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Editorial

I have been asked to remind readers that it is the responsibility of householders to ensure that any hedges, shrubs, trees etc on their property do not cause any obstruction to nearby public areas such as footpaths. Now that spring is here, such vegetation can grow very quickly.

The other thing proliferating at the moment is elections! While this Newsletter was in production a General Election was announced for 8 June. First, though, we have Local Government elections on 4 May. You can find election statements from the candidates for the Kinross-shire Ward of Perth & Kinross Council on pages 3 to 7.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Newsletter.

Best wishes from the Newsletter team.

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

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Make Loch Leven area a National Park

Has there been consideration for putting forward the proposal that the area around Loch Leven and beyond be a third National Park? So far in the UK there are fifteen; two in Scotland and three in Wales.

A gateway to such could be the approach on the M90 and the A9 just after Kelty going North. From the M90 as the road bends round, there is suddenly a huge panorama, hills, Loch Leven and the castle. As we know, there is an abundance of flora and fauna, including endangered species, all much appreciated by tourists, locals, cyclists and walkers.

Perhaps if we were in a National Park, there might be a more cohesive overall plan for the area, rather than wee hamlets sprouting up all over the place, holiday chalets proposed in areas of scientific importance and noise pollution kept to a reasonable level for all.

C G King

Green bank, Talla Park, Kinross

Petition on Children's Play Areas

I am a grandfather with seven grandchildren. I'm a retired computer manager. I'm not a member of any political party or pressure group.

The idea of my gov.e-petition came from seeing several reports in the media that some local authorities are considering cuts to their budgets for children's play area maintenance and renewal as this was seen as a lower priority than other key services provision. In one TV news bulletin, I saw the story about cuts to play areas funding and a later report about the amounts of money Professional Football Clubs have at their disposal, to a large extent from TV deals such as the recent BT deal.

It struck me that the huge sums which seem available to the top professional football clubs could contribute to the funding of all our children's childhoods and their enjoyment of the play areas provided by local authorities across the country.

I believe passionately that all children have a right to enjoy their childhood and that we as a society must ensure that our children are enabled by the provision of safe and happy places to play. The play areas in our parks, gardens and other public areas are fundamental to all families and for many children can provide the only opportunities they have to enjoy life.

I have never started an e-petition before and it seemed a good way of enabling people, especially parents and grandparents, to stand up for children. The number of signatures required is quite daunting so I very much hope that everyone who believes that a levy on the super rich world of professional football to help our children is a good idea will both sign the petition and circulate the link around their families, friends and contacts in the hope that we can achieve the numbers needed to get the government to take up the idea.

This is the webpage for the petition:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/185162>

Yours sincerely

Roger Hurst, Kent
(address supplied)



Local Government Elections on Thursday 4 May

Scottish Council elections take place on Thursday 4 May. The Kinross-shire Ward of Perth & Kinross Council is entitled to four councillors. There are eight candidates standing for election.

Voting in local elections is by Single Transferable Vote. Fill in the ballot paper using numbers: 1, 2, 3 and so on. Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice. Put the number 2 in the voting box next to your second choice, and so on. You don't have to number every candidate.

Polling stations are open from 7am until 10pm.

The candidates for the Kinross-shire Ward are:

Mike Barnacle	Independent
Dave Cuthbert	Independent
Karen Grunwell	Scottish Green Party
David MacKenzie	Scottish Labour Party
Callum Purves	Scottish Conservative & Unionist
Willie Robertson	Scottish Liberal Democrats
John Ross	Scottish Conservative & Unionist
Richard Watters	Scottish National Party (SNP)

All were invited to submit election statements, which are shown below and on the following pages.

Mike Barnacle Independent

I have had the privilege of representing the people of Kinross-shire since 1999. During that time I have had the support of over 30 local people delivering leaflets and helping me keep in touch with constituents; I would like to thank them all.

I have significant experience in getting things done at the Council. I have held responsibility in the areas of the Environment and Planning; also serving on Roads and Transport. Working with Local Communities, together we can point to a long list of achievements, improved educational infrastructure,



environmental and recreational facilities, along with traffic calming measures making our roads safer for all users. I have also helped hundreds of residents with problems and issues.

I have been involved in three rounds of the Local Plan process, seeking to protect the Shire's environment from overdevelopment and making the views of residents heard. A number of important issues remain outstanding before our latest Local Development Plan can be published; such as restoring lost Landscape designations, wind farm and gypsy traveller policy revisions, enhanced protection for Loch Leven and the area's bio-diversity. I am well placed to ensure these meet the needs of rural communities.

I remain deeply concerned in the way the planning process works and am convinced that Kinross-shire needs a strong, well informed independent voice to protect its identity and interests up at Perth, one that will not be subject to the collective whip of a Party position.

There are a considerable number of matters that remain unfinished business and I wish to be in place to ensure the community's voice is heard. I therefore ask for your continued support on May 4th, would remind you that you should use your preferences and commend my website for more information than I could ever fit on a leaflet! – mikebarnacle.co.uk

Dave Cuthbert Independent

I am Dave Cuthbert, an Independent Candidate. I strongly believe in co-operation rather than confrontation and I do not think that party politics has a role to play at a Council level, as it is divisive, weakens the role of Councillors and encourages officers to take the lead.

This has led, I believe, to the current Administration's grandiose plans to make Perth the City of Light (cost: £12,000,000), turning St Paul's in Perth from a ruin with a roof to a ruin without a roof (cost: £2,000,000), spending £870,000 dredging the Tay, to allow



the loss-making harbour (projected to lose £262,764 in 2017) to continue operating and so on.

I was delighted to be elected in 2012, since when I have become a full-time Councillor, sitting on 14 Committees and sub-Committees at the Council, as well as dealing with all the Kinross-shire related case work which comes my way. I am Leader of the Group of Independent Councillors at the Council and Convener of the Council's Audit Committee.

I work closely with all the other local Councillors and have taken the lead in getting us together on a regular basis to discuss local issues and agree a common approach.

This is important, as unity brings strength and believe it or not, Kinross-shire is actually punching above its weight at the Council.

This has helped lead to the new roundabout at the Station Road/Springfield Road Junction; the new Primary School; Additional Parking at Mill Street in Kinross; £650,000 for A977 mitigation measures and many other benefits, too numerous to mention.

I have a lot of unfinished work at the Council which I would like to complete, hence my standing for re-election and I would ask you to please vote for me at the Local Government Election on the 4th of May.

Karen Grunwell Scottish Green Party

[No statement submitted]

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Local election candidates continued...

David MacKenzie **Scottish Labour Party**



I have lived in Kinross for 26 years with my wife, Karen, and children Gillian and Owen. I have been involved in the community in some way for all that time. I taught in the High School for four years, I coached the youngsters in the Kinross Colts and I was captain of Milnathort Golf Club in 2003. I was a Head Teacher for 20 years, retiring in 2014. I have been a member of the Labour Party since 1976.

Until the forthcoming election I was Vice Chair of the Kinross Community Council,

a position I had to give up under the rules governing the election. I am convenor of the Kinross-shire Community Council Forum, I am a member of the Area Planning Partnership which organised the recent Kinross-shire Decides event and I sit on the User Group for the new primary school in Kinross.

If there was ever a critical time in politics, it is now and making sure you have the best councillors is key to getting it right for Kinross-shire. The worst things that could happen on Thursday are a majority Conservative council fighting with Edinburgh or a majority SNP council lying down to Edinburgh and

passing on their form of Tory cuts. We need a "rainbow" of strong Councillors bringing inspiring ideas to the table in difficult times.

Education is my forte and I will fight to make sure Kinross-shire schools prioritise Kinross-shire kids. Cuts to teacher numbers and support staff have devastated the education of children, particularly those with additional support needs, and this has been made worse by schools happy to enrol pupils from outside Kinross-shire.

Get the best for Kinross-shire, **Vote David MacKenzie** on Thursday.

Callum Purves **Scottish Conservative & Unionist**



If elected in May, I would relish the opportunity to represent the county

in which I have grown up. Working for an MSP who is also a councillor, I have gained a valuable insight into the work of a local representative and regularly deal with council casework.

During this campaign, I have knocked on hundreds of doors to find out what matters most to residents and I would take the same approach if elected: being as accessible as possible and holding regular surgeries. One of the major concerns raised has been

overdevelopment. We must ensure that any proposed expansion has community support and that our local infrastructure can cope.

To the detriment of areas like ours, the council continues to be absolutely focused on Perth itself. Vanity projects like the City of Culture bid just go to show how out of touch the current SNP minority administration is with the public. If elected, I shall be a strong voice for Kinross-shire's distinct needs and priorities up in Perth.

Moreover, the recent budget – voted for by SNP, Labour and Independent councillors – put council tax up by a further 2 per cent in addition to the already exorbitant increases imposed

on homes in bands E to H by the Scottish Government. Furthermore, their budget failed to provide any assistance to those businesses affected by the Nationalists' revaluation of non-domestic rates. We need change.

There are only two parties with the sufficient electoral strength across Perth & Kinross to be in a position to form the next council administration. Voters at this election therefore face a clear choice: Either another five years of an SNP-run council up at Perth or a new Scottish Conservative & Unionist administration that will focus on the issues that really matter to people here in Kinross-shire.

Willie Robertson **Scottish Liberal Democrats**



I was first elected in 1995. Since then I have worked to improve Kinross-shire. I have enjoyed living and working in Kinross-shire for most of my life and know the area well.

I consider that good educational facilities, housing, sport and leisure facilities are very important.

Kinross-shire is an ideal place to bring up children. Like myself, all my children benefited from our excellent schools. I want our educational facilities protected and enhanced. I will campaign for investment for our rural

primary schools, some of which badly need capital spending.

I have worked to create safe cycling and walking routes throughout Kinross-shire.

Paths don't just bring great health benefits but have a positive economic impact. We have seen a growth of farm shops and cafes around Loch Leven since the opening of the Heritage Trail. This means employment and tourist revenue. I want to see more spin offs for places like Kinross High Street from the 220,000 visits the LLHT attracts every year.

Little things are just as important as big issues. Problems with litter, potholes, faulty street lights and broken pavements need to be dealt with.

I will continue to campaign for reduced speed limits where required and better road safety.

Kinross-shire is facing growing pressure from development. If not dealt with carefully, we are in danger of ruining the very things that make Kinross-shire a great place to live. If re-elected I will do my best to try and prevent this happening.

Over my years as a councillor I have learnt how to get things done, how to access funding and most of all not to take NO for an answer.

I have always tried to deal with constituent queries quickly and efficiently and work hard for a satisfactory resolution. If re-elected I will continue to do so.

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Local election candidates continued...

John Ross Scottish Conservative & Unionist



I would like to introduce myself as one of the two Conservative candidates standing in the elections on 4 May. I and my family have lived in Kinross for almost 25 years. For the past 15 years I have been a very active volunteer in our community working with the cricket club, coaching in our primary schools, and for 8 years I was the Kinross representative on the Perth & Kinross Sports Council Executive. In 2016, I was honoured to receive a Kinross-shire Community Volunteer

Award and to be named Perth & Kinross Sports Councils Volunteer of the Year for the work I have done within the community across Kinross-shire.

When I told friends I was standing as a candidate, many stated that they never knew I was "political". The fact is, I haven't been. Over the past few years I, like many people, have been frustrated and surprised by some of the council decisions regarding Kinross-shire. I have had many conversations with local business people about the way things are done and the Perth focus to services. I have heard local farmers' concerns about rural issues and I have seen sport and recreation side-lined at

a time when we all know we should be more active.

I pride myself as someone that can get things done. I have extensive knowledge of business planning, negotiating and management, and I am known as someone who can make things happen. I believe we need new ideas and positive action to really build Kinross-shire and I would work hard to carry this out for our community.

I hope the people of Kinross-shire will give me the opportunity to fight for what we need here and represent our interests and concerns. I am certainly fully committed to doing everything I can for our community.

Richard Watters Scottish National Party (SNP)



I am delighted to have been chosen unanimously by the SNP Kinross-shire branch to represent the SNP in the Council Elections on Thursday.

As a resident of Kinross, I am often out with my family walking or cycling while enjoying the fantastic scenery and facilities of our area.

I studied Geomatics (Surveying and Mapping) at Newcastle University before beginning my career as an IT project manager and developer, working on specialist mapping projects. I have worked with large utility companies, Central Government, Local

Councils, and other public bodies within Scotland. As both an external consultant and employee, I gained valuable insight into how Local Councils work, so I feel well equipped for the challenges and responsibilities of representing Kinross-shire as a Local Councillor.

As the current minority administration of the Council, the SNP have made significant investments in Kinross-shire, such as the new school now being built in Kinross, the redevelopment of the town centre, extra parking in Mill Street, and numerous traffic improvements in the area.

During the February decisions on the council budget, the Tories proposed to reduce support for rural bus services, Citizens Advice, parent councils, and primary school swimming lessons.

The SNP budget has instead committed the council to maintain all of what the Tories wanted to cut, and also increase funding for rural bus services, enforce dog fouling regulations, protect our green spaces, and invest £1.9 million in road safety.

On Thursday you can choose between a Tory council making cuts or an SNP council investing in our future.

If elected, I will work hard with the other elected representatives within the ward to continue building a better future.

Vote 1 for Richard Watters!

You can contact me at Richard@SNPKinross.scot or telephone 01577 212767.

Portmoak holds a hustings

In the lead up to local elections for the Kinross-shire Ward, Portmoak CC held a hustings on 11 April. Seven candidates began by presenting a short key message of their own. Thereafter, and under the most able guidance of the Chair, our own Louise Batchelor, they fielded challenging questions on a range of local topics. It was refreshing to talk about local matters rather than Brexit and Indyref2. It was an enjoyable evening for the 50 or so folk who came from across Kinross-shire. Even the candidates looked happy!

In these days of instant social media, the old fashioned hustings has its place, especially if you value more personal contact and want to see and hear potential councillors talk on local matters that affect you.

*Robin Cairncross,
Portmoak CC*



I to r: Willie Robertson, Scottish Liberal Democrats; John Ross, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party; Dave Cuthbert, Independent; David Mackenzie, Scottish Labour Party; Mike Barnacle, Independent; Louise Batchelor, Chair; Callum Purves, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party; Richard Watters, Scottish National Party

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Gift of treats for Rachel House

The Heart and Soul Holistic Centre has recently given free pamper sessions to relatives of children attending Rachel House, the Children's Hospice Association Scotland facility in Kinross.

The pamper sessions were courtesy of a very generous donation by an anonymous local couple, who wanted £300 worth of beauty treatment vouchers and £300 worth of holistic treatment vouchers to be gifted to the hospice.

The Heart and Soul Holistic Centre opened in October 2016 at 14 High Street, Kinross, and offers a large range of therapies, exercise classes and beauty treatments.



Zoe Tod (left) and Jen Meiklem (right) of Heart & Soul Holistic Centre present gift packages to two mothers of children attending Rachel House

Roadworks at Duncrervie

In order to permit carriageway patching works on the C420 Duncrervie Road, it is expected that a road closure will take place from **15 May** for a period of two weeks.

Vehicular traffic will be prohibited on the **C420** from its junction with Greenbank Road, Glenfarg to its junction with the B996 at Hattonburn Bridge, Milnathort, a distance of 5.81 km. The works will be carried out in phases during this period.

Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is: **B996 – A91**.

Microsoft Office specialist qualifications at Kinross Learning Centre

A suite of new courses accredited by Microsoft will appeal to anyone looking for an additional qualification for their CV or to improve their employment prospects. Kinross Learning Centre is launching Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) qualifications, which combine Microsoft's official e-learning courses and online study guides with practice tests and the exam.

MOS certification is an increasingly popular qualification for people looking to stand out in today's tough economic conditions. For employers, the certification provides skill-verification tools that can help to assess a person's skills in using the Microsoft Office suite of software.

Maureen Ross, Centre Manager, explains: "MOS is the only performance-based certification which validates the skills needed to get the most out of Microsoft Office. The flexible approach offered by the Learning Centre will open up access to the MOS certification, allowing learners to fit study around work and family commitments and helping them to stand out in today's competitive job market."

Each course combines Microsoft's official e-learning courses and online study guides with practice tests and the exam itself. Qualifications are available in **Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook**.

To find out more about the content and cost of these courses, please contact Kinross Learning Centre at 15 Swansacre Kinross, telephone 01577 863863, email pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk.

Christian Aid fundraiser around Loch Leven Heritage Trail



Christian Aid Scotland is organising a brand new event around the Loch Leven Heritage Trail on Saturday 3 June.

You can take part by completing a section of the trail or the full 13 miles, and choose to do so on foot or bike. Families, walking groups, guilds, churches and youth groups will love taking in all that the Loch Leven Heritage Trail has to offer with wildlife, history and remarkable views to enjoy.

Registration for the event is free and participants are provided with a fundraising pack to support their efforts to raise sponsorship in support of Christian Aid's work to fight global poverty.

Christian Aid works in 39 countries across Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East. Christian Aid works with local partner organisations for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. It is part of a wider movement for social justice.

If you would like to find out more, or register to take part, call 0141 221 7475, email events@christian-aid.org or visit christianaid.org.uk/scotland-events

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Discovery Day

at Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, Kirkgate Park

Sunday 28 May, 12 – 4pm

Loch Leven NNR is staging its fun-filled, family-friendly Discovery Day for the twelfth year.

This year, Discovery Day takes place at Kirkgate Park on the afternoon of Sunday 28 May. On offer will be plenty of free activities, including crafts and face-painting. There will also be nest box building, storytelling, and

lots of wildlife and nature displays. Visitors can learn more about what Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) does to manage Loch Leven, and the work of many other organisations, such as the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, and RSPB. These organisations all help to make the loch a great place for people and for wildlife.

* **Kids' activities FREE**

* **Discover more about Loch Leven**

* **Fantastic displays and stalls**

* **Lots to see and do**



There'll be loads of activities and interesting things to see and do. There will be the chance to get up close to underwater beasts, insects, newts and moths, and to find out more about birds, red squirrels, dragonflies and bats.

Teas and baking will be provided by Portmoak SWI.

For more information on the event, or how to get there, please call the SNH reserve office on 01577 864439.





Ethiopia Medical Project: 2017 visit to Buccama



Our arrival in Addis Ababa in mid February 2017 was, as ever, greeted with warmth and support. However, we were happy to finally stop lugging the 92 kg of clothes and medical supplies (carefully assembled over the year in Scotland) through airports and to the point of need at the clinic.

Our arrival in Buccama, a long, dusty, six-hour journey south, was a different matter altogether. Outriders met us at the sign for the clinic. Their horn beeping was the signal for the singing and dancing to start in earnest as they escorted us for our first sighting of the clinic extension, which EMP had proudly funded from our 2016 fund raising efforts.



The new extension to the clinic

Amid all the turmoil, the new building did not disappoint. We were amazed at the standard of building, and just how attractively it sat within the site. Trees and flowers had been planted around it, making it a very pleasant place to recover in.

We saw first hand the splendid beds and sanitary installation towards which Rotary Clubs in the East of Scotland had generously donated. Because of this, up to 20 additional patients can now be looked after professionally in the clinic, as in-patients, and with the best of equipment.

The ceremony for the inauguration and blessing of the building was held on 3 March. What a day that was, with wide attendance from dignitaries, sisters from all over Ethiopia, plus all the local people who had worked so hard to make it their own. It was to be a whole day of singing, dancing, speeches and eating. The feeding of the 5000 comes to mind, although in truth it was only 1000. Quite a feat, when you consider no electricity, no huge ovens, and no official caterers, except the woman who was brought in to cook the specially slaughtered bull!



Preparing the feast to celebrate the official opening of the extension

That done, the clinic got back down to its normal work, and Maureen and I reintroduced ourselves to our original purpose, of seeing and dealing with the mothers with uterine prolapses. One tremendous bit of progress is that Government officials are now stating that women's health, especially this condition, is no longer to be ignored.

Our daily education slots were well attended by pregnant women and well women, as well as the in-patients. Sisters and friends are now aware of what a "barca" is (as they call it) and that it can be fairly easily remedied, thus making their lives liveable once more. We are very grateful to SCIAF for making a big difference in this area with their discretionary grant in 2016.

We visited, and gave small donations to, our seven selected pensioners in the area, who are at the bottom end of the poverty table. These donations were funded by Michael's House, a wonderful charity in the USA, who help care for the elderly and the destitute.

As well as working in the clinic, we tried to walk for an hour each evening, when it is slightly cooler. This year seemed hotter, dirtier and dustier than ever before – no rains. Going out into the countryside is a further eye-opener. We see absolute poverty at first hand, and even the better-off are still sleeping on an earth floor, with a cow in the side room: very, very basic living. If we are accompanied by one of the sisters or Fellaketch, our nurse, the circle of followers is not so intense. If we were to go out on our own, we are just too interesting and white-faced, different – "Ferringhi" – not to be stared at by the children. Sadly, they have learned the handout "money, money" habit. The absolute dignity of the elderly men, and women, living well below our "breadline", struck us again and again. It is hard not to feel helpless in the face of it all.

What would you say to the little mother using basic crutches to support her withered legs? Her two-year-old, Sammi, is her helper and protector! What would you do about the cleaner, who carries her 15-year-old profoundly handicapped daughter around on her back? How would you help the woman whose only need is Warfarin after suffering a DVT, but there isn't any Warfarin in Wolayta? How about the salaries of the dedicated staff? What about transportation? How do you deal with people who say, "mission impossible", or "it's really not my problem"? We always have plenty of time to contemplate these things while we are there. We dream big dreams and believe that faith really can move mountains. It can. We have the proof. The experience of living here for a month is over for another year – our seventh – but the hard work begins again now we are back.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR COUNTLESS SUPPORTERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF HEART AND WALLET!

Jo Middlemiss and Maureen Burnett

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Jo getting reacquainted with Josephine, whom she helped to deliver, and Josephine's mother

Residents view Burleigh holiday park plans

Over 400 people attended the public consultation events held to explain proposals for a holiday park and associated infrastructure on land near Burleigh Sands. The consultations took place over a seven-hour period on Wednesday 29 March and a four-hour period on Saturday 1 April.

Members of the public examined maps, drawings and display panels, which covered topics such as Concept, Vision, Land Use Considerations, Transport, Natural Heritage and Community Benefits.



The public exhibitions on the Burleigh holiday park plans were well attended

Project representatives David Costello and Neil Gray from Rapleys Planning Consultants and Alston Birnie of developer the King Group were kept busy answering questions and discussing concerns. Visitors to the exhibition had the opportunity to complete comment forms.

The proposal site area is, in effect, three fields, stretching from the Burleigh Road adjacent to The Stackyard down to

the field just west of the Burleigh Sands woodland car park. Between 80 and 90 "2/3/4 bedroom lodges" are planned for the topmost field.

The exhibition plans showed a variety of suggestions for the middle field, which is bounded by the former railway line foot and cycle path to the north and the Burleigh Sands road to the south. The suggestions included: cycle cross and segway, outdoor adventure play area, tennis courts, bush craft area and car parking. Mr Birnie stressed that these were just suggestions, and encouraged members of the public to put forward their own ideas.

The southernmost field, bounded to the north by the Burleigh Sands road and to the south by the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, is earmarked for various uses including a café, a lodge for a bike and canoe rental facility, barbecue area, children's zoo, wildflower meadow and allotments.

The land on which the developments would take place is owned by the Kinross Estate Company.

The project representatives had intended visiting Milnathort, Kinross and Portmoak Community Council meetings in April and May to explain the proposals. However, these visits have been postponed until June, due to the volume of comments received. It is understood that the planning consultants have received over 100 completed comment forms. David Costello of Rapleys wrote to the three community councils in early April, saying: "... it is the intention of the developer to incorporate this feedback along with the outcomes of the EIA Scoping exercise to be undertaken with Perth and Kinross Council into a re-design of the proposal."

So far only a "Pre Application Notice" has been lodged with Perth & Kinross Council. A planning application has not yet been made.

Central and West Fife Show

The Central and West Fife Agricultural Show takes place at Hilton Farm, near Kelty, on **Saturday 3 June**.

Anyone wishing to submit entries to the show is urged to do so soon, although some categories can be entered on the day.

The event allows the public to see a variety of animals, including dairy and beef cattle, sheep, poultry, Clydesdale horses and ponies. The show is also continuing its strong focus on local produce and crafts and has spaces available for new exhibitors in the Food and Crafts marquee.

There are a number of classes for children to enter, including the very popular Scarecrow Competition, Design a Poster, Decorated Boiled Egg and the Vegetable Animal Competition.

The Young Farmers Home Produce Show is open to all and includes classes for Lemon Drizzle Cake, Tablet and a Traditional Trifle.

There will also be a vintage and modern classic tractor parade, show jumping and a dog show.

For more information, see: www.westfifeshow.co.uk

The show is on from 9am to 5pm on the day and is held by kind permission of the Thomson family.

Admission is £10 for adults and £5 for OAPs. Children under 14 have free entry. Parking is free.



Organisers are calling for entries to the Central and West Fife show

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ASSET to launch community share offer

ASSET (Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust) will launch a Community Share Offer that will provide the community of Kinross-shire and beyond the opportunity to invest in Aero Space Kinross (ASK).

The Community Share Offer will open on 8 May and run for seven weeks, closing on 30 June 2017, or when the maximum target is reached. There are two reasons for the share issue and to reflect that there will be two separate classes of shares:

- 1) Runway – for working capital
- 2) Flying Club – for a Kinross High School Build-a-Plane project

The minimum investment per person in (1) will be £100 for people living in Kinross-shire, or £200 for those living outside Kinross-shire, and in (2) the minimum investment per person will be £5000.

The Community Share Offer is being developed with support and guidance from Community Shares Scotland. Sandra MacAskill, programme officer

for Community Shares Scotland, said: “We are delighted to be involved in this exciting and innovative space flight and aviation project in Kinross. It will be an incredible opportunity for local communities to have a family orientated and fun education based learning centre in the heart of Kinross. It is a project with far-reaching benefits – inspiring many young people about space and flight technologies, creating new jobs, putting Kinross on the aerospace map and bringing an increased tourism traffic in due course to the wider area”.

Look out for the ASK Community Share Offer Launch countdown starting on 28 April and check out aerospacekinross.com for updates on the Launch.

This is your chance to be a part of Aero Space Kinross – don’t miss out. For more information, or to register your interest, please contact Alisdair Stewart: alisdair@aerospacekinross.com



Lathro site closely monitored

PKC's Head of Planning, Nick Brian, has assured Kinross CC that the Lathro Farm development site “is being closely monitored” following Persimmon Homes’ unauthorised work on the site in March.

PKC issued a Temporary Stop Notice on 20 March after contractors for Persimmon had carried out extensive groundworks before formal planning consent had been granted. The formal “Decision Notice” granting permission was issued on 31 March, but this states numerous conditions that must be met before work can begin.

After an address to the April community council meeting by Lathro Park residents, Kinross CC wrote to Mr Brian to echo the residents’ concerns about some of the documentation supplied by Persimmon as part of its application to build 300 houses on the site. Two principal areas of concern are flood risk and the effects on the road infrastructure.

Mr Brian told the CC that the Temporary Stop Notice “... will remain in place until such time as we are satisfied that the developer has met all of their obligations regarding pre-start conditions.”

A “Lathro Action Group” has been formed by residents who would like to work with PKC to ensure that the development

is carried out in a way that adheres to the requisite planning and environmental legislation and ancillary requirements. An important concern for the action group is the absence of a clear indication of the promised 3m wide buffer strip on the southern boundary of the Persimmon site across most of the published plan for phase one of the development.

From the air, the extent of the groundworks begun by Persimmon is clear to see.

(The Milnathort to Kinross road runs along the bottom of the picture. Lathro Farm buildings are on the right. Loch Leven Leisure and part of the Lathro Park estate on the left.)

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Regular Sessions for Young Children

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- **Bookbug Rhymetimes:** Saturdays 10.30am-11am. Wednesdays 2pm-2.30pm.
- **Pre-school Story Time:** Tuesdays 10.15am-10.45am. Thursdays 10.45am-11.15am. Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.
- **Stay and Play:** Wednesdays 2.30pm-3.30pm. Thursdays 11.15am-12.15pm.

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

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.



Café Book Club

Saturday 6 May at 11.15am is the date for the next session of the library 'Café Book Club', informal get togethers where we discuss books that we have read, loved or loathed. Have a coffee, relax, chat to other book lovers and find what they recommend for your next read. Unlike other book clubs where you have to read and discuss just one particular title, this is an opportunity to get together with other book lovers and share your passion for books.

In April's meeting several of our members rated the 'Hare with Amber Eyes' by Edmund De Waal as a fantastic read.

A book lover who comes often comes along to this Saturday morning book club says, 'I love the opportunity to have a relaxing chat over coffee about books and to pick up some great suggestions from others, a really nice way to spend my Saturday morning!'

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.

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



Damage to turf worth thousands

Between 12pm on Friday 7 April and 1.30pm on Monday 10 April, someone using a quad bike damaged the grass at Turffit Ltd, Kinross. The grass was damaged beyond repair causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. Anyone with information about this is urged to call the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please quote reference CR/9221/17.

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New double yellow lines

New parking restrictions were due to come into force on some Kinross streets on 22 April (while this Newsletter was at press).

There should now be double yellow lines on Emslie Drive on both sides of the road near its junction with Station Road. Similarly, double yellow lines should now be in force at the entrance of Douglas Crescent. These have been introduced to prevent inappropriate parking during school drop-off and collection times.

Double yellow lines are also being introduced at the entrance to Muir Grove, Muirpark Road and Muirfield Grove, plus small lengths of the Muirs adjacent to these junctions. These areas are close to the Masonic Hall.

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A man of many talents

Peter Ewing, 1819 – 1900, Weaver, artist, photographer, bookseller and stationer



In the late 19th century there were several photographers making a living in Kinross-shire. Only two were born in the county, Andrew Gardiner from Milnathort and Peter Ewing from Kinross.

Peter was born circa 1819 in Orwell parish and this fact is only known from information subsequently supplied for the census. His mother Elizabeth Shand, who was born in Auchertool in Fife circa 1793, worked as a pirn winder and the only information known about his father comes from his death certificate, which states that a Peter Ewing, molecatcher, was the "reputed" father.

The 1841 census showed Peter and his mother living in West Damside and working as a cotton handloom weaver. There is a marriage proclamation, in Kinross parish records, for Peter Ewing and Agnes Blackwood, "both of this parish", dated 11 July 1847. They went on to have eight children. Although no baptism record exists, Agnes was born about 1826 in Kinross, the daughter of Robert Blackwood and Catherine Barclay. The 1851 census notes Peter, with his family, living on the east side of Main Street working as a woollen weaver.

On Saturday 24 April 1847, *The Kinross-shire Advertiser* ran an advertisement for the sale of oil paintings by Peter Ewing who is said, in the leader article, to be a self-taught artist, wishing to take lessons in the art of colouring. The



Peter Ewing, 19th century photographer and artist

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paintings were on view at the premises of George Barnet, Bookseller, with two hundred tickets on offer at a shilling each.

Peter was a member of the Photographic Society of Scotland, entering several stereoscopic landscape photographs of Kinross-shire at their Edinburgh Exhibition in December 1868. Some of these images can be seen in the collection of Kinross (Marshall) Museum. Peter also took studio photographic portraits of various people in Kinross, ranging from Katie Murie, the bread and trinket hawker, to the Reverend John Wright, Free Church

Minister. The photograph of Peter himself was most likely taken by his son Robert who became a professional photographer. Another son, Peter, was an amateur photographer of botanical subjects.

Until 1863 the Ewing family lived and worked in rented accommodation in Main Street. In 1864, the Valuation Roll listed him as the proprietor and occupier of a house and shop in Main Street and a year later he also owns another house in Main Street, but that is standing empty. To date, it has been difficult to identify exactly where Peter Ewing's property was located, Main Street and High Street being used in different records to describe the same street. Further confusion arises when the 1881 census has Peter's address as School Wynd, High Street.

Peter Ewing died of softening of the brain on 25 March 1900 in a house in Main Street, Kinross, and his death was certified by Dr David Oswald (1860-1929). Peter's son, William, whose home address was Wick, registered the death.

In addition to Peter Ewing photographs located in Kinross (Marshall) Museum, there are photographs by him in the Steedman Family Papers (MS204) held in Perth & Kinross Council Archive. The photograph of Peter Ewing is reproduced with the permission of this Archive.

*Janet Mullan, Volunteer
Kinross (Marshall) Museum*

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Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

For one Saturday in April, Milnathort became the centre of the sporting world as locally trained horse *One for Arthur* became the second Scottish based horse in history to win the Grand National. This was a huge achievement and I was delighted to see the Lucinda Russell trained horse gallop home in front of thousands in Liverpool. And it wasn't just in Liverpool where the crowds were assembling to catch a glimpse of the champion horse, as nearly a thousand people greeted *One for Arthur* as it made his way back to Milnathort. Scotland is not generally regarded as a natural home for horse racing but this win has really put Kinross on the map as a place to train thoroughbreds.

I was pleased to see my colleague and Leader of the Scottish Conservatives, Ruth Davidson, take time in early April to visit CHAS's Rachel House in Kinross. CHAS do an incredible job in giving young people with terminal illnesses and their families a new perspective and outlook on life. For twenty years CHAS has provided services that make every minute count for children with life-shortening conditions. When life is short it is important that every day is special in its own right.

The Scottish Government's infrastructure minister Keith Brown recently made his way to parliament to inform MSPs that the new Forth Road Bridge is to be delayed again. Originally due to open in December, then May, and now between July and August, the project is officially running over schedule. Whilst the safety of those who work on the bridge is paramount, this announcement came as a huge disappointment to bridge enthusiasts and commuters alike. Recently travellers have experienced huge delays on the bridge as articulated lorries have overturned in high winds. HGV drivers are warned not to use the bridge in extreme weather conditions as, unlike the new bridge, there is no wind-shear protection. As a result of these unnecessary delays, I am calling on the Government to take additional steps to ensure that HGV drivers do not, or are not even tempted to cross, during windy conditions. Ultimately only the new bridge will protect drivers against wind related closures and I would hope that it is third time lucky for the Government and the bridge opens as planned this summer.

Liz Smith MSP always welcomes feedback from constituents. She can be contacted in the following ways:

Post: The Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, PH2 6PL

Email: Elizabeth.smith.msp@parliament.scot

Telephone: 01738 553990

Carers organisation plea to candidates

An organisation is calling on candidates in the local elections to commit to supporting carers and to protecting the services that carers, and the people they care for, rely on.

Maureen Summers, chair of Perth & Kinross Carers Voice, said: "Supporting carers makes financial sense. In Scotland, carers save the economy £10.8 billion every year. A small amount of investment in supporting carers can sustain someone in their caring role. Not investing and having to replace the care we provide is hugely expensive; supporting carers can reduce the need for local authority and health intervention for care and cared for people."



Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP for Ochil and South Perthshire

Last month saw a raft of changes introduced to the UK's social security system.

In particular we've seen the introduction of a number of new measures which will have a particular impact on many people and families in Kinross-shire who currently claim Employment Support Allowance or tax credits. These follow the changes to Personal Independence Payments which I know have impacted on an increasing number of people who live here.

Over the past few months I've seen an increasing number of disabled constituents who have sought support from my team and I following unexpected changes to their social security payments.

My team and I are always happy to discuss and advise constituents on the next steps when they have faced such changes and to ensure that each person who lives here receives all the support that they are entitled to as part of their social contract with the state.

Over and above my work in parliament to highlight specific issues of concern, in the coming weeks I'll also be seeking to meet with local job centre offices, advice services and charities to ensure that we have a joined up approach when dealing with people who have issues with their social security payments, and to provide the right support for everyone in Kinross-shire who needs it.

I'll keep constituents posted about any follow up actions from these meetings.

As always, I hold regular surgery appointments by appointment in Kinross-shire and across the Ochil and South Perthshire constituency. I'm particularly happy to support any constituents with concerns regarding social security payments or other matters. For an appointment, or to speak to my team for advice, please call my office on 01259 726661, or email me at tas.mp@parliament.uk



Roseanna congratulates Grand National Winners

Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire, has congratulated the jockey, trainer and owners of this year's Grand National Winner *One For Arthur*.

The first Scottish-trained winner of the race since 1979, *One for Arthur* is trained at Lucinda Russell's Arlary House Stables in Milnathort.

Ms Cunningham said: "Many congratulations to *One For Arthur's* jockey, trainer, owners and everyone involved with Arlary House Stables for this fantastic victory.

"To be the first Scottish victor of this iconic race in nearly 40 years is a wonderful achievement.

"I am pleased not only that *One For Arthur* crossed the line first but that all horses and riders were unharmed.

"No doubt many of my constituents will have had a few pounds on the local hope - some of them having their annual flutter - and I wish them all the best enjoying their winnings."



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News from the Health Centre



Asthma awareness

World Asthma Day falls on 2 May, and the aim of the day is to raise awareness of asthma and promote the care and support of those affected by asthma. Asthma is a condition which affects the airways - the small tubes which carry air in and out of the lungs. When asthma flares up, the usual symptoms are wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, and tightness in the chest. The symptoms can range from mild to severe and not everyone will get all of the symptoms. Some people experience symptoms all the time because they are not taking their medicines, or not taking their medicines correctly.

We have run an asthma clinic for many years at the Health Centre. The clinic is run by two of our senior nurses, Sue and Heather, and they provide help and support to patients affected by asthma. Patients are invited for a review at least annually but reviews may be more frequent if medication is changed or if a patient has had a severe asthma attack. During the review, the nurses will assess whether the patient's asthma is under control by discussing their symptoms and whether these symptoms affect sleep or daily activities. The nurses will also discuss and prescribe medication and they will ensure that patients know how to use their inhalers properly. A recent study has shown that a third of patients using an inhaler are not using it correctly.

Sue and Heather are keen to help patients manage their asthma better and stop the symptoms having a negative impact on life. Failure to manage symptoms can lead to severe asthma attacks which could lead to hospitalisation and be life threatening. They would therefore strongly encourage all those who have asthma to attend their review appointments. The nurses review all requests for asthma medication and will contact patients who are requesting medication, but not attending review appointments.

The website of Asthma UK has a lot of very useful information about asthma and can be found at www.asthma.org.uk

Let's talk about Health & Care in Kinross-shire, Tuesday 23 May

Health & Social Care in Perth & Kinross has been undergoing changes over the last year. An Integration Joint Board is overseeing business. There are Public Partners on the board as stakeholder members. There are two principals and two reserves. Ann Gourlay and Sue Cole are carrying the user voice while Bernie Campbell and Maureen Summers speak for carers.

The Public Partners are planning a visit to Kinross-shire to talk about their role on the board and some of their activities in the previous year. The redesign of Health and Social Care Services has created increasing opportunities for both people who use services and unpaid carers to be more actively involved in shaping these changes.

As representatives of both users of services and unpaid carers we are really keen to hear the views of a wide cross section of people who live in the Perth and Kinross area.

Please come along to Kinross Day Centre for 2pm on Tuesday 23 May. There will be a short presentation, questions and discussion. Light refreshments will be provided.

If you can't make that date and want to explore other ways to get involved, including an election of User representatives on the board in June, please get in touch.

Lindsey Bailie, South Locality Manager, will also attend. We hope there will be good sharing of experience, hopes and concerns as our population health and needs change.

If you have any queries, please contact the Public Partners on 01738 567076 or email publicpartnerspkijb@outlook.com

Susan Bathgate

Community Engagement Worker

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, May 1917

3 May	Alexander Anderson
6 May	Henry Miller
8 May	James Luke Wyness
13 May	John Brunton
20 May	George D Todd

First World War Timeline 1917

29 April – 20 May Mutiny breaks out in French Army

Community Website

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

Police Box



Road Traffic issues

There have been complaints this month of vehicles speeding through the village of Drum. Some enforcement was carried out by our Road Policing unit and two drivers were issued with conditional officers 3 points and £100.

Community Surgery

We held our first Kinross Community Surgery at Kinross Church Centre on 11 April, which was very well attended. We plan to arrange surgeries in the villages during the forthcoming months. Dates and venues will be advertised on PC Spalding's Police Scotland twitter page @KinrossPC or twitter.com/policescotland

It has been good to get out and about on foot in the local community, with several foot patrols being carried out in Kinross, Minathort and Glenfarg. Complaints of youths causing minor vandalisms in the Glenfarg area are being reported. Please, if local to the village, ensure your children are not involved. Areas of damage were Arngask School, after school times.

The foot patrols in Kinross are always good to speak with some local celebrities in Kinross, namely Nancy Wilson who has worked from many a moon in the Co-op (and formerly David Sands). Mr Winton always has a smile on his face and a good greeting for the officers when popping past Hunters the butcher. Davy has worked there for 33 years, man and boy. Dougie and I had the pleasure of bumping into Mrs McBain who showed us the Provost's lamp outside her house. It is always great to get the chance to stop and have a blether with the locals; we even bumped into now retired local bobby Ronnie Child.

Identity Theft, Fraud and Scams

What is Identity Fraud? Criminals may seek to obtain information which personally identifies you and 'steal' your identity to commit fraud. All kinds of personal information can be of use to criminals including your name, address, national insurance number, credit card number or any other financial account information.

In what ways can thieves steal an identity?

Identity thieves work in a number of ways including:

- **Stealing items:** They may steal your purse or wallet, mail, cheques or credit or debit cards.
- **Searching bins:** To find bills or other paper with your personal information on it.
- **Card skimming:** To steal credit or debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.
- **Using false pretences:** Obtaining your personal information by acting as someone they're not.
- **Phishing:** Pretending to be financial institutions or companies and send emails, spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.
- **Diversion:** Diverting your billing statements to another location or person by completing a change of name and address form.

How can I spot an online scam and protect myself?

There are a number of simple steps you can take:

- Take a few moments to check through transactions on your bank statements.
- If you spot anything unusual or suspicious, contact the bank directly to establish fraud at an early stage. If you are expecting correspondence from your bank and it doesn't arrive, contact the bank immediately to inform them of your concerns.
- If you move house, tell your bank and credit card company immediately.
- Royal Mail offers a redirection service to help prevent identity fraud when you move house.
- Regularly get a copy of your personal credit file from a credit reference agency.
- Cancel any lost or stolen cards.
- If your passport or driving licence has been lost or stolen, contact the organisation that issued it.
- Don't use the same password for more than one account and never use banking passwords on other websites. Avoid using your mother's maiden name or dates of birth as passwords.
- NEVER give bank details to anyone unless you know and trust them and even then be cautious.

How should I store and dispose of my personal documents? All kinds of mail that you receive will contain

information you would not wish to share with a stranger:

- Don't leave personal documents lying around for anyone to access; keep them in a safe place.
- Don't put mail containing any personal information out for recycling or in your wheelie bin with your normal household rubbish.
- If you are not filing personal documents then destroy them, including all household utility bills, bank statements and credit card bills.
- **DON'T JUST BIN THEM – SHRED THEM!**

How should I act at a Cash Machine?

- Memorise your PIN; never write it down. Shield the keypad when entering it.
- If you spot any camera or suspicious device attached to a cash machine, **DO NOT USE IT.** Contact the bank as soon as you are able, preferably at the time.
- Immediately report a card which has been confiscated by a cash machine and, if you can, don't leave the machine – use your mobile to call the bank immediately.
- Never rely on a stranger to help retrieve a confiscated card or assist you at a cash machine.

What else can I do that will help protect me from Bogus Phone Callers? Fraudsters can also make contact with you by phone. The caller might pretend to be from your bank and ask for personal information such as bank details or they might be someone offering you a deal or a prize.

- Consider making your phone number ex-directory.
- Don't give out any personal information unless you are the one who made the call and you are certain of the identity of the person you are speaking to.
- Don't give out your credit card or bank card details to strangers on the telephone.
- NEVER tell somebody your bank PIN, even if they claim to be the bank or police. If the caller is genuine they will never ask for this information.
- Don't give out information which may infer that you live alone, are older or vulnerable.
- Never send money to anyone who claims to have a prize for you.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Contact local Trading Standards – they may be able to use approved 'call blocking' technology.

Police Scotland – local community

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

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

PC Douglas Stapleton.



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Website: www.scotland.police.uk

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 April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 April 2017 were: CCLrs Bill Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), J Bryson, D Colliar, B Davies, I Jack, D MacKenzie, T Stewart and D West; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson; Alisdair Stewart, Chair of Kinross-shire Partnership, and Pauline Watson, administrator of kinross.cc website; and four other members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCLrs M Blyth and M Scott; Cllr J Giacomazzi and community police.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: No police present, but PC Spalding had sent a report by email. There were two instances of vandalism to domestic properties and one of vandalism to a fence at Loch Leven Motors. On 1 April a motor vehicle had been stolen, later colliding in Station Road with another vehicle. All crimes are currently under enquiry. Police have carried out speed checks on Springfield Road; the highest speed recorded was 31mph. The area will continue to be monitored.

kinross.cc Website: A suggestion had been made that Kinross CC could take over full responsibility for the community website. The website is jointly owned by the Kinross-shire Partnership (KP) and Kinross CC. However, KP has lost its funding source (an annual grant from PKC). Nevertheless, KP intends to keep going, so it was agreed that responsibility for the website should remain jointly between Kinross CC and KP. Running costs of the website are approximately £1,500 per year. More income could be gained from the businesses that have links from the website, but Pauline Watson, the administrator, requires assistance with the invoicing. Cllr Jack offered to help. Cllr Jack confirmed that £370 was paid from the CC administrative grant at the end of March towards the running costs of the website.

Lathro Farm housing site: Two residents from Lathro Park, Bob Mitchell and Ken Whitcombe, addressed the meeting. They have concerns regarding Persimmon Homes' proposed development on the Lathro Farm site. The planning application was granted consent by PKC's Development Management Committee in September 2016, but this was subject to numerous conditions which had to be fulfilled before planning consent would be issued. Persimmon started work on site in mid March before the Decision Notice had been issued, i.e. before planning consent had been formally granted. One of the Lathro residents contacted PKC, whose enforcement officer issued a Temporary Stop Notice on 20 March. The Decision Notice granting permission was issued

on 31 March. Mr Mitchell and Mr Whitcombe, who have professional expertise in relevant disciplines, are particularly worried about traffic implications and the environmental impact of the development. There are various anomalies in the documents submitted as part of Persimmon's application. The quality of the transport assessment gives cause for concern. Mr Mitchell and Mr Whitcombe would like the CC's assistance in ensuring that Persimmon carries out the development in the correct manner. Ward councillors present said that a section 75 agreement was supposed to be drawn up and that their understanding was that Persimmon would be paying for traffic mitigation measures. Persimmon's planning application for Lathro Farm is on the agenda for the forthcoming Development Management Committee (12 April) again anyway, as a mistake had been made in one of the agreed "informatives" regarding the period of time in which the development must start. The ward councillors will contact PKC planning to see if an updated informative about transport can be included. The CC will also write to PKC head of planning.

Queen's Tree: Cllr Colliar reported that the trees have been planted. Plaque wording etc to be discussed next month.

Telephone Kiosk: Cllr Davies reported that BT is very slow in dealing with applications for adoption.

Defibrillators: Cllr Davies proposes approaching the community campus to see if a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) could be located there instead of in the telephone kiosk. This was agreed. Cllr Davies will follow this up. Fundraising by Hunters is going well for a PAD in the centre of town outside their shop.

Bus stop real time unit: Cllr Colliar has spoken with Andrew Warrington of PKC public transport unit. Mr Warrington is assessing what would be required. He will set up a meeting, which Cllr Colliar will attend.

Campus events post: Cllr Bryson reported that he had written to PKC's Greg Boland. The campus management group will be provided with monitoring statistics. Mr Boland invited Cllr Bryson, or another Cllr, to be a representative on the campus management group. The CC agreed that Cllr Bryson should be the representative.

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New Planning Applications: no comments were made by the CC on these.

17/00369/FLL Siting of 10 storage units at 14 High Street, Kinross.

17/00353/FLL Alterations to dwelling house at Myrewell House, 5 Montgomery Street, Kinross.

17/00295/FLL Formation of access road, turning head, soakaway, installation of LPG tanks and associated works, land 110m SE of Beaufield, Balado.

17/00475/FLL Alterations to dwelling house at 15 High Street, Kinross.

17/00379/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at land 60m NW of West Courtyard, Balado.

17/00380/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at land to the west of Balado House, Balado.

17/00497/IPL Renewal of planning permission 14/00186/IPL (erection of a dwelling house) (in principle), land to the rear of Station Road, Kinross.

17/00481/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 7 Cameron Avenue, Kinross.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC:

16/02146/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and stables, formation of a private riding arena and vehicular access (change of house design), land 120m W of Chance Inn Farm, Kinross. Withdrawn.

15/01512/FLM Erection of 300 dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated works, land 300m NW of Lathro Farm, Kinross, for Persimmon Homes. Approved.

17/00202/FLL Alterations to dwelling house, 4 Kirklands Court, Kinross. Approved.

17/00096/FLL Change of use shop (class 1) to café (class 3) and installation of flue, 129 High Street, Kinross, for Unorthodox Roasters. Approved.

Other Planning Matters: Holiday Park at Burleigh Sands: Public exhibitions of plans took place on 29 March and 1 April at the campus. These were very well attended. There had been some email exchanges with the consultants, Rapleys, regarding their visit to the CC. In view of the large number of comments received at the exhibitions, Rapleys need more time to adjust the proposals before presenting to the CC. Rapleys now intend to give a presentation at the June meeting of Kinross CC.

Cllr Barnacle suggested that the Burleigh Holiday Park would be a suitable topic for the Forum of Kinross-shire CCs to discuss. This was agreed.

The Proposal of Application Notice (ref 17/00002/PAN) is on the agenda for PKC's Development Management Committee meeting on 12 April. Cllr Cuthbert suggested that members of the CC look at the report online and let the ward councillors know if there are any further matters that they feel should be considered.

Public Show of Concern (Holiday Park at Burleigh): The Chair had received an email indicating that there will be a "Public Show of Concern" in reaction to the proposed Holiday Park on **Saturday 13 May**, 10am-noon, at the Cross in Milnathort.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration: Willie Young of PKC had responded to the CC's letter. He again said that a puffin crossing at the south end of the regenerated area poses a logistic challenge but he will be in touch following the road safety team's investigations. Email correspondence via ward councillors indicated: (i) that work on installing the proposed puffin crossing near the Co-op had been due to begin on 10 April but has been postponed to 17 April; and (ii) that the 20mph signs discussed at the last CC meeting cannot be moved as far as suggested without a new traffic order, however PKC Roads are aware of this request via ward councillors.

Signs at Roundabouts: The Secy had written to PKC's Keith McNamara and received a response, which was circulated. Cllr Davies felt the response was inadequate. He said that Fife Council have roundabout sponsorship but signage is classy looking and doesn't impede vision. He is drafting a letter which he will circulate to the CC.

New Primary School: All is going well.

Miscellaneous Correspondence: Approximately 55 emails or other items of correspondence had been received since the March meeting. Most had been forwarded to Cllrs and a summary of all mail had been circulated prior to the meeting. Items mentioned at the meeting were:

- **Health & Social Care Partnership:** PKAVS requesting assistance to set up a visit from the community representatives on the Integration Joint Board of the PK Health & Social Care Partnership to Kinross-shire in May. Cllr West volunteered to assist.
- **Networking for Community Organisations:** Invitation to send a representative to this event at the campus on 26 April. Cllr Colliar volunteered to represent the CC.
- **Fossoway Pre-school:** Thank-you letter received for KCCNL funds granted to buy hand-washing units.
- **Hockey pitch opening:** Invitation to attend formal opening of new hockey pitch.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Sainsbury's: Cllr Robertson wrote to Sainsbury's about the excess bottles and the traffic flow. He has not received a reply yet but the bottle bank area is tidier.

Toilets at the Pier: Cllr Robertson reported that another meeting is due. Cllr Davies represents the CC. The other stakeholders would be obliged if the CC would submit the



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planning application, as there is a discount for CCs. This was agreed. SNH will be responsible for the facility. PKC will provide financial assistance through the comfort scheme.

Balado: Cllr Barnacle reported that the results of a consultation in Fossoway regarding spending a capital sum on the A977 have been submitted to PKC. There was strong support for a reduced speed limit between Balado crossroads and Turfhill.

Scottish Government consultation on planning: Cllr Barnacle submitted a response. He will copy this to the CC.

Developer numbers: Cllr Cuthbert reported that it is expected that the developer of the Pace Hill site in Milnathort will submit a fresh application, probably for 80 dwellings. This is in spite of the local plan indicating that the site should have 50 dwellings on it.

Other Business

Street names: Suggestions required for street names for developments at the former High School and Lathro Farm. CC members should send these to the ward councillors.

Hedge notice: It was agreed to ask the Newsletter to publish a notice reminding householders of responsibilities regarding cutting back hedges etc.

Yellow lines: The double yellow lines planned for the areas around the Masonic Hall are due to be painted soon, but some road repairs are required first. There were terrible parking problems at the weekend (1 April).

KCCNL grants: Cllr Davies reported that valid applications received by the spring deadline of 31 March total a record amount of £23,000.

Environment around Giacomazzi's, Kinross: Cllr Davies said that since the opening of the new Giacomazzi store at Lathro, the litter levels around the skateboard park have increased greatly. There are no bins at the skateboard park. Two bins located there previously were set on fire. It was agreed that Cllr Davies will write a letter to the head teacher of the High School with respect to educating young people regarding responsibility for litter. It was also commented that the grassy area (council land) between the pavement and the store is getting very muddy as people take a short cut to the shop.

Persimmon development (former High School site): Cllr Davies has heard complaints from residents adjacent to the former High School site. Houses nearby are allegedly being damaged during the preparatory works (e.g. slates from roofs). The ward councillors have received similar complaints. A PKC enforcement officer has been to the site and PKC is monitoring the situation. Cllr MacKenzie asked what the developer's hours of operation should be. These should be listed in documents on the planning portal.

KCCNL bank account: Cllr West confirmed that the application forms have been sent to the bank.

Entertainment Licensing: A query was raised as to what residents should do if they are disturbed by noise from a hotel after licensing hours. Ward councillors advised that residents should contact PKC Licensing Department each and every time this occurs.

Proposal to postpone the AGM

Community councillors who are office-bearers must resign from office-bearer positions if they wish to stand for election to Local Government. Cllr MacKenzie had recently resigned from the position of Vice Chair for this reason. As the Kinross CC AGM is scheduled for the night before the Local Government elections, this effectively disbars those Community Councillors who are standing in the Local Government elections from being voted to office-bearer positions on the CC. Cllr MacKenzie said he did not wish to hold the position of Chair or Vice Chair in any case. It was agreed not to change the date of the CC's AGM.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC, and the AGM, will take place on Wednesday 3 May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the AGM and Meeting on 3 May

Annual General Meeting: Apologies; Minutes of 2016 AGM; Chairman's Report; Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report; Appointment of Officer-bearers; Dates, times and venues of regular meetings for June 2017 to May 2018; Any Other Business.

May Meeting (Draft): Apologies; Declarations of Interest; Minutes of April Meeting; Police Report; Matters Arising; Planning; Report from KCCNL grants meeting; Kinross Town Centre Regeneration; New Primary School; Correspondence; Reports from Councillors; AOCB; Date of Next Meeting.

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

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Fossway & District CC News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 5 April 2017 were: Community Cllrs C Brown, J Donachie, C Farquhar and T Duffy (Chair); P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; and Members of the Public (MoP).

Apologies: CCllrs A Cheape, G Pye and G Kilby; P&K Cllrs J Giacomazzi and W Robertson;

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.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: Cllr Barnacle reported the final matrix of consultation feedback is being collated and will be issued shortly. The feedback received so far: considerable community support for 20mph speed limits through all of the A977 villages consulted. Cllr Cuthbert reported that there was also considerable community support for vehicle-activated signs at village gateways. CCllr Duffy asked what other areas might be appropriate for vehicle-activated signs. Cllr Cuthbert agreed that further discussion between relevant PKC officer and the community would help in ascertaining this and that some of recently secured budget for road improvements could fund such works. If any members of the public know of a Vehicle Activated Sign in need of renewal, please get in touch with a local councillor or the CC.

Crook of Devon and Drum Growing Together and Powmill in Bloom Group: CCllrs Duffy and Farquhar announced that Crook and Drum Growing Together along with Powmill in Bloom Group will be collaborating through a fundraiser held at Kinross Farmers Market on 22 April. It is hoped the fundraiser will help raise the profile of both groups and open the opportunity for further joint projects. One MoP asked if any funds raised by the two bloom groups could go toward improvements in Rumbling Bridge Village; unfortunately this would not be possible as each bloom group is established to serve their respective village with limited numbers of volunteers. CCllr Duffy suggested that should any community within Fossway wish to establish a Bloom Group, there is a considerable number of funding opportunities available such as PKC, the Kinross-shire Fund and hopefully soon funds from the RBCHS. CCllr Duffy and CCllr Farquhar would be happy to provide guidance to anyone looking to form a Bloom Group. The Bloom Groups are greatly encouraged by the improvement to the appearance of the villages and would encourage further volunteers to join as well as collaboration with other groups. CCllr Duffy reported that a planting day is being arranged for a date to be set in May; follow relevant social media groups to look out for a date for what is sure to be a fun day and great family event.

Blairingone War Memorial: CCllr Brown reported that a written method statement would be required from a mason in order to pursue funding for this project and will arrange site visits with further stonemasons requesting this along with quotations. Cllr Cuthbert offered to find some recommended masons through PKC Heritage Trust also. Cllr Barnacle reported that listed building consent for the memorial's relocation has lapsed, however this can be resurrected as part of a recent planning application on the site with the current owner, Profile Projects, willing to assist in this.

LDP Public Consultation: A special meeting will be held at on 18 April at Fossway Primary School where all proposals put forward for LDP2 will be discussed. CCllr Duffy reported that the CC has not yet received a report of results from the consultation event held earlier this year and as a result could not make comment on the proposals. Cllr Cuthbert confirmed there would be opportunity to review the report before the special meeting, allowing for more informed discussion on the 18th. Cllr Barnacle reported that a summary of the consultation results had been circulated between local representatives indicating a mixture of responses from different villages. Cllr Barnacle raised a serious concern that should no further areas for development be zoned within Fossway, it would leave **no** zoned land for future affordable housing stock within the region. Cllr Barnacle reported that a petition formed by residents of Rumbling Bridge demonstrated a majority of the village objecting to further development within the village. One MoP noted that despite some public parking being indicated as part of the Rumbling Bridge proposal there is already parking allocation for walkers at Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home, however no sign has been erected identifying this as it is seldom used. Another MoP raised concerns there would be no benefit to the local community with further development with similar planning conditions relating to past developments yet to be realised or enforced. A further MoP reported that there is a signature from each house in the village contributing to the petition. CCllr Farquhar raised a concern that there is currently no accessible parking at Rumbling Bridge for those with disabilities.

Station Road Adoption: Cllr Barnacle reported that further signatures agreeing to the adoption contract are required and should be finalised this week; following this, the road adoption can be confirmed through PKC legal dept. Cllr Barnacle hoped that the contract would be set this month, however this is unlikely due to the aforementioned delays.

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Foul Habits: Cllr Duffy called for local residents' feedback on dog fouling in the area following a call from a local resident for the CC provide attention on the subject. Cllr Duffy suggested the possibility of forming a group to specifically tackle this problem depending on community interest and volunteers. Cllr Duffy has gathered some creative ideas that may help tackle the situation, such as spray-painting locations of fouling with highly coloured paint, or carefully considered signage on walks suffering from high rates of fouling. Free Poo Bags are available in the Crook of Devon and Powmill shops. If anybody knows of a walk or place that requires a particular Poo Bin or signage, they should contact a Community Councillor. One MoP did voice a concern that some paths and pavements suffer more so from horse manure resulting in pedestrians having to deviate from the walkway.

Cllr Nominations: Cllr Duffy confirmed that the May meeting will be the CC AGM and was sorry to report that Cllr Kilby has tendered his resignation. Cllr Duffy has called for anyone interested in joining the CC to get in touch. Please contact a Community Councillor directly, via the Facebook page or email at fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Councillors' Reports

Mike Barnacle:

Ivy Cottage: Little to no progress with existing owners. A disrepair notice has been served. Katrina Morrison asked for update. Property has been secured and made safe to prevent entry, however a decision needs to be made on how the community might wish to progress this. Cllr Farquhar raised concern that the rear of the building may not be secure.

Drum Main Street: Prohibition of entry for commercial vehicles and a 20mph vehicle request has been made and are currently being considered by PKC roads department. The Naemoor road 30mph limit extension has also been requested and will be implemented.

Rumbling Bridge: A request for vehicle activated signs and traffic calming has been made, which Cllr Barnacle has followed up with PKC. A traffic survey will be conducted on both sides of the bridge and will explore feasibility of VAS or traffic lights also noting that the recent roads budget can help contribute to the delivery of these projects.

Powmill: Feasibility of a new recycling point in the village is currently being explored with a possible new location near Powmill Milk Bar being considered.

Dave Cuthbert:

Budget: The Independent group tried to work with all parties to contribute to the budget such as 1.6 million for roads budget to improve pavement safety, road safety and signage. This has provided results in Kinross and Milnathort. Funds for Action partnerships have also been provided – participatory budget event to tackle social inequalities. Hopefully this can become a community-led endeavour in the future, targeting local needs instead of a top down approach. Overall this is an improvement on previous years.

Planning Matters

17/00239/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse at Drumpark, Drum. No CC comment.

17/00503/FLL Formation of vehicular access and installation of bollards at Birchbank, Main Street, Crook of Devon.

One MoP raised a concern that the proposed access would be dangerous and that the current moveable bollards are not in use. Cllrs will review their decision.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing.

Other Business

One MoP raised concern if the land adjacent to Craigton Lane was still part of the LDP as an employment site. Cllr Barnacle confirmed this was still the case. One further MoP raised concern that there is a planning condition that the road be improved to a particular standard if development is to happen. Cllr Barnacle and Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that this could not be enforced unless the road is adopted or the land zoned for this use is developed.

Cllr Barnacle reported that local residents have raised concerns of overdevelopment at Newfield Drum, a view supported by several MoPs not in attendance. Cllr Barnacle suggested that upon reviewing the planning history of this site, that this may indeed be the case. There was a general consensus that certain planning decisions made recently have contradicted others, causing ongoing confusion for both the community and the CC as to how planning come to a decision of what sites and settings are acceptable for development; there was also the ongoing situation where it was felt that planning conditions were not being enforced.

Braehead condition enforcement: Cllr Barnacle has arranged a meeting with relevant persons to discuss planning conditions which still have not been met within this area.

SG Consultation: Cllr Barnacle reported that the opportunity to comment on the Scottish government planning consultation is now over and results will soon be published online.

One MoP raised concerns about the completion of works at RBCHS, particularly at the access point from A97 with signs, sandbags etc still being present. Cllr Duffy will follow this up. Cllr Brown proposed a 'Landing Page' within the www.fossoway.org website or a social media platform bringing together groups, businesses, attractions and enterprises within Fossoway, providing a space for both locals and visitors to find out more about the opportunities available in and around our community. Keep an eye out for future updates on this and get in touch with Fossoway CC if interested in getting involved.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting and AGM

AGM agenda: minutes of 2016 AGM, Chair's Report, Treasurer's Report, election of office bearers.

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, Station Road Adoption, Blairingone War Memorial.

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC (AGM) takes place on Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 7.30pm at Fossoway Primary. All Welcome.

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Portmoak Community Council News from the April Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 18 April 2017 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), B Calderwood (Treasurer), S Forde, D Morris, A Robertson and T Smith; and 12 members of the public.

Apologies: P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert, W Robertson and J Giacomazzi and PC Atholl Spalding.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: *Drainage at the Green.* PKC had assessed the problem and proposed to put in place gravel banding strips which would improve the problem. At the same time the path to the new development would be stabilised.

Portmoak Archaeological Project. Wendy Macphedran and Nicola Carmichael introduced an exciting, innovative and ambitious new project which aimed, as part of Scotland's 2017 year of history, heritage and archaeology, at celebrating Portmoak's rich history of heritage and archaeology. A project team including Professor David Munro had taken this work forward and secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland to support a range of activities. The remit was both broad and inclusive with community-wide participation and many activities considered including further "digs", communication about the life and happenings in Portmoak using different media and guided walks and tours. A provisional programme extending from May through to October was circulated and would shortly be advertised across the community. It would include project work with the school and an opportunity to collect and record as an oral history first-hand accounts of life in Portmoak in years past. The project organisers would welcome contact with anyone willing to help with such information. The CC warmly welcomed and supported this initiative.

Recycling provision, Kinnesswood. CCllr Dave Morris reported that he had joined with PKC officers on a visit to determine a suitable site for a bottle bank. Subject to confirmation, this would be behind the bus shelter at the centre of Kinnesswood.

Emergency Plan. The CC had been made aware of the Scottish Government's programme to support community resilience which aimed at: 1) ensuring support and caring for the most vulnerable; and 2) providing from within the community emergency support in the face of a significant

and protracted disaster. SSE provided grant support for this programme. It was acknowledged that to take this forward having an Emergency Plan in place would be a key first step. The CC would take advice on how best to prepare such a Plan.

Reports

Police: A written report from PC Spalding told of damage to turf at Turfitt caused by a joy rider on a quad bike. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 16, 23 & 30 March and 5 & 12 April were noted.

Treasurer: The General Account at the end of March was £389.27 while the Michael Bruce Way account was £739.71, giving a total of funds on hand of £1,128.98.

New Planning Applications

- a) 17/00616/FLL 2 Bishop Terrace Kinnesswood, Erection of a Balcony. No comment.
- b) 17/00578/FLL 14 Gamekeepers Road Kinnesswood, Erection of a Balcony. No comment.
- c) 17/00477/FLL 69 Whitecraigs Kinnesswood, Extension to dwelling house. No Comment.
- d) 17/00368/FLL land 40 metres south of The Orchard Leslie Road, Scotlandwell, Erection of a dwelling house, garage and installation of an oil tank. No comment.

Progress with Developments:

- a) *Westfield Restoration and Regeneration Project, Fife (16/03661/EIA).* The CC noted that the objection lodged by PKC and supported by the CC had been recently rebutted by the developers and their agent. Following the local elections the CC would seek a further meeting with ward councillors and officers from Fife and PKC Councils to review the matter. A further approach to Scottish Ministers would be explored.
- b) *Former Lomond Inn: proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwelling houses (16/03661/CON).* Extensive demolition on the site had taken place leaving the core old Inn in place. The stability of the Inn now appeared uncertain. The CC was aware that PKC Building Control had recently assessed the building and that a report was awaited. Formal planning consent to proceed with the development had yet to be granted.
- c) *Development at Glenlomond – proposals to build 13 houses (16/00751/FLL).* The final phase of the demolition of the old hospital was now in hand. Formal planning consent to proceed with the development had yet to be granted. A request to remove the old Leven Glen signs at the Balgedie junction with the A991 was made.

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Roads: PKC's response to the CC's submission on traffic through Portmoak had yet to be completed. In the meantime the CC had learned that: a) there is to be an A911 "Action Plan" although its status and timing was not known; b) improvement to the path from Scotlandwell along the A911 to the Hall could be included in the Action Plan; and that c) there was not much sympathy from PKC towards restricting speeds within the settlements of Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell to 20mph.

Paths: Lighter evenings and a drier season had encouraged the start of the work of the paths programme, which now its focus for the year ahead. The CC was pleased to welcome three new volunteers to the Paths Group.

Hustings for PKC elections. The CC reviewed their recent Hustings, looking to see if there was any way in which the arrangements might be improved. The event was an enjoyable success for all participating with around 50 in attendance. A further 20 to 30 would have been a welcome addition. The CC considered that the timing of and the arrangements for the event were appropriate. There could be scope to improve its promotion although there seemed no obvious way to do that.

P&KC Ward Cllr Reports: No oral reports. Cllr Giacopazzi had submitted a written report confirming that PKC officers were not sympathetic to the introduction of 20mph speed restrictions in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. The matter should be reviewed after the local elections.

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

Correspondence from Bishopshire Golf Club. The Club had contacted the CC to express concern at the recent unilateral decision of residents to reduce the height of the cypress hedging and to remove other trees at the lower end of the path from Stephen's Field leading to the A911. The Club took the view that holes created in the residual hedging now placed the public and properties at risk from errant golf balls. This in turn could affect the insurance needed to play the course. The CC had tried to pursue a consensus solution with both residents and Club and, with that in mind, had written to the owner, A & J Stephen Ltd, setting out the work that it would like to see done before it assumed ownership of the path. It had had no response from A & J Stephen. The Club would now contact A & J Stephen and would consider the place for netting to safeguard against balls passing through the holes.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9 May 2017 in Portmoak School Kinnesswood. This would include the AGM.

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Cleish & Blairadam CC News from the April Meeting

The meeting on 3 April 2017 was attended by CCLrs H Somerville, P Fraser, R Cairney, F Whalley, F Principe-Gillespie; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, D Cuthbert, M Barnacle and four members of the community.

Apologies: CCLrs R Kitchin and M Traylor; and P&K Cllr J Giacobazzi.

Westfield: PKC and SNH have objected to this application.

Nivingston: No reply to the CC's letter.

Path: Cleish has been granted a walking/cycling route through the village but for this to be possible on Keltybridge/Maryburgh road it was thought it would be necessary for the road to connect to existing walk/cycle routes

Cleish & Blairadam Newsletter: Delivery is under review.

Crime Prevention: Police not in attendance. Now the good weather has returned, speeding motorbikes on the B9097 are in evidence.

Financial update: Current balance in account £256.21 after having settled accounts for web, newsletters and halls. A hosting deal has been organised so that CC members have a CC address.

Planning

Extension at Benarty View: approved.

House at Templeton Farm: approved.

Change of use of office at Sunnyside Farm: approved.

Cattery at Beauford Cottage: approved.

Change of house type at Burnside House, Kinnaird: approved.

Retrospective planning for forestry offices and workshop opposite Greenacres entrance: refused. Cllr Barnacle to speak to David Rennie re this application.

Change of house type at 4 Templeton Cottages: the CC submitted a comment.

New planning applications

Single storey extension to 2 Blairfordel Cottages: no comment from the floor or the CC.

Outdoor arena at the Paphle, Cleish: 45'x 25' arena to be constructed just outwith the conservation boundary. It was agreed that before comment was made a site visit would be arranged as there were a few trees to come down.

Mawmill: biomass boiler was approved.

There was a query as to the progress of the building at Boreland.

Blairadam Update:

Fife Council have set aside £10,000 for repairs to the Kelty Bridge

New tracks and trails signs have been erected.

The road from Blairforge to Kinnaird bends is deteriorating. Cllr Robertson is going to contact roads dept with photographic evidence.

Cleish Update:

A comment was made re the state of the verges in Cleish and the quantity of mud on the roads. A hole had appeared just east of the Boreland Junction. Cllr Robertson to get in touch with roads dept after receiving photographic evidence.

Other Business

One CC member asked the PKC councillors if there was any update on the review of the Cleish School estate. It was thought that it would be 2018 before there was any movement on this.

The proposed chalet development at Burleigh Sands was mentioned but as no application had been made then no comment was passed.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 5 June 2017 at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall. The AGM will also be held on this date.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

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Club & Community Group News



Common Grounds

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Since our last report there certainly has been a spring in the step of our treasurer, John Colebourn, with two very successful fundraisers. Our Games night achieved the sum of £463! We had action packed fun including Irish bingo, beetle drive, shove pound to bottle of whisky (never let it be said the competitive spirit is dead!) and then, off to the dogs, after a tasty supper.

Each of the five races was strongly contested with loud support for the chosen trainers and the evening closed with the presentation of the Common Grounds African Silver Cup. Under a different hat our Treasurer came out the winner!



Anne Eve, project coordinator (right) presenting a cheque for £800 to Caroline McKay of Link Community Development

Our Project Lunch was equally successful, with £318.50 being raised. Caroline McKay from Link Community Development International shared some shocking statistics regarding the

lack of education worldwide, especially concerning girls. Statistics, however, that can be improved with relatively small sums of money and it is inspiring to realise that our small but significant efforts can have such life changing impact. We were delighted to present Caroline with our donation of £800 for her charity.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the success of both events, with a special mention of our guest organisers of the games night; Kate Francis, Betty Brennan and Alexis Crawford. By visiting us for a coffee stop, you too would be helping to change lives. Worth remembering?

Project: Our project for May is Freedom from Fistula which we last supported in July 2013. The charity works with some of the world's most destitute women. An estimated 2 million women and girls in Africa are suffering from obstetric fistula caused by prolonged, obstructed childbirth and lack of access to maternity care. The charity helps women and girls by providing free surgeries to heal their fistulas and free maternity care to prevent fistulas and ensure safe childbirth. In addition to the health services, they provide education and empowerment programmes to impart basic skills, reading, writing and numeracy, as well as vocational skills such as sewing, craftwork and basic business skills. 100% of donations go directly to the projects as administration costs are met by The Gloag Foundation. The charity has projects in Malawi, Kenya, Sierra Leone and Madagascar.

Project lunch: Our next project lunch will be on **Wednesday 19 July**. There will be a speaker from the charity 'On Call Africa' at 12 noon in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and Fairtrade tea/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.

Circle Dancing

Circle dancing is flourishing, and we would love to share it with you folks out there who have yet to experience it. We meet on Tuesday mornings at Millbridge Hall in Kinross from 10.30 am to 12.20 pm, and Wednesday mornings at the Dance Studio in Junction Road, Kinross, from 10am to 11am. No experience is necessary as all dances are taught, and walked through.

This year we have had sessions to acknowledge the Chinese New Year, St. Valentine's day, St. Patrick's day, the coming of Spring and some party celebrations.

Circle dances range from slow and gentle to more energetic styles. We are waiting to welcome you into the circle. If you would like any further information, please ring Lynne on 01259 742173.

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Potager Garden

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With the mild spring weather, all is starting to grow well at the garden, and we are pleased to welcome back our volunteers on Monday mornings.

Our plants have already been selling well at Fossoway Store in Crook of Devon, and are now also available at Hunters butchers. Plant sales and advice are also available at the garden on Mondays from 10.30am to 12.30 noon, or by arrangement with Amanda. We will also be providing hanging baskets and other plants to the Tennis Club, and the Boathouse restaurant.

Our **AGM** will be held at the Church Centre at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 31 May**. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear about our developments over the last year.

We are also planning a **coffee morning** and 21st birthday celebration at the garden on **Saturday 24 June**; further details next month.

For any enquiries, please contact Amanda James on 01577 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com.



Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Spring is the perfect time to come out walking with us. Explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you're new or returning to walking, or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join our friendly and relaxed group. You will be made very welcome. **We have recently lost several male members due to house moves, ill health etc and would particularly welcome any men who would like to try walking with us.** We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

Weekend Walks

Sunday 14 May: Lochore Meadows to Vane Farm, 11 miles.

A fairly recently opened path. Along the side of Lochore up to Harran Hill Wood. Through an undulating woodland area to the top of the hill, then down to Vane Farm for lunch. Return via very steep uphill paths. Spectacular views and, hopefully, bluebells.

Saturday 27 May: Doon Hill and Lochan Sping, Aberfoyle, 8 miles.

An undulating walk with stunning views. Pass Coveland Campsite and Lemahamish Pool. Follow river past Doonhill Fairy Trail to Kirkton graveyard. Round Loch Sping and return. In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots or strong shoes and waterproofs. Bring water, a packed lunch and a hot drink.

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

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 9 May: Gartmorn Dam and Linn Mill.

An easy walk along wooded waterside path and quiet roads with open views. Return along the south side of the dam.

Tuesday 23 May: Gilderland Walk, Falkland and Pillars of Hercules.

An easy walk along good paths, between beech hedges, through woodland and past an old sawmill.

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

Kinross & District Probus Club

Bumblebees presented by Eldon Zuill



On 5 April, we heard a most interesting and humorous presentation by Eldon Zuill who is an active member of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

To the general public, bees are instantly recognisable but there are distinct differences between the appearance and lives of bumblebees, honey bees and solitary bees.

The importance of the bumblebee cannot be overstated. They play a vital role in pollinating crops that provide us with the food we eat and the colourful flowers in our landscape.

One of the main differences between bumblebees and honey bees is their lifecycle. Bumblebees are very social insects, living in a nest of up to 400 bees, with each nest ruled by a queen and which last for only one year. In early spring the queen emerges from hibernation to start a new nest. Once she has built up her strength, she will lay her first batch of eggs, which will hatch into female workers. They continue to feed the queen and nurture the colony. Towards the end of the summer, the queen produces male offspring along with new queens. After mating, the males, the workers and the old queen die off, leaving only the new queens, who go into hibernation until the spring, when the bumblebee lifecycle begins again.

Eldon has developed a keen interest in this fascinating insect and he was able to show us a fine selection of pictures clearly highlighting the different bumblebee species of which there are six or seven common in Scotland. He advised the meeting of how everyone can help to support this vital insect which plays such an important role. Develop a bumblebee friendly garden by planting bee-friendly flowers. Ask your garden centre for information or visit Vane Farm which is the site of one of the first 'Bee friendly meadows'.

The sound of bumblebees buzzing in our gardens is always a sign that summer is here and temperatures are on the rise. Let's make sure we always have them around.

Vote of thanks was given by John Pleass.

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Kinross & District Rotary Club

The annual inter primary schools quiz took part on 23 March in the Loch Leven Community Campus. Teams from Kinross, Milnathort, Portmoak, Cleish, Arngask and Fossoway took part and, after a very close-fought contest, Portmoak Primary School were the winners. The team from Portmoak will now go on to the area final, which will be held on 26 April at Balwearie High School, Kirkcaldy. We wish them luck.



The winning team from Portmoak Primary School receive their trophy from Club President, Malcolm Wood

A Clay Pigeon Shoot was held at Cluny Clays on 25 March, when even some of the more experienced shooters found some of the clays challenging.

The guest speaker on 27 March was Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector of St Paul's Episcopalian Church. His talk, entitled 'Commonality of Purpose', explored some of the common objectives between the two organisations. Earlier, past President Cliff Megginson presented cheques to representatives from CHAS, Kinross Voluntary Group and Rural Outreach Scheme, Scottish Charity Air Ambulance, and Kinross, Milnathort and Kinnesswood in Bloom.

The Annual General Meeting of the club was held in the Kirklands Hotel on 3 April. In the absence of current President, Malcolm Wood, next year's President, George Lawrie, reviewed the past year's activities and the success of the Breakfast Meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The various committee chairmen reported on their projects. Of particular note was the £7900 raised for the Ethiopia Medical Project and the 325 shoeboxes sent to Eastern Europe. The committee chairmen for the coming year are: George Lawrie (President), Sean Bolton (Vice-President), Brian Timms, Ross McConnell, Barry Davies, Eddie Mackay, Eric Williamson, Andy Middlemiss, Phil Teal and Dugald McIntyre.

Willie Shand took us on a tour of Argyll at our meeting on 10 April, which was illustrated with some excellent photographs. We started off at Loch Awe and ended up on Seil Island, with some interesting tales along the way.

Meetings

We meet most Mondays at the Kirklands Hotel, Kinross, at 6.30pm. On the third week of each month the Monday meeting is replaced by a Tuesday breakfast meeting at 7.30am, also at the Kirklands Hotel. Why not come along and find out what's happening in the club and meet some of the members? Contact the Club Secretary, Brian Timms, by email at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com to find out more.

Kinross in Bloom

Spring for Kinross in Bloom is the start of the busy time of the year, looking after the new planters with daffodils, tulips and primulas commencing to flower. Added to that, some 3000 plus summer flower plugs have been delivered to our polytunnel, and by now have been replanted into larger cells ready to be planted up into hanging baskets. The planting of hanging baskets will take place the weekend of 6/7 May, and we can always do with some extra help, so if you can spare an hour or two that weekend to do something for the community, we will be very pleased to see you. Phone Derek on 01577 862833, Iain on 01577 208110 or Aileen on 01577 861477. Alternatively you might like to be a volunteer driver for our watering buggy and take part in our watering programme, keeping the plants fed and watered. If interested, please ring any of the above numbers.

Our 200 Club winners for April are:

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| 1. 55 Sir David Montgomery | 2. 07 Mrs T Bowstead |
| 3. 52 Mrs E Milne | 4. 43 Mrs D McDiarmid |

Congratulations to all.



Kinross-shire Day Centre

We would like to thank staff of the Bank of Scotland who came to give us a talk on financial security. They explained how to deal with unsolicited telephone calls and how to stay safe on the internet. It was also very interesting to hear about how banks will continue to develop their use of technology in branches, but we hope they never replace the friendly faces in our local branches.

On a more frivolous note, we had a beach party (without sea, sun or sand!), but we had lots of fun playing traditional beach games and enjoying non-alcoholic cocktails and ice-creams. We even had a coconut-shy. It was a great way to cheer everyone up and encourage us to think of summer not too far away.

If you are retired and live alone, you are warmly invited to come along and have a look at what the Day Centre has to offer. Most of our service users simply come to enjoy a bit of company and a home cooked, three-course lunch. There are lots of activities as well, all of which are optional and, of course, transport in our minibuses is included in the price of lunch. For more information, drop in for a chat over a coffee in the coffee bar or phone Nan Cook on 01577 863869.

Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

We were treated to a fascinating talk by Robert Ormerod in March. He is an award winning photo journalist who has exhibited widely across the UK. His talk covered a couple of his recent photo projects, which included the 'Doomen' of Glasgow and the Red Road Flats.

Our annual joint evening with the Scottish Wildlife Trust was very well attended and it has become a highlight of the year for the club. Our speaker was a passionate environmentalist from Dundee University called Tracey Dixon who took us on a journey from Australia to the Arctic and on to Madagascar. Her photos of the wildlife and landscapes from these locations were truly stunning.



Our final speaker last month was Libby Smith, who shared some of her post processing secrets and tips. Post processing is now an important component of the modern photographic process and is often the difference between a good and a great photo.

Our regular meetings are held in the Church Centre, Kinross every Thursday at 7.30pm from September through to April. 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.

It's worth noting that we continue to meet informally on Thursday evenings throughout the summer at various nearby locations to hone our photographic skills. Prospective new members are always welcome to come along.



The so-called Fairy Pools on the Isle of Skye by David Sharman



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Kinross and District Art Club

The 50th Anniversary year of the club is proving to be a celebration of the artistic talent in this area and of the enthusiasm for the visual arts. The membership continues to grow and the weekly sessions well attended, although traditionally attendance dips when the sun comes out and people are tempted to spend time on their other interest – the garden!

Demonstrations and workshops are popular with the members and there have been some superb ones lately, the most recent being a wildlife painting session by renowned Scottish artist Lara Scouller, whose work is exhibited regularly in the Open Eye Gallery in Edinburgh. See her website at: www.larascouller.com. This was a hands-on workshop and the perfect complement to the wildlife theme the club has embarked on this session, to share our 50th Anniversary celebrations with RSPB Loch Leven, who will be exhibiting some of our paintings throughout the month of June.



A beautiful wildlife painting by renowned Scottish artist Lara Scouller, guest demonstrator at KADAC recently

The second workshop was conducted by Vice Chair of KADAC, Sybil Galbraith, who is an expert in the technique of applying gold leaf to enhance a painting. Examples of the results achieved by members will be on display at our exhibition in September (6-9th), where 'gold' will be one of our Anniversary themes.

Finally, thanks to three of our members: Sybil Galbraith, Stewart Niven and Tom Sutton-Smith, who donated paintings to an Art Auction at the Crieff Hydro in aid of CHAS.

For more information on the club, see our revamped website (a work in progress!) at www.kadac.co.uk



Crook & Drum Growing Together

Last year we formed this new bloom group and we placed some planters around the two villages, with support from Dobbies. We also gained a grant from the Kinross-shire Fund, and were able to plant extra daffodils on some verges, and the triangular road junction with the B road, opposite the filling station.

As in Kinross, the daffodils have looked splendid this year, and we intend to extend them further this autumn.



Some of the daffodils in the centre of Crook of Devon

We are also planning a new flower bed in this green area with plants to attract wildlife, hoping they will not be eaten totally by the rabbits who frequent it!

We have also been liaising with Powmill in Bloom. Thanks to Dave Cuthbert for supporting our groups. We have also met with our local Community police officers to discuss several thefts from both groups.

We are holding a fundraising stall for both groups at the Farmers market in April, and **thank everyone who donated** second hand books. Thanks also to several generous local businesses who gave us some prizes for the tombola.

We would welcome any new members who could help with planting events, watering of one or two tubs during the summer, or who has good fundraising ideas. We have also been liaising with Fossoway Primary School, who have received some seeds from Dobbies to grow their own vegetables this year.

Our main **planting day** for the summer will be on **Saturday 20 May**, meeting at the Village Hall at 10 am. All are welcome; no experience needed.

Our **AGM** will be held in Crook of Devon Village Hall on **Wednesday 24 May** at 7.30pm; all welcome.

For any ideas or queries about the group, please contact Amanda James on 01577 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

Forty people attended the quiz and curry night and £333.80 was raised for Kinnesswood in Bloom funds. For the £6 entrance fee, everyone had a lovely buffet, a great raffle and many thanks are due to Raymond, our lovely quizmaster.



This year marks 250 years since the death of the poet Michael Bruce. Plans are continuing for the installation of an interpretation board in the Michael Bruce garden. There will also be an art exhibition on the subject of landscape, produced by the children of Portmoak Primary School. These will be linked to poetry inspired by the life of Michael Bruce and displayed in the garden areas of Kinnesswood.

We had a good response to our request for knitters to make birds and bees to display around the village. We also had a volunteer to crochet birds and bees. Patterns and wool are still available.

Once again Kinnesswood in Bloom has decided to enter the Best Kept Village, Take a Pride in Perthshire and Beautiful Scotland.

Gardening work has continued with the older children in Portmoak Primary and, once again, vegetables have been planted in the raised beds. John and Rory had to do a few repairs to the raised beds this year. Meanwhile, Primary 1 to 3 are planning their own projects in the outdoors so watch this space.



Kinnesswood in Bloom volunteers

Shelagh recently represented the group at a presentation organised by the Rotary. We were delighted with a cheque for £100 and will be placing a Rotary plaque on one of the village tubs.

Work parties started on 1 April and there was an extra session in the Michael Bruce garden. If you see us working and want to volunteer, please just come along or look on our website to find out what is going on.

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Welsh Cakes

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Ingredients

250g plain flour	Teaspoon of baking powder
45ml milk	125g butter cut into small cubes
1 egg	100g caster sugar
Large pinch of mixed spice	

Method

Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a large mixing bowl. Then add the butter and rub into the flour until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar, spice and currants. Lightly beat the egg and stir into the flour mixture with enough milk to make a soft dough.

Transfer to a lightly floured board and roll out to 5mm thick. With a medium cutter, cut out about 16 rounds, gathering up offcuts to make more rounds.

Heat the griddle or pan to low to medium heat, smear a little oil on the surface and cook for about four to five minutes on each side, until they are slightly risen and golden brown.

Gaelic Society of Perth

gaelicsocietyofperth.com

Members were entertained by an afternoon of excellent fiddle music when two fiddlers from Virginia, USA, came to play the Niel Gow fiddle, which is in the possession of the Society. The fiddlers had been chosen for the final of the Niel Gow competition which took place at Blair Castle; Sean in the Open section and Colin in the Junior Section.



Sean and Colin from the USA visited the Gaelic Society

We will not have a ceilidh this month but the **AGM** is on **Friday 12 May**. All members are invited. **Please note that the date has been changed** from Friday 5 May. Come and put your views forward and hear what the Society has been involved in this year along with our plans for the future!

The annual Gaelic Service will be held at the Congregational Church, Kinnoull Street, Perth, on **Sunday 4 June** at 3pm. The Rev. Angus Morrison will take the service.

Further information can be obtained from the secretary on 01577 864589, on our website, or like us on Facebook.

Dollar Museum

Adam Robson – Man of Many Parts

Ten years after his death in 2007, Dollar Museum's new exhibition pays tribute to 'Adam Robson. Man of Many Parts: Artist, Rugby Internationalist, Teacher, Writer, Poet'.

Adam Robson was a nationally important landscape artist whose work hangs in many galleries and was displayed in numerous exhibitions during his lifetime. For this exhibition Dollar Museum has borrowed a

large selection of oils, watercolours and drawings, illustrating particularly the local area and his much-loved Shetland. His image-rich designs for stained glass windows in Dollar Parish Church, Strathcarron and the Beatson and his many stunning designs for kneelers and cushions in Iona Abbey are also represented in the exhibition.

But Adam was not only an artist. He was also a rugby internationalist who represented Scotland on 22 occasions and he was President of the Scottish Rugby Union when Scotland last won the Grand Slam in 1983/1984. We have been extremely lucky to be able to borrow from Hawick Rugby Club a wonderful framed collage of the actual touch flags from Scotland's winning matches. And among the other memorabilia is his Barbarians shirt, lent by his family.

Adam grew up in Hawick, but as a boy he spent part of every summer with his mother's family in Shetland, travelling there on the *Earl of Zetland*. He later acquired the family croft on Yell and became fascinated by the story of this boat and its successor, the *Earl of Zetland II*. He wrote two books on the *Earls*, with many illustrations, and these may be seen in Dollar Museum.

Another aspect of Adam's life was his work as a teacher. As Head of Art at Dollar Academy he influenced many pupils and some of their memories of Adam as a teacher feature in the exhibition. He reached adults through the Dollar Art Group, which he founded, and the very successful Dollar Summer School in the Arts, of which he was Principal from 1960 to 1981.

In addition to all these interests, Adam was an Elder of Dollar Parish Church, a published poet and a much-loved



Adam Robson: rugby internationalist, artist, teacher, writer and poet

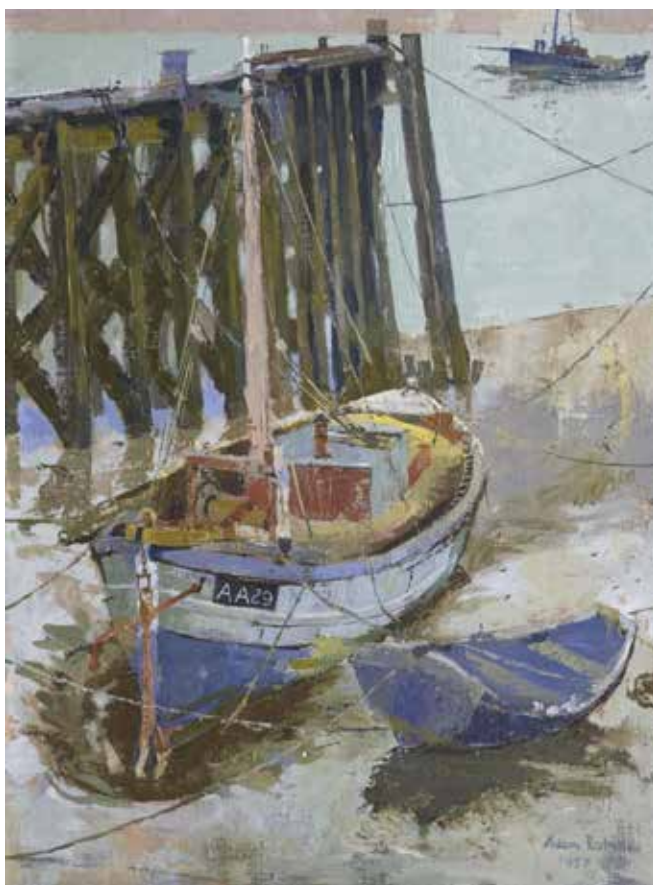
family man. Dollar Museum is grateful to Adam's daughters and to all those who have lent items and given us help and encouragement in setting up this ambitious exhibition.

Dollar Museum is open from Easter to Christmas. Opening times are 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm on Saturdays, and 2pm-4.30pm on Sundays.

There are also permanent exhibitions on the History of Dollar, the Devon Valley Railway and the Japanese Garden at Cowden. Visitors may browse among books, old photos and maps in the Reading Room and children will enjoy Granny's Kitchen and the Children's Corner. Entry is free and open to all. For entry outside these times, please contact dollarmuseum@btconnect.com or phone 01259 742895.

Janet Carolan

Hon. Curator and Chair of Dollar Museum Trust



Above: *Alloa Dock*, 1957
by Adam Robson

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Left: *Shetland Crofts*, 1976
by Adam Robson

Kinross Parish Church

Help for Refugees in Scotland

Destitute refugees in Scotland are set to be helped through £1,250 raised for the charity 'Refugee Survival Trust' by Kinross Parish Church at its Communion in March. The sum has been described by the kirk's treasurer, Alan McGhie, as "Great news! This will make a big difference to a small charity and those they support".

The Kirk Session decided to support destitute refugees following press reports in January that here in Scotland 'Increasing numbers of refugee children are seeking financial support due to destitution'. The problem has been recognised by the Scottish Parliament, which recently set up a Committee of MSPs to investigate.

The money raised by the church will

support three grant schemes run by the charity:

- Last-resort 'destitution grants' to cover gaps in other forms of support. The average is just £87.
- Grants towards travel costs or book purchase to allow refugees to access work or college.
- Providing a bus pass occasionally for a day. This allows refugees to attend important meetings, visit a food bank or just meet up with friends – a lifeline for less than £6.

Choir's New CD

The choir of Kinross Parish Church have released a new CD 'Shalom', containing a selection of the introits, songs and hymns they have sung in recent years. The CD costs £10 and may be bought at the church's office (Mon-Fri, 10am-12 noon).

Choir leader Isobel Watt says: "We have great fellowship and fun at our rehearsals and worshipping God through song means a lot to us. The choir really enjoyed recording this CD. We hope you enjoy listening to our music and find that a favourite of yours is included".



Kinross Parish Church Choir

Greyhound Rescue Fife

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Celia and Jimmy Fernie set up Greyhound Rescue Fife in 2005 in response to the sheer number of unwanted greyhounds reaching the end of their racing careers. The sanctuary is a branch of the Retired Greyhound Trust and is capable of kennelling nearly 68 dogs.

Naturally, with that many dogs, **volunteer walkers are required** seven days a week between 10am and 12 noon. If you can help, please ring Celia or Jimmy on 01577 850393 or 07826 244765 or you can email fernijimmyf@aol.com

The kennels are at Baltree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, KY13 0LF.

Interested in adopting a Greyhound? Check out the 'Please Choose Me Page' on the Greyhound Rescue Fife website.

The Facebook page for Greyhound Rescue Fife is for all greyhound related discussion and shows many happy hounds settled in their forever homes.

Dog Show

Greyhound Rescue Fife are having their **10th Anniversary Dog Show** on **Sunday 14 May** at Caldwell's Farm, Collessie, Fife, KY15 7UY. Doors open at 11am. Full details are on the Greyhound Rescue Fife website. The venue is indoors, so whatever the weather, please come along, we'd love meet you.



Maisie helps to spread the word about Greyhound Rescue Fife





Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Kinross Farmers' Market

The next Farmers' Market is **Saturday 27 May** from 9am to 1pm in the High Street at the old Town Hall. The market is a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders and to shop at the High Street's established businesses. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We are also delighted to announce that we have been successful in applying for LEADER grant funding for the markets in 2017/2018 for the overall running of the market. It will also fund some equipment and we can pay a community group or contractor to set up/dismantle the stalls.

Kinross Farmers' Market is supported by:



Be part of the Kinross-shire's Winter Festival!

This year we're hoping for an inspiring festival again, and we'd love you to be involved! We'd particularly like to encourage local groups, businesses or individuals to organise events or activities that could be part of the festival. This can be a Halloween event, a Santa's grotto, Christmas concerts, film showings, dinners, ceilidhs, events at the festive street market or other festive celebrations. We can promote events (which happen at the end of Oct and during Nov and Dec) in the festival brochure in the events calendar or as a special feature. For more information, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

A few exciting events and concerts are already lined up for this year's festival. Scotland's National Poet Liz Lochhead will perform with the Hazey Janes on Friday 3 November, 8pm at the campus. Other events are: Lights Out By Nine (4 Nov), Comedy with Billy Kirkwood (10 Nov), Messiah in a Day (12 Nov), All Dance event (17 Nov), Choirs Together (19 Nov) and the Festive Street market/Light Up Kinross event is on Saturday 25 Nov.

Leven Voices

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime.

The sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Joanne Greer (2, 9, 16 May) and by Heather Macleod (23, 30 May and 6, 13 and 20 June). All sessions take place on Tuesdays, 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 a 10 week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

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

Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

November
December 2017



**Scotland's National Poet
Liz Lochhead
&
The Hazey Janes**

Fri 3 Nov | Loch Leven Community Campus | 8pm

This year's Festival will be themed around 'words' in partnership with Loch Leven Community Library. More events to be confirmed!

**Lights Out By Nine
Comedy with Billy Kirkwood
Handel's Messiah in a Day
All Dance event
Festive Street Market & Light Up
Kinross**

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Kinross High School

Italian Ski Trip 2017

The school ski trip took place during the Easter holidays. 48 pupils and six staff left Kinross High School early on the first Saturday of the holidays and set for Tesoro in Northern Italy. The journey was long and took approximately 30 hours! After a good night's sleep, we were ready for the first day on the slopes. Pupils met their instructors and off they went. Five more days of skiing followed, where pupils worked hard to improve their technique and have lots of fun! Conditions were much better than we had expected and on the Wednesday we actually had snow. This really helped to maintain the slopes for the remainder of the week and we enjoyed blue skies and beautiful scenery.

In the evenings, we enjoyed other activities off the slopes such as a visit to a local ice cream parlour, a meal out in a local pizzeria and the disco (always the staff favourite!) On the final evening, the ski instructors came to the hotel to present the pupils with medals and certificates to celebrate their success. The results of the Slalom Race were also announced, with Lucy Telfer recording the fastest time! We also took time to present Lyall Forbes and Scott Peddie with a gift to mark their impending retirement and contribution towards running the ski trips at Kinross High School. Between them they have been on 25 ski trips! Their experience, skiing ability and company will be sorely missed in the future.

So, after six days of skiing, we returned home tired, but physically intact! Well done to all pupils who represented Kinross High School with pride.

SQA Examinations

During May, many of our senior pupils will be sitting their SQA exams. This year, the exam diet starts with Design and Manufacture on Tuesday 2 May and the final examination for our students is German on Friday 2 June. We wish all our young people every success in these examinations.

Career Ready Programme

Cara Brown (S6) was nominated for the Sir Winifried Bischoff Student of the Year within the Career Ready two year programme for senior pupils. Cara blew the judging panel away with her very honest account of her journey with Career Ready and the transformational

benefits that a mentoring relationship and workplace insight have offered her. We were delighted when Cara won through the regional, Scottish and UK finals to be one of two overall National Champions.

Modern Apprentice PKC

To celebrate the remarkable achievements of PKC Modern Apprentices, a Modern Apprentice of the Year Award has been introduced. Three finalists from 53 apprentices this year included our own Errin Hamilton, Business and Administration MA, based at Loch Leven Community Campus, who brought her enthusiasm to learn and willingness to complete any task to a high standard to our clerical team. Errin has now joined us on a permanent basis.



Fun on the slopes - the Kinross High School skiing trip

Schools celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight

James Johnstone from Just Trading Scotland visited Kinross-shire schools during Fairtrade Fortnight to tell the pupils about the 90kg Challenge and the difference it makes to children in Malawi. By buying a 1kg bag of Kilombero white



or brown rice for £3, anyone can support a child to attend school in Malawi.

The photo shows children from **Blairingone Primary** with bags of Kilombero Rice, information about Just Trading Scotland, their Bala Sport Fairtrade Football and their Fairtrade display. Thanks to the enthusiasm of the children in **Kinross High School, Cleish Primary, Blairingone Primary, Kinross Primary** and **Milnathort Primary** supporting this campaign, the Kinross-shire schools have sold 90kg of rice between them, which means they have supported a child in Malawi to attend school for a year!

The Kinross-shire Churches Together have sold another 90kg, as has the Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Group! We are now on to our fourth 90kg challenge, having only started in March, so please continue to buy Kilombero Rice from Kinross Church Office, Traidcraft Stalls at all local churches and Hunters the Butchers. If we keep this up we will be able to pay for a whole class to attend school in Malawi!

More information available at www.jts.co.uk. If your school or workplace would like to be involved in the 90kg Challenge, please get in touch with kjarvie@btinternet.com

Our Portmoak: Uncovering Stories from the Past



Our Portmoak's year got off to a great start with our geophysics survey days and we're running some fantastic events throughout the rest of 2017. Our Events Calendar on page 57 shows what is planned so far, with more to be finalised over the coming months. Contact us to book.

Just to whet the appetite of anyone who's keen to join us on one of our community digs, here's a photo of a complete arrowhead which was found on an archaeological dig on St Serf's Island on Loch Leven back in 2012. The Island is most commonly connected with Culdee and Augustinian Monk communities but the arrowhead tells us that life on St Serf's dates back as far as the end of the Early Neolithic period i.e. to around 3500BC-3000BC.



The story of St Serf's through the ages will be told on our guided visits on 19 and 20 August. During the visits we will share new findings about St Serf's past, discovered through recent analysis of soil and charcoal samples taken from the Island.



Our Portmoak



@ourportmoak



Early Neolithic Arrowhead found on St Serf's Island, Loch Leven

Portmoak Community Woodland

This is one of the most exciting times of the year for our community woodlands, which are now bursting into life and showing daily transformations. The biggest changes can be seen in some of the young trees at the bottom of the hill in Kilmagad Wood. Suddenly they look less like a new plantation and more like a forest of the future, as the canopy of rowans, hazel, oak and birch begins to spread and touch.

They're not the only trees growing like mad. The orchard in the Field Abin the Kirk has shot up since this time last year. We noticed it when members of the Portmoak Community Woodland Group carried out a big pruning session on the one hundred or so apple, pear, plum and cherry trees in March. We're having to reach up much higher now, to shape our trees and ensure all their effort goes into producing fruit rather than producing long branches.

Spring is being felt in other ways in Portmoak Moss. George Guthrie, who carries out regular moth surveys, did his first one in early March and, as well as a fantastic range of moths, received an unexpected amphibian visitor, a Common Newt. We hope that this is yet another sign that all the efforts to restore the raised peat bog are paying off, with a return to welcome damp conditions.



A Common Newt, perhaps a sign that efforts to restore the raised peat bog are working
Photo: George Guthrie

Among his first 'haul' of moths, George reported Yellow Horned, March Moth, Chestnut, Satellite and Mottled Umber. Then there was more exciting news. In early April he trapped a big Emperor moth (female), which, he says, very rarely comes to light. Unless you're an expert, the moths are not always easy to see and you may have better luck with some of the birds. Notable at the moment are some very active Green Woodpeckers in both Portmoak and Kilmagad Wood. And even if you don't catch a glimpse of them, you can hear their laughing cry – or 'yaffle' – ringing round Portmoak.



A rarely seen Emperor Moth
Photo: George Guthrie

Please join us at our informal meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm, the Well Inn, Scotlandwell.

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Our Portmoak Events Calendar

More events will be added as they are finalised. All Our Portmoak events are FREE.

Event Key: ❶ Talks and Presentations; ❷ Guided Walks and Tours;

❸ Archaeology Digs; ❹ Portmoak in Words and Music; ❺ Special Events



Date	Day	Key	Event	Location / Notes
11 May	Thur	❶	Kilmagadwood Early Bronze Age Cemetery Talk	Kinross (Marshall) Museum
28 May	Sun	❺	Loch Leven National Nature Reserve Discovery Day – Our Portmoak Stall and Activities	Kirkgate Park, Kinross
03 Jun	Sat	❺	Portmoak Gala – Our Portmoak Stall and Activities	The Well Green, Scotlandwell
17-18 Jun	Sat-Sun	❸	The Muckle Dig!	Portmoak area
09 Jul	Sun	❷	Walk Kinross-shire's Michael Bruce Way	In association with The Michael Bruce Trust
15-16 Jul	Sat-Sun	❸	Portmoak Churchyard Survey	Portmoak Parish Church
22-23 Jul	Sat-Sun	❷	Visit Old Portmoak Chapel	Scottish Gliding Centre
23 Jul	Sun	❺	Portmoak Moss Time Travelling (tales of the peat bog)	Portmoak Moss (with Portmoak Community Woodland Group)
29-30 Jul	Sat-Sun	❸	Dig Old Portmoak Chapel	Scottish Gliding Centre
12-13 Aug	Sat-Sun	❸	Dig Dunmore Fort	Dunmore
19-20 Aug	Sat-Sun	❷	St Serf's Island Historic Visit	Loch Leven (partnered with Scottish Natural Heritage)
Sept	TBC	❹	Portmoak Stories – an Oral History	Portmoak Hall (date to be confirmed)
07 Sep	Thu	❹	Live Music and Prose Evening	The Well County Inn
05 Oct	Thu	❹	Live Music and Prose Evening	The Balgedie Toll Tavern
28 Oct	Sat	❺	Celebration Day	Portmoak Hall

Booking is essential for most events; contact us for more information or to sign up for event notifications.

Email: ourportmoak@kinrossmuseum.org.uk

Tel: 07738 492193 or 07939 067713

website: www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk

See also *Our Portmoak* item, page 54.

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Members have had a very busy month with our, now annual, Bridge afternoon held in Orwell Bowlers Hall on 31 March. Another great success with 18 tables (72 players) enjoying a soup and sandwich lunch followed by an afternoon of bridge and then afternoon tea. Many thanks to everyone who supported us by playing bridge (and to our members who provided the baking for the tea and who worked so hard in the kitchen on the day!).

The proceeds from the raffle are to be shared by the Day Centre in Kinross and Rural Outreach to support their good work.

Our planned speaker in April was unable to attend owing to ill health. We solved the problem of no speaker by having several! Our president Doreen invited members to talk about their childhood. They were some interesting stories but, mostly, we were left with the distinct impression that we all enjoyed a lot of freedom, which children now just don't have. The month of May sees our AGM; it really doesn't seem that long since the start of the session last September! Also, we're all looking forward to some warmer weather of course.



Kinross Garden Group

After the group's AGM, the talk in April from Professor David Rankin of Edinburgh University and Kevock Garden Plants was 'Poles Apart, China and Chile'. This was a most informative comparison of the flora of China and Chile – with some interesting plants from New Zealand thrown in! A lot of members also took the opportunity to buy some of the fabulous plants that David had brought along with him.

This was the final talk in the winter season and from May we now have the summer garden visits. Our first outing of the season, on Thursday 11 May, will be to Benmore Garden near Dunoon, which is one of the four gardens that make up the Botanic Gardens of Scotland. There is a waiting list for places on this outing.

More details about the outing programme can be obtained from Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785. For more details about membership of the Kinross Garden Group, contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.



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May is a busy month for the Museum, with indoor and outdoor events that we hope you will enjoy taking part in. On **Thursday 11 May** our first contribution to Perth and Kinross Archaeology Year 2017 will be an evening event from 7pm to 9pm at the Museum in the Loch Leven Community Campus. This brings together the researchers investigating the **Kilmagadwood Bronze Age burial urns** to give us an update on their findings.

On **Sunday 14 May** Museum Trust Chairman David Munro will lead a three-hour **walk** organised in association with Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). Starting at the car park of Loch Leven's Larder at 1pm, the walk will follow the Loch Leven Heritage Trail through the Carsehall Bog and the Black Wood, returning to Loch Leven's Larder via Grahamstone, Kinnesswood and Easter and Wester Balgedie. This circular route offers a variety of different landscapes and stories to explore.

On **Sunday 28 May** join us from noon till 4pm at the Loch Leven **Discovery Day** in the Kirkgate Park, Kinross, organised by SNH, where we will have a display. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about events associated with the 'Our Portmoak' project.

To learn more about Perth and Kinross Archaeology Year 2017 events, you can obtain a brochure at the Library and Museum in the Loch Leven Community Campus. Information is also available online at the website of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust. [See also page 55.]

Help wanted: The Museum is **looking for memorabilia**, such as programmes, T-shirts or photographs, relating to '**Castle Rock**' – a musical performed by Kinross High School students in 1986. Also we are looking for mementoes from other **local anniversary events** marking the imprisonment of **Mary, Queen of Scots** in Lochleven Castle in 1567-68. Kinross Museum is preparing an exhibition to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the Queen's imprisonment, so, can you help?

Accessions to the Museum in the past month have included an "Angling Map of Loch Leven" published by William Robertson of Glasgow who sold fishing tackle at 'The Shanty'

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near the pier. Once used by local fisherman John D Low, this map was kindly gifted by his daughter Evelyn Low.

To **contact** the Museum, visit the Study Room on Thursdays or Saturdays or e-mail information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk or find us on Facebook.



The Angling Map of Loch Leven recently gifted the Museum

Michael Bruce Celebration

As part of the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, the Michael Bruce Trust applied to the Lottery Celebration Fund. An award of £4900 for activities to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the death of Michael Bruce was granted.

Many of the activities involve the pupils of Portmoak School who have been working to produce landscapes in a variety of media. These have included weaving, appliqué, photography and painting in the style of the Impressionists. Primary one and two made clay pots relating to the archaeology of the area. Primary six/seven started from the beginning with their weaving, collecting dye plants and materials, dyeing the wool, learning to spin and making their own frames. This reflects the importance of weaving at the time of Michael Bruce. There will be an exhibition of all their work in June. There will also be a display of poetry, inspired by the writing of Michael Bruce and some of these will be displayed throughout Kinnesswood.

Local illustrator David MacKenzie is working with David Munro to produce an interpretation board for the Michael Bruce garden. Jane Martin is developing a school pack which can be used by the school in years to come. David MacKenzie is providing the illustrations for this.

The trust has commissioned a piece of music by local musician, Ian Dunnet.

On 1 July there will be a celebration at the Michael Bruce Cottage and we will give more information about this next month.

Kinross-shire Ladies Circle

www.ladiescircle.co.uk

We are celebrating!

Kinross-shire Ladies Circle are celebrating our **10th charter**, and we are combining it with a **Joint Scottish Annual Lunch**, where Ladies Circle members from all over Scotland (and further afield) get dressed up to meet for a fun afternoon!

The event is being held at The Green Hotel, Kinross, on **Saturday 27 May** with the theme of **'Cocktails and Comedy'**. Alongside a welcome drink and three-course meal, there will be a special guest speaker who should tickle our funny bones, a cocktail themed competition and charity raffle.

Ladies of Kinross: if you fancy joining us, you can buy a ticket and help to support our event, or, if you have benefited from Kinross-shire Ladies Circle over the last 10 years, you can find a booking form and further information by emailing us at kinrossladiescircle@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

£2700.00 donation to Funny Lumps – WOW!

Our Annual Charity Comedy Night on 4 March in Milnathort Town Hall helped us to raise this fantastic donation for the charity Funny Lumps. We would like to say a big **thank-you** to all who came! We went along to a Funny Lumps social in Stirling on 8 April for the cheque presentation and met some of the families the money will benefit.



Meeting some of the families who will benefit from the donation to Funny Lumps

We are a small group of new, young, keen Ladies Circle members - ready to shape our group how we would like it for the next 10 years! If you are interested to find out more, check out our website and follow us on Facebook Kinross Ladies Circle.



Seamab School

www.seamab.org.uk



It might be the Easter holidays, but there's still lots going on for the children at Seamab. They aren't in school, but our care staff are working with them all this fortnight to help them experience a different sort of learning.

The children are encouraged to try out new activities like skiing, camping, climbing, and sailing, and to get outside and play in amongst the beautiful woodland surrounding the bungalows where they live. We call this Project Free, inspired by one of the colourful Seachanger characters which form part of Seamab's unique brand.

Outdoor learning enhances the more traditional curriculum, but also gives them skills and experiences which prepare them for the wider world of life and work.

The benefits from this sort of learning are huge, and provide the kids with the happy memories most of us associate with childhood. Sadly, due to their past experiences, many of them haven't had the chance to do this before.

The less obvious knock-on effects from outdoor education are also positive. It can help the children to develop self-esteem, learn how to take personal responsibility, co-operate with others and form greater appreciation and understanding of the world around them.

For the children, these activities are usually just exciting and fun and they often don't even realise they are learning! However, care and teaching staff are always delighted to see when there's an improvement in things like practical problem solving, team work skills, responsibility and controlled use of adrenaline.

For all these reasons, outdoor education is an important part of our curriculum and, by continuing to provide these sorts of experiences for our pupils, we are fulfilling the vision of Curriculum for Excellence of our pupils becoming successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Thanks to the generosity of the St. James's Place Foundation, Seamab recently received £2500 to purchase equipment to encourage outdoor play, including activities such as building a den, cooking a meal by campfire, learning about wildlife and birds, and using mud, clay, sand and water.

This new equipment will help the children to experience things that they may have missed out on earlier in life, such as playing freely without structure and being creative with natural materials.

Joanna McCreadie, Chief Executive of Seamab, said that the charity was delighted to hear it had been successful in its application to St. James's Place Foundation. Joanna explained: "A high percentage of our children have struggled to reach milestones in many aspects of their lives, and haven't been able to make friendships with others, succeed in school or have a solid caring family life. Often, they believe the things that have happened to them are their own fault, and find it hard to believe in themselves, due to low confidence and self-esteem.

"We are so grateful to St. James's Place for helping us to offer our children even more through Project Free, providing equipment that supports outdoor play".

To find out more about Project Free and all the other fantastic work going on Seamab, visit our website, find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @SeamabScotland.

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Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

Monthly Meetings

The May meeting is on **Thursday 4 May**, when the speaker will be from Le Giraffe charity, Perth. **Please note:** The May meeting will be held in **Kinross Parish Church**, as the Millbridge Hall is used for the local election.

The June meeting is on **Thursday 1 June**, when we will have a speaker from the RSPB. The June meeting will be at the Millbridge Hall.

Notices

Our **Annual Outing** this year is on **Sunday 2 July** to Largs. Anyone interested, please contact Pat Crawford, telephone 01577 862962.

Away Days

11 May Arbroath

25 May Cruachan

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

Friday Walkers

5 May Tentsmuir Forest and the Seals

19 May Portobello and Musselburgh

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

Friday Hill Walkers

12 May Moncrieff Hill (no bus) Ann 8.30am

26 May Killiecrankie, Moulin Allan 8.30am

Contact Pauline Watson, telephone 01577 862865.

Activities

Most activities have stopped for the summer. The following are still active:

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.



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Visit to House of Falkland

Kinross-shire Civic Trust has arranged a visit to Falkland House (not to be confused with Falkland Palace) for **Saturday 10 June**. This is a rare opportunity to see this house, which is not normally open to the public.

Falkland House is a fine two-storey country house in the Jacobean style. It was built between 1838 and 1844 by William Burn (1789 – 1870) for Onesiphorus Tyndall-Bruce.

The House was bought in 1890 by John Patrick Crichton-Stuart, 3rd Marquis of Bute. He employed Robert Weil Schultz to redesign the interior in the Arts and Crafts style, featuring a medley of inlaid wood, exuberant plasterwork, heraldic glass and opulently painted ceilings.

Entry is open to Civic Trust members and their guests and is free, but donations would be welcome. Please contact Alistair Smith 01592 840215 or Elsa Sinclair 01577 863279 to apply if you wish to join the visit.

Remaining Programme for 2017

TBA

Visit to **Cowden 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.

Friends of Loch Leven

Community Library

Revision time!

We'd like to wish everyone sitting exams this month all the best. The library is a great place to come for that last minute revision. If you haven't studied here before, why not give it a try? There's plenty of desk space to spread your notes out, free wi-fi and internet access and lots of reference books and study guides to hand. There's even a coffee machine to keep you going!

Off on holiday soon?

Did you know we have a large section of travel and guide books? If you're off on an early summer holiday, have a look at our travel section to plan the best attractions to visit at your destination (and find out which ones to avoid!) If you're a library member, you can borrow guide books to take with you, too.

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

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Club Correspondents

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

Beavers

It was a busy final few weeks before the Easter break for the Beavers. On 17 and 31 March the Beavers visited Pets at Home in Perth to cover some of the requirements of the Animal Friends badge. Here the beavers got to learn about the different food pets eat, how to care for them and were also allowed to hold some of the animals in the shop. All beavers were given a booklet as part of the visit. For the beavers to get their Animal Friend badge they will need to complete the booklet over the next six weeks and then bring it back to Beavers.

Also before the end of term, our Young Leaders organised an international evening for the beavers to cover some of the requirements for the International badge. The Young Leaders were doing this as part of their volunteering for their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

At the end of term the Beavers were presented with badges which they had earned during the term, while two Beavers were also given recognition awards for working really hard and being kind and helpful all term. Congratulations to Charlie S and Isla!



Visiting Pets at Home as part of the Animal Friends badge



Charlie S and Isla

Annual Barbecue and AGM: we will be holding the barbecue for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and family at the Millbridge Hall, 6.30pm on **Wednesday 24 May**. Our usual short AGM will follow at around 7.45pm.

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

Kinross-shire

Time Exchange

We recently held our AGM to review the activities of the past year. While we have continued to gain new members, including some very handy men who are keen to offer their services to people in need of help, we have not received many requests for help from registered members. This is despite monthly reminders in this Newsletter, weekly drop-ins at various sites and the creation of a Time Exchange website by one of our dedicated members, Kevin Heneghan. Our committee members have also given several talks to community groups which have generated more members but mainly to give, rather than receive help.

We've been trying to discern if this situation suggests that the people in need of help in our community are reluctant to join and ask for help because they do not feel able to reciprocate, even though that isn't a requirement, or are their needs already being met by a good variety of other community groups? We would very much appreciate your thoughts on this matter. But in the meantime we have agreed to ask our members to offer a neighbourly hand to someone in need without the expectation that the recipient register as a member.

We will also continue to support the work of other volunteer groups such as Broke not Broken, the Carer's Cafe and the Volunteer Drivers.

In conclusion, please know that there is always a dedicated committee member at the end of our phone and checking for email requests for help. There are also many members keen to offer a helping hand or to have a cuppa with you if you'd care for some company. If this could be you, please call us on 07510380603 or email your requests to admin@kinrosstimeexchange.org.

Portmoak Film Society

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Our April film, Ken Loach's BAFTA award-winning 'I, Daniel Blake' proved to be a popular choice, attracting the biggest audience yet this season and a satisfaction rating of 90%. The delicious cakes provided by our 'regular' baker from Lochend Farm shop rounded off the evening nicely and audience preference surveys were completed as it was the end of the season. These will be used to inform the film selections for 2017-18 as they did last year, giving us a particularly successful season in 2016-17. Thank you for supporting PFS to all our friends of film from Portmoak and beyond; especially our many guests from Milnathort!

The first date of the next season for your diary will be **Saturday 9 September**. We will announce the new films in the September Newsletter; if you can't wait until then to find out, keep checking our website!

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

March Draw

1st	No 37	Mrs G Aitkin, Scotlandwell.
2nd	No 96	Eleanor White, Kinneston.
3rd	No 12	Maggie Byford, Kilmagawood.



Boys Brigade

Junior sections around the world are celebrating 100 years of BB membership with special badges, events and activities planned over the next 12 months. Perth Battalion is planning a weekend sleepover in September for all current junior section members and anchor members who will be promoted to junior section at the end of this session in May.

Badgework is reaching conclusion in all three sections in preparation for the Company's **annual display and presentation of awards** at the Church Centre. This will take place on **Friday 12 May** starting at 7pm. All parents and friends are invited to attend. The Company is delighted to have Mr and Mrs David Eade as inspecting officers at this year's displays. For many years Mr and Mrs Eade served as Chair and Secretary of the Kinross BB Parents and Friends Association.

Anchors continue with their crafts, puzzles, stories, songs and squad games.

Juniors participated in the Battalion marching, singing and indoor sports competitions. They won the indoor sports and came second in both the singing and marching sections.

Company section members took part in the Battalion midnight hike prior to the clocks changing. They are still refining their drill movements for the annual drill competition.

Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions are now underway with members working towards bronze, silver and gold awards.

Four members have completed their Queen's Badge awards and will attend a mid-Scottish parade to be held in Blairgowrie on Sunday 11 June.

The annual summer camp for company section members will centre near Skipton, Yorkshire, and will include visits to Eden Camp, The York Chocolate Story, National Rail Museum, RAF Elvington, Scarborough Water Park, Flamingo Land theme park and a walk on the Cleveland Way concluding at the spectacular White Horse.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At our April meeting, we welcomed two ladies from the A K Bell Library in Perth. They were Sarah Wilcock, Assistant Archivist and Jackie Kay, a volunteer from Friends of Perth and Kinross Council Archive.

Sarah began by telling us of the many different archives concerning Perthshire available to the public for research. National records are kept at Kew and Scottish records in Edinburgh. The council archive holds many records preserved for their historical and evidential value though some private family papers are withheld from the general public. The records are stored in a temperature-controlled strong-room, though much is now available on microfiche.

Local authority papers with information such as school rolls, militia recruitment, prisoner lists and land registry are invaluable for people who wish to delve into the lives of their family antecedents. We saw a fascinating slide-show of some of the more interesting papers, including the criminal records of Perthshire constabulary. This seemed to offer a wealth of information of all the characteristics, not forgetting the sartorial elegance, of their prisoners. We also viewed Perth theatre posters, a charter for Rossie Priory, and a recent acquisition, a poem 'After the Defeat of Culloden' circa 1746.

Jackie then told us of her involvement with Friends of Perth and Kinross Council Archive, who were set up to promote the work of the archive. They give talks and newsletters and support the archive staff in their everyday tasks.

The Friends have organised many school initiatives such as a project on heraldry, in which primary children were asked to design a shield. The abolition of slavery was another important project. Jackie was able to give us a more localised account of Kinross-shire history due to research carried out by herself and Margaret Smith. The Justice of the Peaces' records contain a list of the people selling gunpowder in Portmoak.

One school record in particular was of interest. Peter Craig, the Head Teacher of Cleish School in the 1800s, advised parents that girls needed to be as well educated as boys since they could then help their children when they became mothers!

The minutes of the local JPs reported that 'an atrocious vagrant and sornor' was sentenced to be whipped through the market for two hours, given 25 lashes at Kinross prison door, 25 lashes at the horse mercat and 25 lashes opposite the prison door, imprisoned for 24 hours and then banished from the county in July 1769. One wonders what he could have done to deserve such severity.

The archive holds a small collection of stereoscopic views of Kinross-shire. And there is so much more, so something for everyone! The Friends have produced a very informative free booklet, available in Kinross Library and Museum, entitled 'Kinross-shire through the Archive'. It is a practical guide to getting started on your research.

With thanks to Jenny our hostess and her helper Claudia, stepping in at short notice. They both provided us with exquisite 'goodies' with our coffee.

Our next 'meeting' is our trip to Dumfries House on **Sunday 4 June** followed by our AGM on **Wednesday 14 June**.

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Kinross Curling Club

www.kinrosscurlingclub.com

Another season has come and gone, and thoughts turn to golf and other summer pursuits, indeed anything to avoid stern hints from other halves about gardening and decorating.

The season ended with the traditional closing bonspiel, played for the Roxburgh Cup between rinks representing town and country. The country team took an early lead but, fortified by president Steve's half-time whisky, the town pulled the scores back and finally squeaked home by two shots. The winning town rink was skipped by Sandy Nelson, ably nursing his rink of youngsters Scott Beveridge, Nick Baughan and Harry Cormack.

Supper followed in the ice rink bar, then the season's trophies were handed out by our guest for the evening, Martin Sutherland. Martin has played at Kinross boy and man, but is retiring from playing for health reasons, so the club decided to honour his lengthy service by having him as our guest for the evening. Stories of shots played (and missed) then continued long into the evening until the bar staff grew tired of hearing it all and chucked us out.



Half time fortification at the closing bonspiel

Plans for the 350th anniversary celebrations are moving forward, with a weekend date identified at the end of September 2018 for a major curling event.

Now is a good time for anyone thinking of taking up curling, or moving on from beginner level, to get in touch and find out more. For information on the club, check out our new website, our Facebook page or get in touch with the secretary at secretary@kinrosscurlingclub.com.

Fossoway Tennis Club

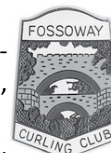
We are a family friendly club (nothing too serious) based in Crook of Devon, welcoming to new members of all abilities. We have internal competitions for all ages including coaching for younger children. Have a look at our Facebook page or come along on a Thursday evening from 6.30pm to speak to a member. Individual and family memberships available. Contact Gerry on 07549 553063 or email fossowaytennis@hotmail.co.uk.

Fossoway Curling Club

The season is now over and our annual prize-giving was held in The Stables, Crook of Devon, on 10 April.

This years winners are as follows: Shand Shield, Jimmy Johnson; Fraser Cup, Ian Nicholson; Stewart Cup, Martin Grant; Johnson Cup and Reid Cup, Alan Paterson; Gibson Cup, Tom McColgan; King Cup, Colin Low, David West; Henderson Cup, Jimmy Johnson, Jim Chalmers; Grant Cup, Jimmy Johnson; Paterson Trophy, Ian Nicholson, Hannah Spoon, Jim Chalmers.

We also came fifth in the Lomond league and fifth in KCT division two.



Club champion Ian Nicholson receiving the Paterson Trophy from Hon President Jimmy Johnson

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

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Carnbo Bowling Club

Reopens for 2017 season on **Saturday 29 April** at 2pm.

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The closing bonspiel and prize-giving took place on Saturday 8 April. Fossoway Ladies were the top rink on the day, with Dalgety Bay taking second spot. We were thrilled to have 28 rinks take part.

The Prize-giving was well attended by representatives of the winning rinks of competitions that had taken place during the



season. The full list is on our website. This year we had four new categories of awards.

Ambassadors for Kinross Curling: Individual - local young curler Beth Farmer (pictured) and Group: the organising committee for the Henderson Bishop Trophy.

Coaching: the group award to Dottie Burt, Maureen Aitken, Bill Campbell and Alan Muirhead for their long-term commitment to coaching the visual impaired curlers. This is a unique group in Scotland.

Gary Waddell - new coach of the year.

Elaine Spain, Stuart Carnegie and Morag Wellman were the 'coaches of the year' for their input and expertise.

Young Curler: Grant Barr for his enthusiasm and commitment to the clubs over many years - he is an 'old' curler now!

Club of the season - Orwell Ladies Curling Club.

Kinross Curling is excited that seven local curlers are representing the four home nations at the World Senior Curling Championships in Alberta, Canada from 23 to 30 April. Look out for the news and reports in the next edition.

British Curling: The elite athletes have returned to Kinross (until June) to prepare for the Olympics. This recognises the super quality of the ice at Kinross. Look out for more news. There will be a great surge in interest in our sport as it will feature strongly in the media coverage from the Winter Olympics, taking place in Seoul, South Korea, in February 2018. We hope you will take advantage of some of the opportunities that we will offer at Kinross to link with the Olympics.

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.



Beth Farmer, Ambassador for Kinross Curling 2016-17

Orwell Bowling Club

orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com

Our bowling green opened on 15 April, with 22 bowling members taking to the green and spectators watching from the comfort of the clubhouse. The President's wife delivered the first jack and then we had a President

versus Vice President game, the President's side coming out on top. This was followed by a welcome plate of soup and sandwiches. As usual on the opening day there is a collection for the Blind Bowlers Charity and a big thank you to all as £167 was raised. We are all looking forward to a successful

season and good weather; members are reminded to put their names up on the board for the friendlies.

We are running a 'Try Bowls' weekend on 3 and 4

June. Please come along and see what we are all about. Our address is Bowling



Green Avenue, Milnathort, KY13 8DL, telephone number 01577 863739. More information will be available on our website and look out for posters in the local shops.



The President's wife delivers the first jack of the season as President and members look on

Kinross Hockey Club New Pitch and a great, big Thank You!

In 1974, a few ladies in Kinross enjoyed hockey and decided to form a club, Kinross Ladies Hockey Club. Matches were played on grass at KGV playing fields. The game developed and synthetic surfaces became the norm. In 2000, the ladies were ecstatic when such a pitch was secured for Kinross, Perth & Kinross Council coming up trumps with the help of SportScotland and other local charities. Soon after, a second ladies team emerged and in 2004 the men's club was created. The men quickly grew to two teams and inaugurated the "Kobras", the home of junior hockey.

Progress at the club was, however, hampered some four or five years ago when it became evident that the pitch was nearing the end of its life. Pitch rejuvenation and remedial treatments made little difference. The pitch resembled a pond or an ice-rink at regular intervals. Training sessions were often cancelled and home matches started to need to be played elsewhere. Cries for help did not exactly fall on deaf ears, but it became clear that council budget cuts meant that no new pitch was coming.

In April 2015, the men's and ladies' hockey clubs elected to merge to form a stronger club and combine resources to ensure the future of hockey in Kinross. We started fundraising for a new pitch immediately, creating the "Pitch In" campaign and offered our members' services everywhere in the community. Meanwhile, many meetings and discussions were had with our local

Councillors, Perth & Kinross Council and KGV Playing Fields Management Committee. The solution identified was that the hockey club take over the lease of the ground, install a new pitch, and maintain and run it thereafter. A daunting task, we all thought, and certainly not straightforward, but we were enthusiastic and determined.

In January 2017, earlier than we could have dreamt, works commenced to lay the new hockey pitch, and a few weather-hindered weeks later in March we were playing on a beautiful new pitch. The fundraising and development project has been arduous, but entirely worthwhile as the modern surface will allow the club to grow and develop, offering players a great playing surface upon which to learn and demonstrate their skills.

On 18 April 2017, Kinross Hockey Club formally opened its new pitch.

A welcome from club president Gail Nelson was followed by a vote of thanks to the many varied organisations who have supported us. Scottish International hockey player Gavin Byers cut the ribbon and congratulated the club on their achievement. The Kobras then demonstrated their skills and photo opportunities were taken, before guests were invited upstairs for refreshments in the clubhouse.

The opportunity was also taken for Scottish Hockey to congratulate the club on their recently awarded Silver Accreditation.

The club would like to thank Perth and Kinross Council, our Local Councillors, The Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust, The Scottish Hockey Union, KGV Playing Fields Management Committee, Kinross-shire Round Table, Kinross

Junior Agricultural Club, Kinross Community Council Newsletter, Persimmon Homes, The Wood Group, Kinross Cycling Club, Sainsbury's, Kinross Road Runners, Clark Thomson Insurance Brokers Ltd, Kinross Show, Gowrie Contracts Ltd, Soho Wealth, A&J Nelson (Haulage Contractors) Ltd, Pure Spa & Beauty, Kinross Physiotherapy, Live Active, Kinross Rugby Football Club, Kinross Ladies Circle, KLEO, Allander Print and innumerable other local individuals, businesses and organisations who have helped support us bring this project to fruition. All have recognised the strength and commitment from the club and its members to develop and grow the sport of hockey in the area and to provide and maintain a great playing surface for all its users.

The club is now one of only a few in Scotland which has taken on the responsibility, together with the KGV committee, to operate and manage its own pitch, which will be operated under the auspices of **Kinross Astro SCIO**, a registered charity.

Kinross Hockey Club runs two ladies' teams and two men's teams, has a thriving junior section "The Kobras", which competes in Midland District Tournaments, and runs "The Corinthians", a social hockey section for those not wishing to compete on a regular basis. The main hockey season runs from August to April but relaxed mixed hockey sessions are run throughout the summer for those looking for fun and fitness. Full details about the club can be found on its website www.kinrosshockey.org



Centre: Gail Nelson, President of Kinross Hockey Club, with Gavin Byers, Scottish International hockey player, having just cut the ribbon to formally open the new hockey pitch at King George V Playing Fields. Hockey club members, supporters and some of those who have helped the project come to fruition look on.

Kinross Road Runners

kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com

Our summer training programme is well underway now, providing a choice of training sessions and something to suit everyone.

Tuesday evenings the focus is on speed work based at Kirkgate Park and Wednesday evenings it's a varied programme of trail runs. All sessions cater for all abilities and new members are always warmly welcomed and given encouragement and



Tue 2 May 8 x 400m at Kirkgate
Wed 3 May River Devon
Sun 7 May Informal run
Tue 9 May Two-mile Time Trial +
Hot choc and kit sale
afterwards in garage

Wed 10 May Bishop Hill
Sat 13 May Loch Leven Half Marathon
Sun 14 May Informal run
Tue 16 May 8 x 400m at Kirkgate Park
Wed 17 May Falkland Duck Pond
Sun 21 May Informal run
Tue 23 May Pyramid reps
Wed 24 May John Knox's Pulpit
Sun 28 May Informal run
Tue 30 May 5 x 1k at Kirkgate Park
Wed 31 May Milnathort Dash Route
Sun 4 June Informal run

support. May is also a busy month for the club as host to the **Loch Leven Half Marathon** on Saturday 13 May.

The club meets on **Tuesdays at 7pm at Kirkgate** and on **Wednesdays at 6.45pm at the Medical Centre car park** (or 7pm at the start of the run). There is also an informal run on **Sunday mornings meeting at 9am at the Medical Centre**. Our programme through May is detailed here. Check our website for more information.



Kinross Road Runners out in force at Tay Ten, Perth

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

www.kinrosscc.co.uk

New Season Dates

Junior Cricket

All Stars Cricket

The club is delighted that we have been approved to deliver the new ECB All Stars Cricket programme for children aged 5-8 years.

All Stars Cricket is a brand new national initiative aimed at providing children with a great first experience in cricket. It is a fun and active way to develop your child's skills, and through our eight-week programme they will learn lots – as well as make new friends – in a safe and inclusive environment. All girls and boys are welcome, and each registered child will receive a pack of cricket goodies including a cricket bat, ball, backpack, water bottle, personalised shirt and cap to keep so that they can continue their love of cricket when they go home.

The programme starts on **Sunday 28 May** and can be booked via the All Stars website: www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars.

Junior outdoor training is held on Monday evenings at the Loch Leven's Larder ground from 6.30pm until 8pm. Junior training is split into age groups from primary 3 up to senior school S6. All our coaches are UKCC qualified and PVG certified. Junior numbers continue to grow but we still have space for any child looking to "give cricket a go". This season will see the return of the hugely popular "Wee Stramash" junior inter-club fixtures as well as ECB Natwest Cup campaigns for U13s and U15s and a wide range of hardball fixtures against other clubs and regular Kwik Cricket festivals for younger players.

Senior Cricket

This season our senior teams will play Sunday cricket in the Strathmore & Perthshire West league and Wednesday night



in the national Last Man Stands league. We also have plans for a number of social matches and BBQ events. We have about 30 seniors who play matches as work and family life allow. Some manage most games while others play a few games during the season. Occasional players are very welcome to join and we will manage to arrange for you to play when you want. Senior training and nets are on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm.

May Fixtures

We have a very full fixtures card during May for seniors, Under 15s, Under 13s and our younger age group "The Chieftains". Full details on our Facebook page and on the club website.

Pavilion Upgrade

The upgrading works are now complete and the building looks fantastic. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered during this project and to local businesses Gutter 2 Glory and Ogilvie Ross for all their help and support.



The extended and freshly painted pavilion looks fantastic

Kinross Rugby Club

Minis

After a short pause for the Easter Holidays, the minis section training resumes with renewed vigour as a string of tournaments take us up to the end of the season. This is a busy time for the boys and girls of Kinross RFC, but fresh faces are always welcome to come along and give rugby a try!

On **Saturday 20 May**, the season culminates in a family BBQ and awards at the KGV.

Minis training takes place every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12noon at the KGV Park. For all boys and girls, from P1 to P7 (aged 5 and over).

Midis

With numbers ever on the increase, the midis boys have a busy end of season lined up. There are matches scheduled every week, as well as the odd 7s tournament thrown in for good measure. Over the winter, the Friday night lights matches under the floodlights at the KGV and elsewhere were a great success. Spectators will now be hoping for some balmy spring evenings on which to watch the boys play.

Midis training is for boys only from S1 to S6 on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8.30pm at the KGV Park.

Seniors

The season has now finished and, as a club, we have grown in numbers and fun. Yes, there has been a lot of work done behind the scenes, but we achieved what we wanted to do and have a team every week.

We were recently invited to a sevens tournament at Leith RFC which was a lot of fun.

Our annual club dinner is on **Friday 3 May** where some trophies will be presented. It is £30 per ticket.

We are heading to Bielefeld, Germany, at the end of May for a tour to meet up with some old friends and also to play a game out there as well.



Next Season

As you have previously read, we have had a tough season this year. However, despite the scores, we have always managed to fulfil all the fixtures, although it has been a tough job.

As you can imagine, we have started to look at next season and we are looking for more players. If you fancy trying rugby for the first time, or even if you haven't played since high school, get in touch and get involved. Training is every Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm.

We are also looking for sponsors for next season. If you are interested in supporting a local club, please get in contact.

The Club House

The British Lions squad is the latest talk in the clubhouse. Why not pop along and input your thoughts?

Our clubhouse is available for any function be it a quiz night or even a birthday party. Please get in contact.

Contact Us

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The Kinross Team at the sevens tournament at Leith RFC

Kinross Golf Club

www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk

Captain versus Vice Captain

The season opening day was held on Saturday 25 March in traditional fashion with the Captain versus Vice Captain competition. We had glorious sunshine throughout and 86 golfers took part.



Captain Ken Scott and ladies captain Ann Smith kicked off the proceedings and were held to a halved match by the vice captain Stuart Wilson and ladies vice captain Jennifer Simpson.

The overall result was that the vice captain's team coasted to a 14.5 to 7.5 victory!

Captain Ken Scott and his committee wish all golfers the best for the forthcoming season.

Ladies bring and win

Thirteen ladies took part in the opening nine holes 'Bring and Win'. Anne Moore had the best score with a 39.5, beating Audrey Thomson on the better inward six. A lovely afternoon was had by all and everyone went home delighted with their 'win'.

Mixed open

Places for the mixed open on **Sunday 7 May** are still available. Please telephone Susan Quinn on 01577 8622637 if you would like a late entry.

Further information

For more information check out our website, follow us on Facebook and Twitter or pop into the clubhouse.

Left: Captains and Vice Captains

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

www.kinrosshockey.org

It has been a busy few weeks for the Kobras with two tournaments taking place.

The first was held at the newly resurfaced hockey pitch in Kinross, where we played against teams from Stirling Wanderers and Trossach Tigers. It was a lovely sunny day and some great hockey was played with Kinross teams making it to the final of both U12 and U14 sections. Photos can be seen on the Kobras Facebook page or the club website.

The second was a Midland District tournament held at Kilgraston where, despite the Easter holidays, we managed



to get teams out at all age groups. Against strong opposition the U14s came out with the best results. Congratulations go to Andrew Clark, William Lester and Ollie Wilson, who made it through the Midland District Boys U14 trials and who will hopefully make it into the match day squads for the Inter-District tournament in May.

More tournaments are coming up at the end of April and early May and the coaches have plenty to work on in training to prepare the juniors for these. Training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the hockey club pitch at KGV. Beginners are always welcome to come along and give it a try.



The U10 (left) and U14 (right) teams at the Midland District Tournament held at Kilgraston on 9 April

Kinross Otters

This month has been all about welcoming our new intake of Otters and getting them used to training and improving stamina. We're delighted to say that everyone is working very hard. Some have even had some competition experience in the divisional meets in early March and did themselves and Otters proud.

The biggest meet of the year is held in April when the Scottish National Age Groups (SNAGs) takes place. This is known as a long course (50m pool) event and is usually the first national competition young swimmers will compete in.

The event was held at Aberdeen Sports Village from 29 March to 2 April and over 90 clubs across the country were represented. Around 1000 swimmers who achieve the best times in their age groups are invited to compete.

For many, the event will provide an opportunity to compete at the highest level. Even those who don't make it to a final will be able to score points for their club in the top team competition.

All the times recorded at this meet can go towards rankings for swimmers talented enough to achieve a place at the British summer nationals or the Scottish summer meet held in July.

Kinross Otters sent three swimmers to the competition: Murray Pritchard in the boys 11 to 13 age group, Zosia Stanton in the same age group for girls and Ola Stanton in the age 14 girls competition.

They all did tremendously well and had a fantastic opportunity to take part in competition at this level.

Murray took PBs in seven of his eight races, missing out on a full house by about half a second in the 100m breast stroke.



Zosia also took a PB in the 50m breast stroke, taking over a second off her previous best.

Ola took a bronze medal in the 50m breast stroke, a brace of PBs and broke the Kinross Otters club records for the 50m freestyle with 28.49 (previously 28.80) and the 100m breaststroke with 1.18.16 (previously 1.21.35). Well done, Ola!

We are immensely proud of them all and everyone who attended was treated to a thrilling few days of swimming. Let's hope their success inspires other Otters to aim for a place at SNAGs 2018!

Our next major competitions this month are the divisional galas with the Premier Division competing at Olympia in Dundee on Saturday 22 May and the First Division squad up in Montrose on 29 May. Good luck to every Otter taking part. Look out for the results in the next Newsletter.



Ola Stanton, bronze medal winner, SNAGs, Aberdeen

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Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

After a successful open day on a calm and sunny day at the beginning of April, the tennis season is now in full swing. We are all looking forward to a season of 'strawberries and cream' and improving our fitness and tennis skills.

With summer just around the corner, including the Wimbledon championships, why not emulate your tennis heroes and come along for a game of tennis? New members are still welcome to join the club and enquiries can be made to our secretary Margaret Hamblin at kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

Adult members kick off the social calendar with our annual **David Wangerin Tournament**. This is a mixed-doubles round robin tournament in the afternoon of **Sunday 7 May**.

Alternatively, you are free to come along to our regular social tennis sessions for adult members on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm and Sunday mornings at 10.30am. In addition, our Thursday afternoon sessions at 1.30pm are good for both members and non-members wishing to try the sport.

Adult coaching on Tuesday evenings is available; please contact Margaret Hamblin, on 01577 850252, or at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Junior summer term coaching began on Friday 21 April for ten weeks. Sessions are on Tuesdays and Fridays and continue until 27 June. Thereafter, we have two summer camps from **Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July** and from **Monday 7 August to Friday 11 August**. All junior bookings and enquiries should be made to Siobhan by emailing Kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Adult league matches began at the end of April, with both gents and ladies hoping to have another successful season. Match results will be reported in the next Newsletter.

Visitors are also welcome. Keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



Kinross Volleyball Club

Free outdoor games sessions commenced on Monday 24 April on the grass area at the rear of the Community Campus from 7pm to 8.30pm. These free sessions are open to all ages for those who wish to have a bit of fun playing recreational volleyball.

Primary 7 pupils from the area are being invited to attend a transition coaching programme after the Easter holidays in the large games hall of Kinross High School starting on Wednesday 5 May from 5pm to 6pm. These sessions will give pupils the opportunity of meeting their peers from other schools as well as having fun learning about a dynamic, spectacular Olympic sport.

Adult members and High School senior pupils are preparing to enter teams in this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament being held over the last weekend of May on Perth's North Inch. Perth and Kinross Council's 'Event of the Year' for 2016 is expected, once again, to attract over 100 teams from around the UK and Europe.

Kinross High School pupils are to be congratulated for their successful season, in particular in Scottish Cup competitions. Four young Kinross men played for the City of Edinburgh II side which narrowly lost out to the more experienced Su Ragazzi II team from Glasgow in Scottish Volleyball's National Plate Final. The lads, aged between 16 and 19, were Mitchell Brown, Mark Cathro, Jack McKelvey and Callum Campbell.

Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

www.kinrosshockey.org

Congratulations, ladies! Midland Division II Winners! After many seasons of almost reaching the top of the table, our seconds have had an absolutely superb season, winning 10 of their 12 league games, drawing one and only losing one; scoring 39 goals and losing only 13. Ladies, you have had an exceptional season and we wish you well as you move up to Division 1 next year.

Our firsts, however, have found life a bit tougher in Division A of the championship. With only one game left against top of the table, Milne Craig Clydesdale Western 2s, it will be a very tough game. The result will not change the final outcome of the league; honour is the only prize at stake for the winner. Finally, it is that stage in the season; the club **AGM** is **Wednesday 3 May** at 7.30pm in the clubhouse. As full an attendance as possible from all club members would be welcomed. This will be followed by the club annual dinner on **Friday 5 May** at Loch Leven's Larder to which all club members are welcome. Tickets can be booked via the website.



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CLEISH – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed fifty-two members and visitors to our April meeting. Before business, she welcomed our speakers for the evening, Donna and Claudia Kirkwood from Handbag Parties, who displayed an extensive selection of beautiful handbags, purses and scarfs. During a game of 'heads and tails' Mrs Agnes Muirhead won a scarf, then we enjoyed a fun evening admiring and purchasing the Handbag Parties merchandise.

A vote of thanks was given by President Mrs Helen Buchanan. President Mrs Helen Buchanan thanked and congratulated all the participants in the Spring Show, in particular Hayley Cassells, who won the Margaret Folan Quaich for the Novice section.

She also thanked and congratulated all the participants in the SWI National Curling Competition who were Runners-Up.

Competition winners:

Easter Bonnet	Sandra Webster
Three Decorated Easter	
Cupcakes	Helen Buchanan
Flower of the Month	Lynn Hewitt

CROOK OF DEVON – President Alice Johnson welcomed friends and fellow members to our Annual Coffee Evening. Kelty Musical Association came along and provided excellent entertainment, singing songs from some of the well-known shows.

Isabel Mechan gave a vote of thanks and supper was served by the members.

BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Deirdre Munro and her colleague Christine, who came along to tell us about the section of the Fife Coastal Walk from Dysart to Kingsbarns. The talk was illustrated with some beautiful slides which showed us the very varied, flowers, wildlife and historical points of interest. Many of the photographs had been taken by Christine.

Competition winners:

Knitted or Sewn Animal or Bird	Norma Smith and Janette Gardiner (1st=)
Sandwich for a Picnic	Janette Gardiner

Norma thanked everyone for attending and reminded members that our next meeting would be our Business Meeting.

GLENFARG – Members of Auchterarder Institute entertained Glenfarg with a programme that kept the laughter and fun going all evening. Poems, quizzes, songs and talks on machine knitwear and Scottish Country Dance were all well received by the audience and Andzia Scott proposed a very well deserved vote of thanks.

Competition winners were:

Covered Coathanger	Allison Messenger
Small Simnel Cake	Allison Messenger
Flower of the Month	Allison Messenger

CARNBO – Christine and Kenny Allan, along with Ewan Paterson, gave us a fun-filled evening entitled "A Butcher's Life" at our meeting in Carnbo Hall in April. Our attempts at making sausages were something to behold! However, that aside, we all enjoyed a very interesting and thought-

provoking insight into the food we eat – yours truly will never purchase a pre-packed, supermarket pack of mince again! We listened with great interest to their light-hearted accounts of their lives and their vibrant businesses in Blairgowrie and Auchterarder. Our sincere thanks and very best wishes were expressed by Mrs E Stirling.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Monday 15 May. President Jay Hutchison expressed the hope that a good number of members will bring along a favourite starter or dessert so that a variety of recipes can be exchanged and enjoyed.

Competition results:

A Small Pot of Paté	Frances Drysdale
Flower of the Month	Barbara Nicol

POWMILL – President Sharon Buchanan welcomed everyone to the March meeting and introduced Margo Wills, who gave a presentation on the work of the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

RSABI is a unique Scottish charity dedicated to the relief of hardship and poverty amongst people who are dependent, or have depended, on the land for their livelihoods. Whilst RSABI cannot help with issues of debt or bills, they can provide food vouchers and heating allowances and offer advice on pensions and point people in the right direction for the help they might require.

Margo also showed photos of her visit to London to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. She was one of the 10,000 guests at the picnic along The Mall and brought her beautiful wicker hamper, which had held her traditional British picnic lunch.

A cheque for £100 was presented to Margo for the continued work of RSABI.

Fiona Buchanan gave a hearty vote of thanks and supper was served by Shona Cheyne and Alison Stirling.

Competition winners:

Knitted item	Elsie Johnston
Floral Arrangement in a Tea Cup	Mary Wilson
Garden Gem	Mary Wilson

Kinross Group

At the Kinross SWI Group Spring Meeting, the Ramage Dawson Trophy was won by Glenfarg and the Erskine Trophy for runner up was awarded to Cleish. Maureen Lambie (Glenfarg) won the Jessie Smith Salver for the best individual performance.

The Autumn Group Meeting is on Saturday 4 November at 2pm in Cleish Village Hall.

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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



What a fantastic few weeks of weather we had around the turn of April. The sun was out constantly. Shame about the often biting wind and the cold nights, but it's only April. Hopefully we'll have a long, hot summer here in Kinross-shire.

Regular walkers of the trail will have noticed all the works going on. The path has been improved and upgraded in a number of places. This work was paid for by Perth and Kinross Council and was supervised by George from TRACKS. We have also been removing many dead and dangerous trees from around the trail. We do annual tree checks and remove unsafe trees every year. Many thanks for your patience during these times. We like to keep the trail to a high safety standard so we don't have to make any unexpected and annoying path closures.

We have a new addition to the Loch Leven vehicle fleet. We have bought a Polaris Ranger EV. Our old diesel Quadbike had a hard life up the mountains of Creag Meagaidh collecting stags and is coming up to the end of its functioning life. This new electric vehicle is a much smarter, safer and environmentally friendly way to get about the reserve. All of the staff and a number of the volunteers had a good day up at Highland Off-road gaining our certificates to drive it. It's great for taking tools to jobs around the trail and it's great to be embracing green technology.

Our volunteers have been busy with a number of jobs around the reserve. We're still replacing a lot of the original fencing around the trail. There are a lot of rotten fence posts that need replacing. We are also making sure all our stock proof fencing is in good condition because, before too long, stock will be back grazing on our lochside meadows.

We've also completed the first part of our full duck nest surveys. At Loch Leven, we survey for Mallard in April, Gadwall in May and Tufted ducks in June using the same survey techniques used during the intensive surveys that took place during the 1960s. We do this survey every year to gauge the health of breeding duck population so we can work out the best way to manage it. We try to do this survey every two to three years. If anyone would like to help with these surveys and can handle a tough day out on the island searching through the long vegetation, please phone the office for details.

We had our first event of the New Year. Our meet the wardens session at Burleigh was good fun. It is always nice to see so many familiar faces and new visitors to the reserve. Many thanks for filling in our visitor surveys. All our upcoming events are on the blog. If you would like more details or would like to book, please phone 01577 864439.

We've seen a lot of Spring migrants birds. We've also been seeing Sand Martins since late March. A number of Ospreys have been seen by anglers and Swallows are already on territory. We have a number of pairs of Lapwings displaying at a couple of sites. Our total count of nesting Herons was up from 26 to 31 nests this spring. Many ducks are in the loch margins, setting up feeding territories to rear broods.

Neil, Gus and myself are all busy on Instagram, Facebook and the Loch Leven NNR blog so keep an eye out for regular updates and wildlife sightings from around the reserve.

Jeremy Squire, Reserve Officer

SNH is the lead group in organising Discovery Day. See page 11.

RSPB Loch Leven



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

Colin Shaw, the regular writer of this column, has been beset by IT problems so has been unable to submit his usual round up of what's happening with the birds at the RSPB reserve. However, here is a list of events happening at RSPB Loch Leven in the next month or so:

On **Wednesday 10 May** the **Nature Tots** session will be about 'Spring and Senses'. That's on from 10am until 12 noon. RSPB members £3, non-members £6 (family). Booking essential.

There's a **Family Fun Weekend** on **Saturday and Sunday 13 and 14 May**, 10am-4pm. Drop into the reserve for action packed nature discovery adventure. Take the wildlife challenge, join in with hands on activities, experiment with the art of den building, discover what lies beneath the pond's surface and enter the grand designs bird feeder competition! Standard entry charges apply (free for members) plus £5 per child for all activities (£3 for members).

Express your artistic side on **Sunday 28 May**. RSPB Loch Leven is hosting a **Botanical Watercolour Workshop**, 1pm-3pm. Taking inspiration from the flora of the reserve, learn basic watercolour techniques and try some exercises. Materials provided. RSPB members £15, non-members £20. Booking essential.

The local **Wildlife Explorers group** are meeting up on **Sunday 28 May**, 1pm-3pm for a session on Bugs, Bugs, Glorious Bugs. To register for this group, email: lochlevenWEX@rspb.org.uk There's another chance to get some friendly, hands-on advice about binoculars and telescopes at the next **Optics Weekend**, which takes place **Saturday and Sunday 3 & 4 June**, 10am-4pm.

Weather March Weather Report from Kinross



Total rainfall	77.7mm = 3.10 inches
Heaviest rainfall	11.6mm (3rd)
Total sunshine for the month	102.1 hours
Sunniest day	9 hours (25th)
Maximum temperature average	10°C
Highest temperature	16.7°C (26th)
Minimum temperature average	-0.69°C
Lowest temperature	-7.2°C (2nd)



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Mon 7.15pm - 8.00pm



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We are getting well through lambing the ewes and it has been going ok (which is a dangerous statement to make before it's actually finished as there is plenty scope for disasters to happen yet!) It has been a bit of a long, drawn out affair but that was expected as it had been planned to happen in three stages. This was to give scope to keep the newborn lambs in the shed longer before putting them out to the fields in case of bad weather since we are lambing slightly earlier than usual. If we had too many lambing at once, they would need to be put outside quicker, as you need to give ewes with lambs quite a lot of space, which, as always, is fairly limited. It has been a nice dry spell of weather, which was much needed as there had been a lot of rain through February and into the first half of March, although it has been quite cold at times, especially during this past week. There was a relatively good supply of grass in the fields through the winter but its growth has been halted by the cold wind at the moment, so hopefully it will warm up soon. We trialled some of the lamb jackets with some of the earliest born lambs but I wouldn't say they were very successful; the longest one stayed on a lamb was nine days. I suppose it gave them some protection for the all-important first few days, but that was about it. Although there have been some cold and wet days, I don't think they will have missed their kagouls too much. As always, we have some pet lambs and we have adopted a new system for feeding them. We normally bottle feed these lambs up to four times a day when they are very young. This is a very time consuming job so we decided to try a free access ad-lib feeder. The milk is stored cold in a container and the

supply tube attached to the teat from the milk goes through a warm water bath which heats the milk up to the correct temperature for the lambs. We liked the idea of this system as the stored milk doesn't go stale so quickly as it is stored cold, although we were apprehensive about trying such a system as you never know for sure how much individual lambs are drinking, unlike when you bottle feed them, and also we weren't sure how easy it would be to train the lambs. There is also the small issue of the cost of the heating unit and other pieces of kit.

It is a case of so far, so good and we were amazed at how quickly the lambs adapted to suckling the different teats, with the majority of them only needing to be guided to the teat once and they were trained. We do need to keep a careful watch for any lamb which may not be feeding properly, but mostly manage by themselves. It's a case of the Backward Farm pet lamb enterprise entering the modern era.

The cynic in me suspects that these ad-lib feeding systems are promoted by companies who manufacture milk powder, as there is no doubt that the lambs are drinking more, but if they grow faster, then any extra milk consumed will be worth it.

We have also had some cows calving and they are the last ones sired by our old bull, Tiger. He obviously intended to keep his bloodlines going, as most of the calves have been hieifers, so we may keep some to breed with. It will be a few weeks before there will be enough grass to allow the cows to be turned out to the fields but at least we have plenty of silage to feed them until that time comes.

John

Gardens Open in Spring

Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart, Dollar, FK14 7JW. Open by arrangement from 1 April to 31 October.

Contact Liz and Peter Wyatt, Tel: 0797 337 4687 or email: elizwyatt@aol.com

Pitcurran House, Abernethy, PH2 9LH. Open by arrangement from 1 April to 30 September. Contact Mrs Noel-Paton, Tel: 01738 850933 or email: patricianp@pitcurran.com

Rossie House at Forgandenny has two special open days this month: on **Friday 19 May** and **Friday 26 May, 2pm - 5pm**. It is described as a "magical mystery tour of endless paths meandering under magnificent trees, unusual shrubs with a plethora of woodland bulbs and plants at your feet". Homemade teas are available on 26 May only. Dogs on leads welcome. Partial disabled access. Admission is £4. Forgandenny is on the B935 between Bridge of Earn and Dunning. PH2 9EH.

Full listings of the many other garden openings across Scotland are available on Scotland's Gardens website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Kinross-shire Garden Trail

Do you have a pretty garden...even if it's tiny? Or maybe a fabulous vegetable patch? Scotland's Gardens are looking for gardens of all types in Kinross or outlying villages to be part of a 'Garden Trail', opening for charity for one afternoon in the summer or autumn.



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Due to limited capacity it is recommended that all visits are booked in advance. This can be done online at www.historicenvironment.scot or via the local ticket office. Phone 01577 862670 for further information. Access times for 2017:

1 April to 30 September: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 4.15pm

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

Admission prices: Adult £7.50, Child £4.50, Conc £6. HS members free.



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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' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

Tuesdays: 10am Pram Service.

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, church centre.

1.30pm, Craft Group.

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre. Anchor Section 6 – 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 – 9pm, Company section 8 – 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

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

Other Events and Services

April

Sun 30 2pm - 4pm: 'A Perfect Sunday Afternoon'. Tea, chat and entertainment. If possible, numbers to church office in advance.

May

Mon 1 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tue 2 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Thu 4 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre: **AGM**.

Sun 7 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Sat 13 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Thu 18 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Sat 20 **10am - 12noon: Church Coffee Morning at Church Centre with Plant Sale and Fair Trade stall.**

Tue 30 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

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Sunday Services 11.15am

May

Sun 7 11.15am Morning Worship. Junior Church. Refreshments in Village Hall. Traidcraft stall.

Mon 8 3.15pm Cleish Messy Church in the Village Hall, open to all children and their carers.

Sun 14 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sat 20 **2pm Cleish Fete, to be opened by local author Gillian Galbraith.**

20 - 26 **General Assembly.**

Sun 21 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 28 11.15am Morning Worship. **Sacrament of Holy Communion. Congregational Lunch.**

All welcome

**Cleish Church Fete will take place on
Saturday 20 May this year.**

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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.

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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.

May

Sun 7 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship and Junior Church followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.

Sun 14 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 21 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 28 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship and celebration of Holy Communion.

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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Friday 26 May at 3.15pm in the Crook of Devon hall.

House Group

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

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group

Friday 5 May at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

Friday 5 May 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Church Hall. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus said, *'I am among you as one who serves.'*

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

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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.

KCF also runs the Talking Donkey café - see separate notice in the Newsletter. Additionally, the Friday evening Youth Group at the Millbridge Hall (Space) is also the responsibility of our Fellowship, and we are pleased to accept this privilege.

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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

(1st & 3rd) 12.30pm Simple soup lunch followed by a led reflection and silent meditation and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (Meeting Room).

(2nd & 4th) 11am Informal Holy Communion (Side Chapel)

Thursdays

10.30am Thursday morning Discussion Group. *This is usually in the Meeting Room unless otherwise advertised.*

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

May Services and Events - all welcome

Sun 7 4th Sunday of Easter

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands.

Sun 14 ST MATTHIAS

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 21 6th Sunday of Easter

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

Sun 28 ASCENSION SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

5.30pm BCP Evensong (said).

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)

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

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during the services.

Please note that joint services will be held on the first Sunday of each month in alternate churches at 10.30am.**Prayer Meeting** held 30 mins before each service.**Service at Ashley House:** first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.**Morning Prayers at 9am**

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Messy Church meets in Orwell Hall on **Saturday 27 May** from 4 - 6pm.**Dates and events for your diary****7 May** Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am.

No service at Orwell Church.

13 May Christian Aid Breakfast in Orwell Hall 8.30 - 9.45am.**26 May** Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak Church New Room at 10.15am. Craft Morning with Ann Garner.

Everyone welcome

Church office & shop open Mon – Fri. 10am until 2pm.

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com**Yoga Classes in Kinross**

www.simpliyoga.com

Tuesday Evenings - Kinross Church Centre

@7pm - All Levels

@8pm - Active Yoga

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Tel. No: 01577 865341 / 07732902419**Obituary****CATHARINE ERSKINE***5 February 1927 to 15 February 2017*

Catharine McLelland was born in the Borders in 1927 and during the war attended school in the Lake District. She met Donald in Edinburgh in 1951 and, after marrying him two years later, they moved with Donald's work to Aberdeenshire. In 1961 Catharine and Donald arrived in Cleish with their then family of three children. Two more were born in Cleish, one in Cleish House.

The Cleish to which Catharine arrived in 1961 was a microcosm of Scottish rural life: fresh milk was collected in urns from Cleish Mill; groceries, fish, bread and meat were purchased from vans that came to your door, and Cleish's only shop boasted of a post office in the beadle's house. It was a time when village life revolved around the church, the school and the town of Kinross, from where the weekly testing of the siren could be heard at noon every Monday. Most people in the community did farm related work and 'commuting' was not yet common.

As soon as Catharine arrived in Cleish she became involved in local life, as organisation and participation were two of her guiding principles.

She joined the Rural and loved the part it played in bringing women together. In spite of being a good cook, she knew that competition was stiff at the monthly meetings where delicious homemade goods were judged. She also loved the drama and music aspect. Indeed there is an Erskine trophy, still contested, for the runners up in the Federation at the annual choir competition. Most of all, though, it was through the dressmaking/sewing classes where her skills and passion shone the most, particularly for the Kinross Show. She was able to compete in any section: samplers, patchwork, quilting, tapestry, smocking and even wedding dresses.

Catharine was Chairman of the Perth and Kinross Federation from 1974 to 1977. She must have visited every small hall within the area during her tenure, from Glenshee to Path of Condie, each and every Rural providing her with a huge amount of interest and pleasure. She also held the posts of Federation Treasurer and Convener of the National Education Committee as well as being Kinross Group Honorary President for a number of years. In the late seventies, Catharine made her family particularly proud when she became a member of a quiz team representing the SWRI competing against the Town Women's Guild. This was broadcast on Radio 2, with her team reaching the semi-finals.

As an active member of the church, Catharine joined the Guild and remained a loyal supporter throughout her life. Her love of all things floral gave her the excuse, if it was ever needed, to participate in the flower arranging in the church. She organised the weekly roster and relished her turn, particularly for weddings and Harvest Festival, Easter and Christmas. Music in the church was equally important to her. She was involved in the acquisition and installation of the wonderful organ in Cleish Church from St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh. She was a member of the Christmas choir that performed annually and was the backbone of the Christmas Eve midnight service, which her husband Donald conducted with great gusto. Her love of singing led her to join Kinross Singers, a choral group whose musical challenges she thrived on.

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Obituary Catharine Erskine, continued...

In spite of her commitments as a wife, a mother of five, and her work at the National Trust for Scotland in Edinburgh, her involvement in the Cleish community and beyond was a central part of her life. Volunteering was part of that. Organising the annual the door-to-door Red Cross collection was one of her initial undertakings, involving the whole family. The poppy collection came next – in and out of pubs, banks, factories, shops and welcoming homes – there wasn't a person in Kinross-shire who was untouched by her involvement. Meantime, Meals on Wheels went on in the background.

Children First and CHAS also benefited from her time. With Children First she became a familiar volunteer and there she remained for 30 years, finishing as Chairman in the eighties. At CHAS she was able to combine her love of children with her love of gardening.

NADFAS gave her the opening that enriched her love of the arts. She was soon coerced into being a committee member and finally, in the 90s, became Chair of the Perth branch. But, for Catharine, the importance was discovering the wealth of treasures on her doorstep. She volunteered as a NADFAS team member mending rugs at Kinross House and loved being a church recorder in St Paul's Episcopal Church. In 1978 the opportunity arose to preserve Cleish's unique qualities by making an application for it to become a conservation area. Catharine and Donald, together with other members of the community, fought hard to make this a reality. The many hours of effort and devotion contributed to make Cleish the place it is today, unchanged in a changing world.

At this time, Community Councils came into being and through necessity for communication of topics discussed in Cleish, a newsletter came into being. Catharine, who always loved writing, relished the role of editor, a task she fulfilled for almost 30 years. The Story of Cleish – the result of an SWRI competition – was another of her literary accomplishments. First printed in 1968, it was updated in 2001, both editions being sold in aid of Church funds.

Her love of Cleish was reflected in the pride she took in preparing for the Best Kept Village Competition. The village was really an extension of her own beloved garden where she was always happy to welcome the community, whether for Daffodil Teas or to raise funds for charity. Indeed today we are all still able to enjoy the daffodils that she planted – both in Cleish House driveway and along the road to the west of the village.

The Village Hall also captured her attention and presence – often with a pinny on. She loved the Sale of Work (later to become the Sale and Fête) and nothing gave her more pleasure than being in the hall (after it moved from the Manse), pouring cups of tea, catching up on friends and their news. Who will ever forget the Queen's Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilees? Catharine was pivotal to multiple village events, ensuring that Cleish was the centre of all things to be celebrated – locally or nationally – with all participants benefiting from the genuine warmth of her involvement.

Education was hugely important to Catharine and played a large part in her life through many forms. She was, in the 70s, a member of the board of Lendrick Muir School. However, it was later, with her children well and truly through Cleish School, that Catharine found true joy when she was invited to join their Board; she participated in whatever was expected of her but particularly relished the judging of the poetry recitals and always came home able to recall every word delivered. This commitment was a perfect opportunity for her to be involved back where she had first started as a parent in 1961 – she loved all ages, particularly those in their formative years.

Her link with Cleish School remained with her to the end. The sound of children playing and laughing in the playground echoed round her bedroom, reminding her of the love of a wonderfully unique community and how much she had gained from it for over 55 years.

Acknowledgements

ROBBIE – William and Bruce wish to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following Ann's death. Special thanks to the staff at Cornhill Hospice, Loch Leven Health Centre and Dr McCracken, Dr Osborne and Dr McInnes for their excellent care and attention. Thanks also to the Rev Alan Reid for his kind words and comforting service, and to all who paid their respects to Ann at the church and graveside. We also appreciate the excellent support and guidance from Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd, Kinross, through this difficult time.

GRAY - David Gray, died 25 March 2017.

Eileen and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and support following the sad loss of David. Thanks also go to the medical staff and nurses of both PRI and Loch Leven Health Centre. Our gratitude is also extended to the Marie Curie nurses and thanks also to Lis Stenhouse for the sympathetic service. Thanks also to Gordon and Alison Stewart for help, advice and professionalism in our time of need. Most importantly we owe so much to Dave for being there for us all throughout his long and happy life. Gone but never forgotten.



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Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.05am - 11.50am

Inbetweeners: Mon 9.05 - 11.50am, optional Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 12.55pm - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact:

Lisa 07736 642070, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45 - 2.45pm

Unfortunately this group is not on at present as there is no one to run it. Should anyone wish to volunteer to start the group up again, please contact Swansacre Playgroup.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Louise on 07926 600 0657 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts
Friendly support for all carers
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross
Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)**

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/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.

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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



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

Session times: Tues & Fri 9.45am – 11.30am.
Sessions are £2 per child (£1.50 for under 1s) and 50p for each additional child. A snack is provided.

For all queries please email
portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com
or find us on Facebook

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)
The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.
Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

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9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross

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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



Scotlandwell In Bloom PLANT & BAKE SALE Saturday 29 April

11am – 2pm

The Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell

**"In every gardener there is a child who believes
in The Seed Fairy"**

Scotlandwell in Bloom is holding a Plant & Bake Sale on Saturday 29 April in the Well Country Inn from 11am until 2pm, where a varied selection of plants, flowers and vegetables ready for planting up will be on sale. In addition there will be an opportunity to buy delicious home baking and locally produced jams and chutneys; small hanging baskets and other garden bits 'n' bobs. There will also be a Tombola plus a second-hand book stall. Come along and see what's on offer, or if gardening's not your thing, simply come along for coffee, cake and a blether – we'd love to see you there. All proceeds towards the upkeep of planters, tubs, floral displays and generally helping to keep our 'patch up to scratch'.

All Welcome

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

*The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",
Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays*

Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm

Cost: Members £6, non-members £9 except Singaround

For more info, see: www.glenfargfolkclub.com

Mon 1 May: Singaround. Being a bank holiday, number crunching is in order, so "numbers" is the theme. Everyone welcome. All £3.

Mon 8 May: Jenny Biddle. We welcome "Melbourne's best busker" to our midst for the first time! Self-described as playing a feisty guitar, a squawking blues harmonica, singing poignant lyrics from self-penned songs and ingenious covers, plus an endearing personality in a 5ft frame, we can't wait for her arrival!

Mon 15 May: Rallion. A three-piece band with driving rhythms and energy, their unique sound is based upon the fiddle powerhouse of Fiona Cuthill, the distinctive voice of Marieke McBean and the virtuoso guitar and bouzouki of Steve Lawrence.

Mon 22 May: Singaround. As the British Lions rugby team leave for New Zealand to play the All Blacks, let's make "animals" or "colours" the theme. All welcome as always. All £3.

Mon 29 May: Dan McKinnon. NB: Loch Leven Suite, Green Hotel. A big welcome back to our Canadian friend with the truly wonderful voice and guitar skills. Dan is an excellent songwriter, and also specialises in the works of Stan Rogers.

Mon 5 June: Pete Coe. With an amazingly distinctive voice, an eclectic mix of both traditional and contemporary songs, traditional dance steps and musicianship, Pete will bring a lively show, which should appeal to all!

Kinross Garden Group

2016/17 Season

Summer Garden Visit

Alexandria and Benmore Gardens

Thursday 11 May

Coach departs Thistle Hotel 7.15am. Waiting List.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**Monday 1st May 2017
Moving & Handling
Talk**

**(Perth & Kinross Council)
Leigh Must**

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.



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**1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am–12noon**



Contact Gail Boath

Tel. 01577 867306

Or Annette Bond

01738 567076



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.

4 May Annual General Meeting

Yarn Shop Day at Skeins & Bobbins

Saturday 6 May

Support your local independent yarn shop by coming along to Skeins & Bobbins on Yarn Shop Day, 10am – 4.30pm.

Complimentary tea/coffee/biscuits/cake

Free Patterns Free Raffle Special Offers

Judging of competition (ask shop for details)

120 High Street, Kinross, 01577 208107

The Gaelic Society of Perth

After a wonderful ceilidh in March with Rhona Morrison, Catriona Lang and Emma Deans singing and Gordon Patullo on the accordion, The Gaelic Society of Perth will not have a ceilidh in April but the **AGM** is on **Friday 12 May** to which all members are invited. Please note that the date is changed from 5 May. Come and put your views forward and hear what the Society has been involved with this year and the plans for the future!

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**.

Sending photographs to the Newsletter

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

Burleigh Holiday Park Public Show of Concern

There will be a Public Show of Concern in reaction to the proposed Holiday Park at Burleigh (PKC ref 17/00002/PAN) on



Saturday 13 May

10am to 12 noon

at the Cross in Milnathort

All Welcome

Prize for the best wildlife fancy dress costume or hat



The annual Portmoak Hall Ceilidh

Saturday 13 May, 8pm

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Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed. Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

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.



Potager Garden Annual General Meeting

Church Centre, Kinross

Wednesday 31 May

at 7.30pm

All welcome to attend to hear about developments over the last year



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
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*.



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.

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Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2017

Term	Start	End
Summer	Wed 19 Apr 2017	Thu 29 Jun 2017

Holidays and In-Service Days:

May Day holiday: Mon 1 May 2017

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Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

An outreach surgery is normally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross. Citizens Advice Bureau confirms the dates for six months at a time. Unfortunately, at the time of going to press, CAB could not definitely confirm to the Newsletter that the outreach service will be taking place April onwards. To check, we suggest looking at the CAB website at www.perthcab.org.uk or telephone 01738 450580.



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

Scottish Mining Trust Holidays Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 Web: www.blaircastle.net

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Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

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1 High Street, Dollar, FK14 7AY

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I hold regular surgeries in Kinross-shire.
For more information, general enquiries and for anything else I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Telephone: 01259 219333

Email: tas.mp@parliament.uk

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

Mobile Library Service**Visiting on Tuesdays 9 & 13 May:**

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny School		1430-1530

Visiting on Wednesdays 3, 17 & 31 May:

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

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

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.

Kinross Community Councillors

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Dave Morris		01592 840500
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Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

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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

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.



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

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

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

Blythswood Care collection in Perth

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

2 May, 6 June

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

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

Befriending Kinross



Are you new to the Area?
Would you like someone to talk to?
Someone to have a coffee with?
Help to feel less socially isolated?

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com

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	(except 16th)	
	Games	1.15pm	(except 16th)	
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm	(except 16th)	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm (except 3rd)
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm	(except 3rd)	
Thursday	Carpet Curling or Boccia	11am		
	Art Class	1.30pm	Film or music Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc	1.30pm		
	Balance & Strength Class	1.30pm		
Friday	Balance & Strength Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow	1.30pm		
	Bingo	1.30pm		



Additional Events for May

Hearing Loss Support and Advice	Monday	1st	11am - 12pm
Community Health & Wellbeing Support	Tuesday	2nd	11am - 12pm
Fantastic 60s Afternoon of Music	Wednesday	3rd	1.30pm - 3pm
Chiropody	Thursday	4th, 25th	9.45am - 1pm
			(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - everyone welcome	Tuesday	16th	1.30pm
Tai Chi	Wednesday	17th, 31st	1.30pm - 2pm
Kinross Community Care Advice and Information	Wednesday	17th	11.30am - 12pm
Library Visit	Thursday	25th	1.30pm

To all interested Parties

Kinross-Shire Day Centre **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday 16 May** at 1.30pm
Everyone Welcome



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

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

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

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

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

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

Kinross 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

Community Website

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

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.

Indoor Rabbit House

£70

VGC fully enclosed small animal house used for indoor rabbit but can be used outdoors for chickens or small animals. Has a window, hatch and ladder and 2 door openings.

Seller Details: Karen Beaumont 07876 521676
karen_beaumont@hotmail.co.uk

Kinross high school blazer

£20

Boys blazer. Immaculate condition as rarely worn. Chest 34/size 12 (think this may mean age 12!).

Seller Details: Debbie Gachagan 07973 533468
stackyard4@aol.com

Washing Machine

£100

Zanussi. 7kg 1400 spin. Excellent Condition.

Stoves New Home Cooker

£100

Double oven electric. Top hob gas. Excellent condition.

Slimline Dish Washer

£50

Indesit IDS 105. Excellent condition.

Larder Fridge

£50

Matsui, undercounter. Excellent condition.

Microwave

£30

Wellco. 800w.

Kitchen Units

Offers

Various sizes. Kitchen being replaced, must be viewed.

White Desk Fan

£10

CED Model STF12D

Seller Details for above 7 items:
G C Legge 01577 864540

Bike

£50

BMX GT bike 20" wheel. Fits teenager. Only used twice, excellent condition.

Seller Details: Rhona Gordon 07833 740101
rhona@biel.net

Mountfield Petrol Lawnmower

Free. Donation to CHAS

Briggs and Stratton engine model SP470.

Seller Details: Robert Thomson 01577 864625
thomson679@btinternet.com

Ladies Bicycle

£45

Ladies small wheeled bicycle in good condition.

Seller Details: Dorothy Pollett 01577 865698

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

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').

Campaign Communicator, Aero Space, part-time

We are about to launch a Community Share Offer and are looking for someone with strong digital social media and soft interpersonal skills to help us promote the offer. Imminent start date. 3 month self-employed contract from April to June. Temporary role which could lead to longer term contract. Varied and interesting mix of working from home and getting out and about. Flexible working hours and negotiable remuneration. Activities will centre on the initiation and regular refreshment of the campaign via a crowdfunding platform and social media. There will also be an opportunity to engage with the local community and potential investors. Expression of interest with half page bio to Alisdair Stewart, 07825 698613 or email alisdairstewart@yahoo.com.

Full time Chef de Partie, Loch Leven's Larder

Are you an ambitious, creative chef looking to work in a fast-paced, expanding company?

We have an exciting opportunity for the right person - someone who's as passionate as we are about using local, seasonal ingredients to create innovative dishes to surprise and delight our clientele. You'll be part of a dedicated creative team, involved in creating food concepts, menu planning and final presentation of food.

We are looking for full qualifications and at least 3 years experience, initiative and creativity and a commitment to following food hygiene guidelines. Knowledge of baking desirable but not essential.

Salary £8.50-£9.50 depending on experience. 40 hours per week, no split shifts. Accommodation available. 28 days holiday p.a. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Excellent work/life balance. Please email CV & covering letter to hr@lochlevenslarder.com by 12 May 2017.

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
Heaven Scent	South Street, 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
Powmill Stores	Powmill
Moto Shop	Turfhills
RSPB Shop	RSPB Loch Leven
Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
Diary of Events can be found on www.kinross.cc*

April

Sat	29	Plant & Bake Sale, Scotlandwell in Bloom	96
Sat	29	Carnbo Bowling Club reopens for the season	71
Sun	30	Family Fun Day Cycle Event (see www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk)	
Sun	30	Loch Leven Bioblitz, RSPB WEX group (tel 01577 862355)	

May

Mon	1	Kinross Hub Café for Carers	96
Mon	1	Glenfarg Folk Club meets weekly at the Green Hotel, Kinross	96
Tue	2	Fossway and District CC AGM and May Meeting	32
Wed	3	Open Day at Enable Mobility	21
Wed	3	Kinross CC AGM and May Meeting	28
Wed	3	Kinross Hockey Club AGM	81
Thu	4	LOCAL ELECTIONS	3
Thu	4	Fifty Plus Club meets at Kinross Parish Church	62
Thu	4	The Thursday Group AGM	96
Thu	4	Milnathort & Kinross Allotments Association Meeting, 7pm, campus	
Fri-Sat	5-6	Clearance Event, Workshop and charity raffle at County Fabrics	105
Fri	5	Kinross Hockey Club Annual Dinner	81
Sat	6	Café Book Club	17
Sat	6	French Storytelling for children	17
Sat	6	Yarn Shop Day, Skeins & Bobbins	96
Sun	7	Little Seedlings Club meets, 11am, Dobbies	
Mon	8	ASSET community share offer launch	14
Tue	9	Walks throughout the month with Kinross & Ochil Walking Group	39
Tue	9	Portmoak CC AGM and May Meeting	34
Wed	10	Nature Tots with RSPB Loch Leven	85
Thu	11	A Review of 'Urn'ings (Kilmagadwood Bronze Age Cemetery Talk)	55, 57
Fri	12	Boys Brigade Annual Display and Presentation of Awards	66
Sat	13	Loch Leven Half Marathon	76
Sat-Sun	13-14	Family Fun Weekend at RSPB Loch Leven	85
Sat	13	Public Show of Concern over Burleigh Holiday Park	97
Sat	13	Annual Portmoak Hall Ceilidh	97
Sun	14	Greyhound Rescue Fife 10th Anniversary Dog Show	49
Sun	14	Heritage Walk with Professor Munro and SNH	58
Tue	16	Kinross-shire Day Centre AGM	102
Fri	19	Newsletter Deadline	1
Sat	20	Planting Day, Crook & Drum Growing Together	44
Sat	20	Church Coffee Morning and Plant Sale, Church Centre	89
Sat	20	Cleish Church Fete	97
Sat	20	Kinross Rugby Club Barbecue and Awards	77
Tue	23	Health and Care in Kinross-shire presentation and discussion	20
Wed	24	Crook & Drum Growing Together AGM	44
Wed	24	Beavers Annual Barbecue and AGM	65
Fri, Sat	26, 27	Bake Sale at Andersons in aid of KHS Rock Challenge	50
Sat	27	Kinross Farmers' Market	50
Sat	27	Cocktails and Comedy: Ladies Circle Lunch	61
Sun	28	All Stars junior cricket programme begins	76
Sun	28	DISCOVERY DAY	11
Sun	28	Botanical Watercolour Workshop at RSPB Loch Leven	85
Sun	28	Wildlife Explorers meet, RSPB Loch Leven	85
Sun	28	Ceilidh at Milnathort Town Hall	97
Wed	31	Potager Garden AGM	38, 97

June

Thu	1	Fifty Plus Club meets	62
Sat	3	Central and West Fife Show	13
Sat	3	Sponsored Walk for Christian Aid on the Heritage Trail	79
Sat-Sun	3-4	Try Bowls weekend at Orwell Bowling Club	72
Sat-Sun	3-4	Optics Weekend at RSPB Loch Leven	85
Mon	5	Cleish & Blairadam CC AGM and June Meeting	37