there who might be interested in joining a Sub-Group to make this happen. The work would involve making contact with the National Organising Committee to establish procedures, to find a suitable venue and to bring out a timetable for the run to be established. Any volunteers please contact: mail@andersons-kinross.co.uk



Situations Vacant

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

Full time Chef de Partie, Loch Leven's Larder, Channel Farm, Near Kinross, KY13 9HD

We have an exciting opportunity for an ambitious, creative chef who wants to work in a fast-paced, expanding company. You'll be passionate about using seasonal, local ingredients to surprise and delight our customers. Full qualifications and at least 3 years' experience required. Excellent work/life balance. Closing date is 6 March 2017. Please email CV and covering letter to hr@lochlevenslarder.com

Part-time casual café assistant, Pillars of Hercules, Strathmiglo Road, Falkland, KY15 7AD

The Pillars of Hercules is an organic vegetable farm with farm shop and 100% certified organic vegetarian cafe situated in Falkland, Fife. You must be well presented with immaculate communications skills. Previous experience is very much preferred. Friendly team player with a good understanding of organic produce and its benefits. This is an opportunity to work with some great produce in a great environment. Good hourly rate of pay. Please send a CV and brief covering letter.

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.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.



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

We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076

Empowering Lives, Improving Health

Diary for March

*A more extensive and regularly updated
Diary of Events can be found on www.kinross.cc*

Wed	1	Lent begins	
Wed	1	Business Breakfast with speaker Uwe Stoneman of RSPB	68, 95
Wed	1	Kinross in Bloom meets	48
Wed	1	Kinross CC meets	30
Thu	2	Fifty Plus Club Annual Lunch and AGM	66
Thu	2	World Book Day: Lindsey Gardiner at Loch Leven Library	24
Thu	2	Milnathort & Kinross Allotments Association Meeting, 7pm, campus	45
Thu	2	Kinnesswood in Bloom meets	57
Thu	2	Beetle Drive in Kinross Church Centre with The Thursday Group	94
Fri	3	Film night at Fossoway Church	89
Fri	3	Lionel Ritchie tribute evening at Kinross Golf Club	72
Sat-Sun	4-5	Optics Weekend at RSPB Loch Leven	82
Sat	4	Kinross & Ochil Walking Group: walks throughout the month	65
Sat	4	French Storytelling in the Library	24
Sat	4	Fairtrade Coffee Morning, Kinross Church Centre	94
Sun	5	Little Seedlings Club meets at Dobbies	
Mon	6	Kinross Hub, The Carers Café	94
Mon	6	Glenfarg Village Folk Club meets weekly	94
Tue	7	Kinross Tennis Club Annual Quiz	71
Tue	7	Orwell and Portmoak Church Guild charity meal	90
Tue	7	Fossoway & District CC meets	41
Wed	8	Nature Tots at RSPB Loch Leven: Wiggly Worms	82
Wed	8	Kinross-shire Churches Together Lent Study of Les Miserables begins	68
Thu	9	Kinross Garden Group meets	65, 94
Thu	9	Milnathort CC meets	34
Fri	10	Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP local surgery	4
Fri	10	Closing date for applications to Action Partnership funds	4, 9
Sat	11	Wildflower Meadow Workshop at RSPB Loch Leven	82
Sat	11	Portmoak Film Society: 'The Hunt for the Wilderpeople'	46
Sun	12	Ceilidh in Milnathort Town Hall	95
Tue	14	Citizens Advice Bureau in Kinross (also on 28th)	99
Tue	14	Portmoak CC meets	36
Wed	15	Introduction to composting workshop with MKAA (also on Sat 25th)	45
Thu	16	Lectures: Wonders of the Night Sky and Opportunities from Space and Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust Community Benefit Launch	56
Fri	17	Newsletter Deadline	1
Fri	17	Games evening at Common Grounds	45
Sat	18	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair	61, 62
Sat	18	Quiz Night at Orwell Bowling Club	94
Sun	19	Loch Leven Walkathon for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland	63, 82
Mon	20	Historical Society: The Way of the Wanderers	95
Thu	23	Kinross Floral Art Club Coffee Evening: Remember When ...	94
Fri	24	In the Footsteps of Allenby: talk by Col A K Miller on the Palestine campaign 1916-18	94
Sat	25	Wildlife Writing Workshop at RSPB Loch Leven	82
Sat	25	Guild Coffee Morning, Church Centre	86
Sat	25	New season opens at Kinross Golf Club	72
Sat	25	Quiz and Curry Night (Kinnesswood in Bloom fundraiser)	57
Sun	26	British Summer Time begins at 1am	94
Sun	26	Mothering Sunday	
Sun	26	Wildlife Explorers meet at RSPB Loch Leven	82
Wed	29	Consultation: Proposal for development at Burleigh Sands, 12.30-7.30pm at campus	12, 19
Wed	29	Kinross High School Spring Concert	61
Fri	31	Inner Wheel Bridge Afternoon	65
Fri	31	Quiz Night at Milnathort Town Hall for Broke Not Broken	54
Fri	31	Deadline for grant applications (KCCNL)	96