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Editorial

Volunteers' Week, 1-7 June

At a networking event for community organisations in April, it became apparent that, although Kinross-shire has a huge number and variety of community groups, some of them are struggling greatly for volunteers, particularly to take on key roles.

The first week of June is Volunteers' Week, a celebration of the difference volunteers make to every community across the country, so it is the perfect time for the Newsletter to start running a new column listing volunteer opportunities in the Kinross-shire community. (See page 105.) We are grateful to Lyndsay Stobie for collating this, and for her excellent article on page 18 about volunteering.

Our fabulous array of community groups is part of what makes Kinross-shire a great place to live. Please consider volunteering if you don't already.

Another month, another election

There's a risk of voter fatigue setting in, but don't forget – there's a General Election on Thursday 8 June. We have statements from all the candidates on pages 6 to 7.

Fairs and Festivals

June is a favourite month for fairs and festivals, such as the Milnathort Fair on 3 June through to the Portmoak Festival at the end of the month. See our Diary on page 108 for more. We hope all these events receive plenty of support from local residents and wish you all fun, companionship and good weather.

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It began as a way of letting residents know what Kinross Community Council was saying and doing, but soon expanded to be so much more. Readers use the Newsletter to find local trades and services, and our loyal advertisers support the community by enabling us to publish local clubs' reports and essential community information free of charge. Readers, when answering an advertisement, please say you saw it in the Newsletter. Thank you.

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

Thanks, disappointment and near despair

I want to express my thanks to Dave Cuthbert, who did not get re-elected at the local elections, for all he has done for Kinross in recent years.

I voted for Dave, not because he is a neighbour, but because of all the good work he did previously as a member of the Community Council. At Perth and Kinross level he has been a model local councillor - always putting the interests of his constituents first, independent minded and taking a common sense attitude to what should be done, never letting go of a matter until he got the answers needed, refusing to be obstructed by the party blocks and putting in a huge amount of hours to deal with all his duties.

This is the sort of person needed as a local representative and I was extremely disappointed that Dave was not chosen this time. I would guess that he suffered as a result of the Conservatives campaigning on a national rather than local issue, namely, being opposed to a second Scottish referendum. Dave made clear in his election literature that he did not believe the local elections were about a second referendum but it would seem that too many of his constituents were less concerned about who would do a good job for the local area than about the constitutional question. Whether the new Conservative councillor will take the job as seriously as Dave or will take the necessary time to do it remains to be seen.

The result of the elections leaves me nearing despair about how people decide to cast their votes. By constantly harping on about separating Scotland from the rest of Britain, the SNP has practically squeezed out other considerations, which is bad for both local or national politics. And now the Conservatives are promoting their own brand of inward looking, isolationist, separatist nationalism for the UK as a whole solely for party political reasons and against the interest of us citizens.

I can only urge voters in all future elections to think very carefully about the likely consequences of their votes.

Bill Cooper

5 Highfield Circle, Kinross

Weather

April Weather Report from Kinross



Total rainfall	6.7mm = 0.26inches
Heaviest rainfall	2.3mm (1st)
Total sunshine for the month	171.2 hours
Sunniest day	10.6 hours (24th)
Maximum temperature average	12.25°C
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Election thanks from Dave Cuthbert

I would like to thank all the residents who voted for me at the Local Government Elections in May.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be this time and I was not elected. I have been inundated with hundreds of emails, letters, telephone calls and private messages on Facebook offering me sympathy, for which many, many thanks.

The last five years have been the most interesting of my life, so once again I would like to thank you for giving me the chance to represent you at Perth and Kinross Council.

I have passed on a number of outstanding issues to some of the newly elected members and would like to wish them good luck over the next five years; we are in interesting times.

Dave Cuthbert
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross

Election thanks from Cllr Watters

I would like to thank all the voters throughout Kinross-shire who voted for me as the local SNP candidate on the 5th of May. I have been humbled by the support and encouragement I received both during the campaign and since my election. A big thanks to the SNP Kinross-shire campaign team who worked hard during the campaign – your effort was very much appreciated.

As I stated in the May edition of the Kinross Newsletter, I am fully committed to working with my fellow councillors within Kinross-shire to help improve our communities for the benefit of all the residents.

Despite our efforts to build a progressive alliance in the council, the SNP will now be the official opposition. The Tories as the largest group on the council have formed a coalition with the Liberal Democrat and Independent groups to form the current administration.

As a member of the opposition within the council, one of my roles will be to scrutinise the administration. My priorities in this role will always be to protect our services and protect the most vulnerable members of our society.

If any constituents wish to contact me, my council email is RWatters@pkc.gov.uk and my mobile number is 07557 812513.

Richard
Councillor Richard Watters
(full contact details on p. 104)

Election thanks from David MacKenzie

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the fantastic people I met while I was out campaigning in the recent election. Ultimately my efforts were unsuccessful but it was a very pleasing exercise trying.

I want to wish Mike, Willie, Callum and Richard all the best in their efforts working for Kinross-shire. They know I will be watching with great interest!

I also want to thank Dave Cuthbert for all the work he has put in to make Kinross-shire a better place; we may not be political buddies, but I know a hard worker when I see one.

I am still convinced this area needs a Labour voice fighting its corner; maybe I need to work harder to persuade more people of that view.

David A MacKenzie
Scottish Labour Party Candidate (local election)
12 Torridon Place, Kinross

Election thanks from Cllr Purves

Dear Editor, I should like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of those people who voted for me in the local government elections and I am delighted and extremely privileged to have been elected to serve the people of Kinross-shire as one of their ward councillors. I am very much looking forward to working on behalf of whole community.

I am, however, disappointed that I shall not have the opportunity to work with Dave Cuthbert in the council over the course of this term. During his five years in office, he worked hard for our local community and always put Kinross-shire first. I am sure he will continue to play an important role in Kinross-shire in the future.

The dynamics of Perth & Kinross Council as a whole have now also changed. The Conservatives are now the largest party, have formed a new administration and are working in partnership with the councillors from the Liberal Democrat, Independent and Labour groups.

We are looking forward to working constructively and collaboratively with councillors from all parties to deliver policies that are in the best interests of the residents of Perth & Kinross. We need to be more innovative and responsive while also devolving power down to be closer to local communities.

Since being elected, we have all had many induction meetings and briefings to make us more informed about the way in which the council operates and the challenges and opportunities that present themselves in the years ahead.

In the next edition of the Newsletter, I shall give my first monthly report about my work as a councillor and will also give details of ward surgeries. If there is anything with which I can be of assistance in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Callum Purves
Scottish Conservative & Unionist
(contact details on p. 104)

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Election thanks from Cllr Barnacle

Dear Residents, Thanks to all those who supported my successful re-election to the Kinross-shire Ward of PKC on 4/5/17. It is very humbling to have the privilege of representing yourselves for a fifth and final term; I pledge to do my best to deliver on the range of unfinished business highlighted in my election leaflet.

The election produced no party with overall control in Perth and Kinross and so I have held talks with Leaders of the Liberal Democrats, SNP and Tories in seeking to secure improvements for the shire from an agreed programme.

My talks were most productive with the Liberals and Tories so I have chosen to join their partnership administration, along with the sole Labour member and my two fellow Independent colleagues.

I have secured the Vice Convenership of the new conjoined powerful Committee for the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure, also serving on the Development Management Committee and the Modernising Governance MOWG that will look at devolving power to communities. I will also continue my work for the Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust and the Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Forum.

Finally, I would like to express my personal disappointment that my fellow Independent Ward Councillor Dave Cuthbert, with whom I had established an excellent working relationship, was not re-elected when I personally am aware of the huge amount of work he did in the Ward and at PKC. It is possible our combined vote was affected by the calling of the General Election during the campaign that inevitably began to focus people's minds on national, as opposed to local, issues. However, knowing Dave, I'm sure he will be resolved to continue his work in the community and perhaps return to PKC office in due course.

Yours

Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire
(contact details on p. 104)

Election thanks and Update from Cllr Robertson

Firstly, I would like to thank all the many people in Kinross-shire who trusted me with their vote on May 4th. I will continue to work as hard as I can for you and to make Kinross-shire a great place to live. I will also do my best to make sure we get our fair share of Council spending.

New Council: A new Council administration has just taken over the running of Perth & Kinross Council. It is made up of Conservative, LibDem and Independent councillors. One of the first actions of the new administration was to reduce the number of Council committees by two, which will in turn save money in administration expenses and special responsibility allowances paid the convenor of these committees.

High Street: I am very pleased to see the pedestrian crossing has now been installed outside the Co-op supermarket. This will provide a much-needed safe crossing point for pedestrians.

Toilet facility at The Pier: I have been working over the last few months to have a public toilet built at The Pier. TRACKS have agreed to lead on this with support from the Kinross Estate Company, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Environment Scotland and Perth & Kinross Council. A site has been agreed and we are currently building a funding package prior to applying through support from Kinross Community Council for planning consent. A public toilet here will solve a long-standing problem. Currently there are no toilet facilities at The Pier for the many visitors who come here to visit Loch Leven Castle and the Heritage Trail.

Overgrown hedges: I have been contacted by a number of people complaining about hedges over growing pavements. If you have a garden hedge bordering a pavement or path please keep it cut back so that it doesn't obstruct pedestrians.

Willie Robertson
(contact details on p. 104)

Congratulations



HUNTERS OF KINROSS won eleven awards at the Scottish Craft Butchers Awards in May. Staff member **CONNER STUART** was awarded his Level 3 Scottish Craft Butchers Meat Training Skills Certificate after four years of training and lots of study and hard work.

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I would like to thank most sincerely, all my friends and neighbours for the lovely cards, flowers and good wishes I have received while recovering from my operation. I found it very encouraging and uplifting to know I had so many friends thinking about me. Thank you one and all – **Dorothy Hutton**.

SCOTLANDWELL IN BLOOM would like to say a huge 'thank-you' to everyone involved in making their Plant & Bake Sale on 29 April so successful. The tables were groaning under the weight of all the home baking, jams, chutneys and plants laid out for sale. Thanks to those who baked, preserved, pickled, nurtured seedlings, or who donated to the Tombola. We had a super turnout which made the event so successful, so thanks to everyone who came along and spent their hard earned cash! We raised the fantastic sum of £1026.02!

A warm and friendly atmosphere could be felt and it was lovely to see so many folk enjoying coffee and cake and catching up with friends and neighbours. Grateful thanks as always to Ronnie and Tanya of the Well Country Inn for hosting the event – it wouldn't be possible without their tremendous support.





Burleigh Show of Concern attracts 100 people

On Saturday 13 May, residents of Milnathort, Kinross and surrounding villages defied the inclement weather to voice their concerns at the recent proposal to develop a holiday park with up to 90 chalets and recreational facilities on a swathe of land between Burleigh Castle and Burleigh Sands. This area is a site of significant historical and ecological importance, Burleigh Castle being a scheduled ancient monument in the care of Historic Environment Scotland, while the fields to the South and East of the castle are feeding grounds for various species of geese, ducks and swans. This unique environment attracts around 250,000 visitors annually who come to enjoy the tranquil surroundings of the loch and its environs, the excellent walk and cycle paths around it, and the wildlife to be seen in their natural habitat.

The area around the loch, the largest lowland fresh water loch in Scotland, is of national and European importance, being a protected site with a number of critical designations; Site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Area, RAMSAR site, National Nature Reserve and Scheduled Monuments. It is an internationally important site for flora and fauna and has a unique midge and rare bat population.

On a somewhat dreich day, over 100 people gathered during the morning to share their views and concerns about the planning process and the potential impact of the proposed development on an amenity which attracts visitors from all over the world.

Many concerns were raised at the event, including increased traffic and traffic congestion in Kinross and Milnathort. The impact on the environment raised issues such as phosphates,

green algae, sewage, litter, light and noise pollution, as well as the effect on the woodland encompassed by the development and the diverse wildlife that make the area their home. There was also concern over the loss of high quality agricultural green belt land.

A number of children entered into the spirit of the event by dressing up as wildlife seen in the area of the development site and the prize winners were two local girls who had clearly put a lot of effort into their costumes, coming dressed as a crow and a deer. Families also enjoyed the 'wildlife walking balloons' which were a big hit with all the children, all but three being taken away to new homes.

On a more serious note, concerned individuals were advised to access information on the websites of Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak Community Councils, as well as registering to track the proposed development, reference number 17/00002/PAN on the Perth and Kinross Council Planning website. The organisers wish to thank all who attended.

See also item below left.



Winners of the dressing up competition were dressed as a deer and a crow. (Crow not shown.)

Consultants delay holiday park presentations to community councils

Planning consultants for a proposed holiday park on land on the outskirts of Milnathort and close to Burleigh Sands have delayed planned presentations to local community councils. Following public exhibitions at the community campus on 29 March and 1 April, staff from planning consultant firm Rapleys were due to meet with Portmoak CC, Milnathort CC and Kinross CC in April and May. In early April Rapleys wrote to the community councils, saying: ".... we have decided to postpone meeting with the respective community councils until June. This is due to the constructive feedback received from members of the local community and members of the community councils at the consultation events. Therefore 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. This will allow for a more constructive and informative presentation ..."

However, Rapleys have since indicated that they will not be ready to present plans to the June CC meetings either and have asked the CCs to provide dates of future meetings so that the presentations can be rescheduled.

The proposal is for the erection of 80-90 chalets, a visitor centre including a café or restaurant with commercial space and supporting recreational infrastructure.

See also article above.

Revisions to Stagecoach Service X55 as from Monday 5 June

As from Monday 5 June 2017, Service X55 will be re-named to Service X56 and will be operating a revised timetable and route.

The route between Perth and Milnathort/Kinross will be unchanged but there will be route changes within Fife.

In addition, the two stops at and opposite British Car Auctions in Bridgend, Kinross, will now be served on this Limited Stop Express service.

Full details of the new timetable is available on both Stagecoach and Perth & Kinross Council's websites.

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Members of Parliament (MPs) are elected under the First Past the Post system. Voters mark their ballot papers with an X in the box beside their chosen candidate.

Kinross-shire lies within the Ochil and South Perthshire constituency. There are four candidates standing for election

in this constituency:

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Luke Graham	Scottish Conservative & Unionist
Joanne Ross	Scottish Labour Party
Iliyan Stefanov	Scottish Liberal Democrats

All candidates were invited to submit an election statement to the Kinross Newsletter. These are shown on this and the facing page.

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh Scottish National Party (SNP)



It has been the privilege of my life to serve as MP to the people of Ochil and South Perthshire. In the two years I've been at Westminster, I've kept my promise to be a hard-working local MP with a strong national voice, representing individuals, communities, businesses, farmers and charities across the constituency. Now voters in Kinross-shire face a clear choice between the SNP as a strong voice for Scotland in Westminster versus the Tories with their increasingly extreme agenda.

I'm proud of my record as a local MP. I've fought hard for foodbanks like 'Broke Not Broken' in Kinross to get support to constituents in need and to inform my proposals to change the law in relation to benefit sanctions. I've helped local working families facing tax credits issues due to the Concentrix crisis, and have stood up for PIP claimants on the receiving end of cruel Tory sanctions. I've fought to protect pensions for older people, including opposing Tory plans to drop the triple lock and demanded a fair deal for WASPI women so poorly treated by Westminster changes to state pension age. I've put pressure on telecommunications agencies and the government to provide better

broadband connectivity for our rural communities, and I've sought to protect local jobs and encourage investment by supporting a City Deal for the region. In addition, I've been delighted to support local initiatives and festivals such as the Mary Queen of Scots Festival in Kinross, which we are all looking forward to in September this year.

The people of Kinross-shire deserve someone who will fight every day for their best interests and continue to oppose damaging and unfair Tory policies like an extreme Brexit and further austerity. Trust me with your vote on June 8th and I'll finish the job I've started.

Luke Graham Scottish Conservative & Unionist



Luke has spent the last decade working in industry. He campaigned in the 2014 Referendum to keep the Union together. In 2015, Luke stood as the Conservative & Unionist candidate in Ochil & South Perthshire and has spent the last two years campaigning to get a better deal for the constituency. The polls are clear – in Ochil & South Perthshire the fight is between the Scottish Conservatives and the SNP.

Luke's Priorities:

- 1. Oppose a second independence referendum and get on with the day job.**
- 2. Local Investment**
 - * Encourage more investment into towns and villages.
 - * Work to secure more public funding for transport and digital infrastructure.
 - * Fight for farmers, to make sure they get a fair deal when the UK exits the CAP.
- 3. Pensions**
 - * Maintain the "Triple Lock" until 2020 and introduce the "Double Lock" thereafter, guaranteeing pensions will

continue to rise by the highest of earnings or inflation.

- * Maintain all pensioner benefits in Scotland, including the Winter Fuel Payment, which is devolved and will **not** be means tested in Scotland.

5. Education

- * Hold the Scottish Government to account on educational performance. We cannot afford Scotland to fall any further behind the rest of the UK.
- * Introduce TeachFirst in Scotland – a funded scheme to encourage the brightest graduates to teach in our schools.
- * Work to reinstate college spaces and promote lifelong learning.

6. Health

- * Fight for NHS funding and reform, ensuring care is free at the point of use.
- * Raise the profile of environmental issues, focusing on initiatives that will enhance sustainability and improve air quality.

Local Action, National Voice

Luke will champion Ochil & South Perthshire in Westminster. Luke's focus will be on increasing our influence in London and ensuring our voice is heard in the Brexit negotiations.

Joanne Ross

Scottish Labour Party



I have numerous years' experience working in Local Government as well as serving for four years as an Elected Member. I am also a published writer and playwright and have a sound understanding of local and national issues. I was a founder member of Sunnyside Residents Association and Alloa Writers and have a wealth of experience working in local communities with politicians and people from all walks of life. At present I work for Fife Council

as a Community Education Worker, specialising in community development. I am responsible for engaging with communities and individuals to develop their capacity to take action and make a difference in their own lives and communities. I also help them to access resources and deliver effective services. Recently I supported a group of women to make a docudrama about their housing issues which was performed at the Scottish Parliament in front of MSPs. Docudrama uses drama to give people a voice and raise issues that are close to their hearts, recently a group I worked with did a special performance for the Fairer Fife Commissioners and had an input into the Fairer Fife Strategy.

I have been a life-long member of the Labour Party and in 1999 was elected to the Local Authority at a time when Labour wasn't doing so well locally and we lost a number of seats and control of the Council. During my time on the Council I was elected Group Whip, Leader of the Opposition, Equal Opportunities Officer at COSLA.

So I am well used to supporting local people and I am keen to use this experience to help support the Community Councils and residents in Kinross-shire to continue to lead successful campaigns locally.

I live in the constituency and I am committed to holding weekly surgeries in Kinross.

Iliyan Stefanov

Scottish Liberal Democrats



Liberal Democrats offer an alternative way to the 'Let's fix everything by jumping off a cliff' school of politics so popular here and abroad. We are bringing forward practical policies to combat the challenges we face both in terms of money and jobs and health, welfare and environment.

We want to encourage business to thrive by creating a fairer corporate tax code, helping entrepreneurs with new ideas get access to the finance and technical support.

We have long campaigned for equality

of mental health care in our NHS. In Government we secured additional investment and the first ever treatment waiting-time standards for mental health, and we will continue to campaign tirelessly for the highest standards of care and the extra money which is still needed.

We cannot deliver the best education for all, when our teaching workforce is demoralised and undervalued; we are committed to working with education professionals to tackle the workload and recruitment challenges they face. It is our policy to protect school funding in real terms, from the early years right through to college.

We believe that net emissions must be reduced to zero by 2050 and have a plan

of how to do it. We want to improve our countryside and green spaces so we pass them on to the next generation in a better condition than when we were children.

In agriculture, we will encourage investment, growth, innovation and new entrants, securing the future of the UK food and farming industry.

The policies proposed by Conservatives carry significant risks to how we will live after the separation from the EU. Labour's policies feel as risky on the domestic level. Support for Liberal Democrats may be the insurance we all need that our own future will not be traded off for the sake of political dogmas.



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Kinross-shire Decides! results

At the Kinross Farmers' market on 22 April, residents had the opportunity to vote for projects that had been put forward to the local Action Partnership for funding. Projects were to help create a fairer place and give people a more equal chance in life.

The seven successful projects were:

The Kinross-shire Partnership Ltd: Awarded £1500 for Loch Leven Heritage Trail Scooters. The aim is to improve access to the heritage trail for those with impaired mobility.

Broke Not Broken: Awarded £1500 for The Beacon kitchen renovation. The Beacon is an independent community food bank operating within the grounds of St Paul's Church, Kinross.

Kinross & District Men's Shed: Awarded £1500. The vision of this new group is to have a place to gather, share skills, work on practical projects and to socialise.

SPARKs: Awarded £1300. SPARKs is a group which offers adults of all ages who have support needs or disabilities to meet together, some with personal assistants, to improve their health and wellbeing and to socialise.


Kinross-shire Day Centre: Awarded £1500 for the Day Centre Holiday. This provides support to older people, while also tackling the issue of social isolation.

Broke Not Broken: Awarded £1220 for the Recovery and Conversation Café. The Café tackles the issue of substance misuse and provides support to those in recovery.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme: Awarded £1500 for Volunteer Community Transport.

Estimated attendance on the day was 450 people. Votes on the day totalled 1351. Pre-votes totalled 540.

The Kinross and Almond & Earn Partnership would like to thank the event organisers, community representatives, community members and everyone else who offered their time and support to plan and manage the event.



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Heart Start success

Following a campaign started by Hunters of Kinross, local residents, businesses and community groups have helped to raise enough money to buy a public access defibrillator to be located in the centre of Kinross.

A defibrillator is a machine that can help in some cardiac incidents. It can read a person's heart rhythm and tells the user whether a shock should be delivered or not.

Although a number of buildings in Kinross already have these machines, they are not publicly accessible 24 hours a day.

Pamela Hunter hopes to raise sufficient funds to buy several public access defibrillators. The plan is for the first one to be located on the side wall of Hunters once planning permission comes through. This is required because it is a conservation area.

As well as fundraising, Mrs Hunter has organised several CPR instruction sessions for local shop staff and members of community groups. David Booth, a First Responder in Linlithgow, has kindly given instruction at three sessions so far at the Millbridge Hall, Kinross. As part of the sessions, David also demonstrates a defibrillator, which is very simple to use and gives clear visual and audible instructions.

To follow progress with the campaign, look for Kinross Heart Start on Facebook. If you are interested in attending a CPR class, send a private message to the Heart Start page or speak to Mrs Hunter at Hunters of Kinross.



Practising CPR at the instruction sessions

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Nature reserve and art club come together to celebrate special anniversary

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven and Kinross and District Art Club (KADAC) are joining forces in 2017 as they both celebrate their 50th anniversaries. Throughout the year they are teaming up to mark this special milestone, beginning with an exhibition and open-air watercolour event in June.

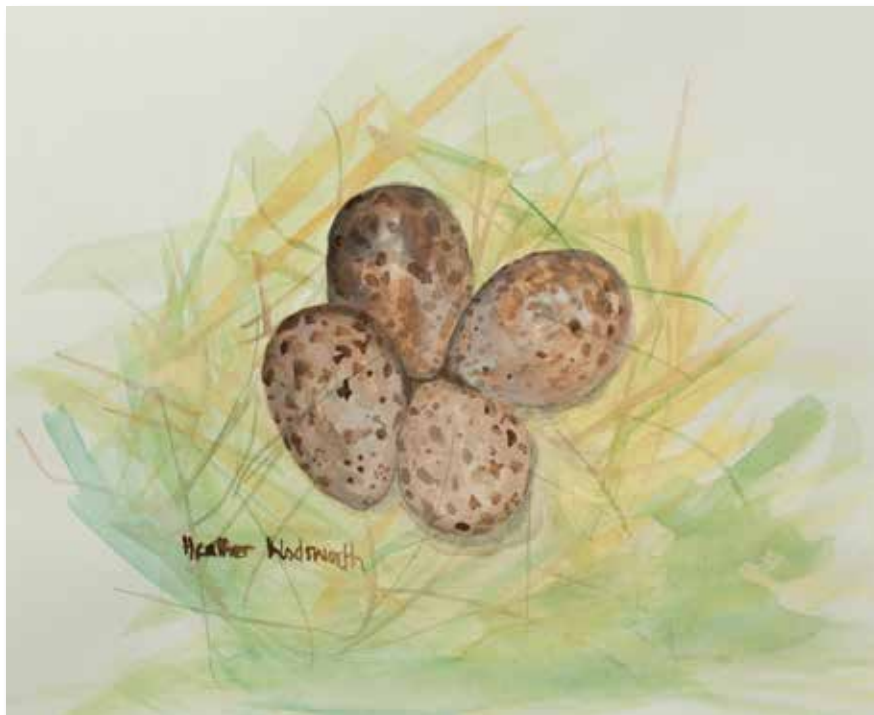
Members of the art club have been taking inspiration from the wealth of wildlife found at Loch Leven to create paintings in a lay-flat sketchbook. A selection of their wildlife paintings will be on display, and available to purchase, in the Loch Leven visitor centre in June, while the sketchbook will form part of KADAC's exhibition in September and will then move to RSPB Scotland Loch Leven's anniversary exhibition in October.

Visitors are also invited to see the popular nature reserve in a new way at a special event on **Tuesday 13 June**. Members of KADAC will choose locations

around the reserve to paint and visitors will be able to watch the artists at work. They'll also have an opportunity to try their hand at watercolour painting. This *Au plein air* or outside painting event takes place from 10am until 4pm. It is free and visitors can drop in at any time.

Alice O'Rourke, Visitor Experience Officer at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven said: "1967 was clearly a year of great beginnings and we are delighted to be sharing our anniversary with the Kinross and District Art Club! I am looking forward to seeing the paintings on display in June and we are honoured that they have worked so hard to create a sketchbook specifically for our anniversary."

The sketchbook will include many of the species found on the reserve from red squirrels to pink-footed geese, lapwings to swallows, as well as landscape paintings. It will be on display in the visitor centre in October, along with an



Paintings by Heather Wadsworth (above) and Gillian Ross (top right)

exhibition of stories from visitors, staff and volunteers collected throughout the year.

Until the end of August people are invited to submit a photo or a handwritten story (50 words or less) about an experience they had while working, visiting or volunteering at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven (formerly Vane Farm). Contributions can be dropped into the visitor centre or posted to RSPB Scotland Loch Leven, Kinross, KY13 9LX.

Alternatively, they can be emailed to LochLeven50th@rspb.org.uk along with a copy of the photo as an attachment. People are asked not to send original versions of photos.



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portmoak festival 2017

26 june ~ 2 july

Portmoak Festival will once again be based in Portmoak Hall with all the regular favourites such as the Pudding Club, Cream Teas, and the Jazz Night taking place there again. The Festival opens in Portmoak Hall at 2pm on Monday 26 June.

The Art Exhibition this year is once again devoted to work by the children of the local school who have been busy doing various craft activities based on the theme of "History, Heritage & Archaeology". The children have made clay pots with Jacqui Seller, applique pictures with Mary Nisbet, photographs of the Cobbles and local landscapes with Margaret and Bill Paton and Impressionist pictures and woven landscapes with Norma Smith. There is a strong link to the 250th anniversary of the death of Michael Bruce and you can enjoy poems relating to this theme.

Some of the exciting work from "Old Portmoak" will also be on display

Cream Teas are available from Monday to Thursday from 2pm to 4pm with the Pudding Club at 6pm to 8pm. Local craft work will be demonstrated in the afternoons as usual. It is the centenary of the Scottish Women's Institute and the Bishopshire ladies will showcase some of their work.

Outwith the hall, football still features in the Festival with the junior event at the school on Wednesday evening. Cricket makes an appearance on Saturday with a Family Fun Cricket Tournament, hosted by Kinross-shire Cricket Club at Loch Leven's Larder. All ages are very welcome for an afternoon of fun family cricket. Starting time is 2pm.

The church is being used again this year with a Flower Festival on the theme of 'History, Heritage & Archaeology', open Monday to Thursday, afternoon and evening. Enjoy the floral displays and old photographs.

The school has its Leavers' Assembly on Wednesday morning and the Prom is at the campus on Thursday night.

John Nicol and Shelagh Goudie are leading a walk round the gardens of Kinnesswood which Kinnesswood in Bloom maintain. Hopefully you can finish with a cream tea.

There is a quiz in the Well Pub on Tuesday at 9pm. Get your team together for this fun event.



Jazz singer Fionna Duncan

Portmoak Festival Jazz Night is in Portmoak Hall on Friday 30 June and stars Fionna Duncan, one of the

greatest jazz singers Scotland has ever produced. She sang with Louis Armstrong, Humphrey Lyttleton and Kenny Ball, was the voice of the Clyde Valley Stompers for many years, and had a top 20 hit with Forrie Cairns and the Clansmen. After a 50 year career, she can sing the most soulful ballad or get into the hottest groove and the quartet she brings with her includes Ronnie Rae, Campbell Normand, Tom Gordon and local Portmoak denizen Dave Batchelor.

The band is on stage at 8pm and the bar will be open. Tickets for the Jazz Night may be bought at the shop in Kinnesswood.

On Saturday there is a Garden Party at the Michael Bruce Garden to which everyone is invited. Enjoy the music, listen to the storyteller and partake of refreshments.

On Sunday there is a joint service at 10.30am in the Parish Church with the Michael Bruce Commemoration Service in the evening at 6.30pm.

We are, as always, looking for anyone who would like to help in any way, particularly this year to set up the Hall on the Sunday from 10am onwards, clear up again on the Friday, and provide puddings for the Pudding Club. Please email us on prtmkfestival@googlemail.com and someone will get back to you.

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Portmoak festival 26th June ~ 2nd July 2017

	Monday 26th	Tuesday 27th	Wednesday 28th	Thursday 29th	Friday 30th	
hall	Exhibition Exhibition of childrens' art and poetry relating to the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology Cream Teas Ann & Linda Cords & Bracelets Pudding Club Mixed Puddings	Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm Sylvia Herington Card Demonstration Monday to Thursday 6pm - 8pm Anything Goes Baby Disco 9.45am - 11.30am With food Tickets £3	Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm Norma Smith Papercraft Monday to Thursday 6pm - 8pm Puds by Duds	Thursday 6pm - 8pm Anna Garner Soap Pebbles Death by Chocolate	Jazz Night 8pm - 11.30pm Tickets £12 Buy tickets at the :- Village Shop, Main St. Kinnesswood Bar	Saturday 1st July Michael Bruce Museum Michael Bruce Garden Party 2pm - 4pm All welcome.
church	Flowers and Photographs Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm Theme :- History, Heritage & Archaeology					Sunday 2nd July church Joint Service 10.30am Michael Bruce Commemoration Service 6.30pm
other venues	Pub Quiz The Well Inn 9pm	Junior Football Challenge Portmoak PS 6.30pm	P7 Prom 6pm - 9pm Loch Leven Campus			Saturday 1st July Family Fun Cricket Tournament. Hosted by Kinross-shire Cricket club at Loch Levens Larder. All ages welcome for an afternoon of fun family cricket. Starts 2pm



This year is the centenary of the SWRI, now known as the SWI. There will be a display of members' work in the Hall reflecting the vision of the future of the organisation and displaying some of the many talents of local ladies. There will also be photo albums and if anyone has relevant photos from their own albums we would be delighted to see them.

Free music lessons on **Learn to Play Day!**

Sunday 25 June, Loch Leven Music Tuition

Local people of all ages have the chance to experience a free one-to-one session with an expert music instructor this month as Loch Leven Music Tuition hosts a 'Learn to Play Day' in Kinross.

Learn to Play Day is the flagship event of music industry charity Music for All. Over the weekend 24/25 June, ambassadors for Music for All are offering free music lessons for all ages and abilities across the UK.

The Kinross event is being held at Loch Leven Music Tuition's new studio in the Liberty Business Centre (21-25 High Street, Kinross) on Sunday 25 June. On offer are free lessons on the guitar (acoustic, electric, or bass), ukulele, the drum set and percussion.

Sam, the owner of Loch Leven Music Tuition and head of the event, said: "Learn to Play Day is a fantastic way of

On the day there will be an opportunity to find out more about the Music for All charity and its work. You can donate to this very worthwhile charity at the event if you wish.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. To book your place, email lochlevenmt@gmail.com or text your details to 07938 663269.

The Music for All charity

Nearly all the people involved with Music for All are musicians or involved in the musical instrument industry. They know first-hand the effect making music can have on people's lives, seeing everything from disadvantaged young people blossoming at school through to adults discovering music later in life, sometimes for the first time. They believe everyone should have the opportunity to learn to play music. Sadly, not everyone is fortunate enough



Sam is in the final stages of completing his Licentiate of the London College of Music, the highest instrument specific qualification in the UK.

As well as teaching, Sam is a busy working musician, pursuing many different projects.

"Learn to Play Day is a fantastic way of getting your musical journey started"

To get a flavour of Sam's enthusiastic and encouraging teaching style, visit the Loch Leven Music Tuition website to see his terrific Masterclass with Bryan Burnett of BBC Radio Scotland. Also on the website you'll find information about the various services LLMT provides, testimonials, exciting updates and more.

See: lochlevenmusic tuition.com



getting your musical journey started. With help from an expert music teacher you can try, for free, a musical instrument and see how easy it can be to get music into your life. If you used to play an instrument then stopped it's a great way to get that spark back in your life.

"Playing a music instrument is one of life's great joys. Learn to Play Day is a great opportunity for everyone regardless of age or experience to get playing!"



to have access to musical instruments. This is where Music for All comes in. For every pound the charity raises, the musical instrument industry donates £2.

Jools Holland, patron of the charity, said: "I am delighted to help Music for All in their quest to inspire more people to participate in music making, either for the first time or to return to playing after having lapsed."

About Sam and Loch Leven Music Tuition

Sam has lived in the area for over 25 years (since he was a baby!). He teaches music privately – his business Loch Leven Music Tuition has just turned five years old – and he also works with other companies to provide music education in the UK. The event on 25 June is Sam's fourth year of involvement in Learn to Play Day.



Share offer gets off to a flying start!



Prof Andrew Rae of The University of the Highlands and Islands confirmed that "All systems were go" for Aero Space Kinross as Carol Vorderman started the "countdown" for its first Community Share Offer.

Excitement had been building in Kinross in recent weeks, as plans to build a fantastic, innovative aviation, astronomy and space flight family visitor centre Aero Space Kinross (ASK) got under way. The ASK community share offer "countdown" started on Twitter and Facebook on Friday 28 April with **TV presenter Carol Vorderman** lending her celebrity support with her video "countdown" message. A daily VLOG included Lucinda Russell, Grand National Winning trainer, and One for Arthur who were featured on the eve of the launch.

Launched on 8 May with a minimum target of £25,000 (and an optimum target of £150,000), the share offer provides the community of Kinross-shire and beyond the opportunity to invest in the development of Aero Space Kinross (ASK). The offer got off to a flying start and by the end of the first week had attracted pledges worth £28,500.

Alisdair Stewart, Chairman of Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust (ASSET), said: "ASSET is a Community Benefit Society; community led, controlled and operated for the benefit of Kinross-shire and the community it serves. ASK is a tremendous opportunity for the residents of Kinross-shire and beyond that will bring huge economic, educational and tourism benefits to the area, as well as providing locals, Scots and visitors alike with a unique flight-themed science and space centre."

Alisdair added: "A key element of our first share offer is our "build-a-plane" project for Kinross High School students who will have a chance to help build a real plane from a kit which will make a clear link between the project and STEM education from the outset. Aero Space Kinross will be an inspiration for future generations to get into STEM related education and careers that will act as a feeder for both the aerospace industry and educational/training establishments in the Perth and Kinross-shire area. ASK will also be a knowledge hub, an exciting visitor attraction and an event venue to be enjoyed by the local community and all visitors."



*The official share launch at Loch Leven's Larder
Photo: Tracy Gow Photography*

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."

Key features of the centre will include:

- Science and story of flight, astronomy and space exploration
- Planetarium (fully immersive, dynamic 3D content)
- A/V experiences and VR flight motion simulation
- Airports showcase
- Lecture Theatre – expert talks, seminars and workshops
- Retail space, online shop, restaurant/coffee shop
- Aviation charities showcase

The Community Share Offer opened on 8 May and will run for seven weeks, closing on 30 June 2017, or when the maximum target is reached. Investment features include Runway and Flying Class shares with a minimum investment per person of £100 for people living in Kinross-shire, or £200 for those living outside Kinross-shire.

Those wishing to apply for shares, please visit Crowdfunder. See poster at left for web address.

For further information on the project and the community share offer, contact Alisdair Stewart at:

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Give it up for volunteers. They do.

by Lyndsay Stobie, Volunteer

Last year, I made a big life decision. I decided to start volunteering. And in doing so, I was faced with an immense choice of opportunities. There are a lot of philanthropic people out there who have set up worthwhile charities and groups on our doorstep. And there's also an entire volunteer community that I didn't know about.

Kinross-shire boasts a total of 67 registered charities that all rely on volunteers (Scottish Charity Register). It's a big number. But it isn't surprising – reports from 2014/2015 show that Scotland has more charities per head of population than any other UK nation. The surprising part is the actual number of volunteers: only 28%. And what's more, just 6% of them do 66% of all volunteering hours. That's a lot of work for a small group of people. (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations/ Scottish Household Survey.)

During the first week of June, these volunteers are celebrated for the work they do, in the shape of Volunteers' Week. This national campaign reminds us that, without these people, our communities simply wouldn't function: the Girlguiding and Scout leaders; parent council members; the individual who brings their therapy dog to the children's hospice; the parent coaching football on a Saturday morning and the volunteers who steward the farmers' market. All volunteers.



Iain Todd transporting plants for Kinross in Bloom

It's a lengthy list of people guaranteeing essential services and support for all of us, helping enrich our towns' and villages' community spirit. Without them, where would the food banks, the toddler groups, the day care centres and fundraising for necessities, such as community defibrillators, be? Our communities would be very different. The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) has had a physical

presence in Kinross since it opened the doors to Rachel House, Scotland's first children's hospice, 21 years ago. It relies on volunteers to help provide hospice services for children and young people with life-shortening conditions.

Morven MacLean, Volunteering Development Manager at CHAS, says: "It is our mission to reach and support every family that needs us across the country and volunteering is crucial to this vision. We just couldn't do what we do without our 850-strong volunteer force who help to deliver our service and raise vital funds and awareness of our cause."

The Office for National Statistics recently estimated the annual value of regular formal volunteering in the UK to be £23.9 billion. This large figure doesn't take into account the immense personal contribution each volunteer makes.

So, what's in it for the volunteer?

When I began volunteering last summer, my confidence outwith mummydom was lacking. Volunteering with RSPB Scotland Loch Leven changed all that. As Area Coordinator, I organise community fundraising in what is proving to be an incredibly fulfilling role. Part of this sees us securing pin-badge collection locations – it's been rewarding to see how many local businesses support the reserve.

I've received training, support and the independence to run with community fundraising and help other fundraisers. It's helped me gain confidence and realise I can do all the things I did before, while raising important funds for conservation at a place my family and I have always enjoyed.

As well as improving confidence, skills and your CV, volunteering has a positive impact on less tangible aspects of people's lives. It allows people to feel part of a community, meet new friends and make a difference to a cause that is important to them, so naturally the more you volunteer, the happier you are.



Lyndsay and daughter Freya finding pin-badge outlets for RSPB

When Marion and Iain Todd retired eight years ago they began volunteering with Kinross in Bloom, a group that grows and maintains plants for hanging baskets and planters throughout the town.

Iain explains: "We've met some lovely like-minded people, learned a lot about plug plants, how to bring them on and how to plant out into baskets and barrels, and here we are some eight years later, still helping to keep Kinross beautiful."

"Everyone has skills, and it's amazing how these can be adapted to suit whatever situation may arise."

"Volunteering was an excellent choice, giving us friendship, exercise, learning and, ultimately when we see the hanging baskets and planters in full bloom, pride in ourselves, and much pride in the community."

As with all charities, Kinross in Bloom relies on a core group of volunteers and it's a struggle to recruit more. Twelve years ago, it comprised a committee of 12. Now there are just five.

If you'd like to join Kinross-shire's volunteer community, there is a plethora of causes and opportunities for you to choose from. We've given you a taste of just a few. They *all* need your help.

Go on. Give it up for volunteering.

For information on local volunteer opportunities with Kinross in Bloom, CHAS and many more, turn to page 105.

Izon and Heaven Scent proud to be part of landmark heritage destination

Two Kinross-shire companies are delighted to have played a part in the creation of a successful new heritage attraction in Dunfermline.

A spectacular modern structure housing a museum, exhibition galleries, local history reading room and children's library has been built alongside the town's historic Carnegie Library to create Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries.

Kinross-shire firm Izon Projects was chosen to carry out the design, manufacture and installation of the manufactured joinery, fixtures and fittings for the retail area. Meanwhile, Milnathort-based catering company Heaven Scent was awarded the contract to operate the café.

Graham Blackadder, Director of Izon Projects, said: "We were delighted Izon Projects was chosen to take part in what we knew would be an exciting and rewarding project. This state of the art building cleverly combines the historic relevance of one of Scotland's ancient capitals with the contemporary modern world and it was important our work reflected this."

"With a strong retail portfolio, we recognise the changing needs of visitors within a retail environment and as a result, we designed and installed a retail space that not only looks impressive but will comfortably accommodate and endure the thousands of visitors expected through its doors for decades to come."



The newly completed Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries

"Foreveryoneinvolved,TheDunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries has been a remarkable achievement and we feel extremely proud to have been part of it."

The mezzanine café is designed in the same strikingly modern style as the rest of the building, and offers stunning views over the landscaped garden to Dunfermline Abbey and the Heritage Quarter.

Heaven Scent will ensure their new outlet provides the same warm welcome and atmosphere as well as great quality food, drink and multi-allergen-free options for which the brand is renowned. Open seven days a week, the café offers breakfast, lunch, barista coffee and delicious home

baking served by friendly staff.

The new Dunfermline opening adds a third outlet to the charming Heaven



Try the delicious home baking!



Izon Projects designed, manufactured and installed fixtures and fittings

Scent coffee shop in Milnathort and the lively restaurant at Knockhill Racing Circuit. Heaven Scent also operates a corporate and outside catering service. Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries opened on 18 May. It is a fully accessible museum and art gallery in the heart of Dunfermline's Heritage Quarter. Designed by award-winning architect Richard Murphy, the new and imaginative build integrates superbly with the world's first Carnegie Library. A new focal point for the town and Heritage Quarter, Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries is a significant £12.4 million investment, and will be key to unlocking Dunfermline's significant potential; raising the cultural profile, increasing tourism and providing economic and social benefits for the town and its people.

Kinross High Street has a controlled crossing again

Traffic lights have returned to Kinross High Street with the recent installation of a 'Puffin' crossing outside the Co-operative store.

A previous controlled crossing near the Church Centre was removed as part of the High Street regeneration scheme carried out in 2015, which was designed using 'shared space' principles. The shared space concept dispenses with traditional traffic features such as crossings and signs as far as possible and seeks to encourage the view that the road space is for everyone, not just for vehicular traffic.

However, it is argued that shared space puts the elderly, young children and people with disabilities at risk.

After pressure by members of the public, Kinross Community Council and others, ward Councillors asked PKC roads officers to review some aspects of the scheme.



The new Puffin crossing at the site of the former 'courtesy' crossing

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DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION	WHERE	WHEN
1-30	The Carpow Logboat: Picts and Pixels	Perth	10:00
3	Little Dunning Market	Dunning	13:00
4	Cultybraggan POW Camp	Comrie	11:00
6-17	Digging the Picts: Glenshee Archaeology Project	Glenshee	10:00
7	Navigation Archaeology	Alyth Hill	09:30
8	Between Two Inches	Perth	11:00
8	Reading the Past Workshop	Perth	18:00
9	The Archaeology of Lair	Glenshee	10:30
10	The Ceteran Trail: Spittal of Glenshee to Glen Isla	Glenshee	09:00
14	The Laing Photographic Collection	Blairgowrie	18:30
18	Jacobites, Clearance and Scots	Blair Atholl	13:00
21	The Romans along the Gask	Auchterarder	10:30
21	Midsummer Music	Kenmore	Eve.
24	Museum of Abernethy's Afternoon Tea	Abernethy	14:00
24-25	Digging for Medieval Abernethy	Abernethy	TBC
24-25	Museum of Abernethy's Wee Big Dig Weekend	Abernethy	Various
24-25	Digital Abernethy	Abernethy	TBC
25	Stone Carving at Abernethy Museum	Abernethy	10:00 & 14:00
25	Guided Tour of Abernethy Round Tower	Abernethy	14:30 & 17:00
28	E2 Talk: Creative Spirit	Perth	12:30
28-30	Castlelaw Hillfort – The Big Dig	Abernethy	TBC

News from the Health Centre



Summer holidays

Our practice nurses are happy to provide any travel advice you might need, particularly if you are planning a trip abroad. Lynne Innes and Caron Fletcher are specially trained to give travel advice and this includes discussion about immunisations, malaria prevention, safe eating and drinking, staying safe in the sun and other sensible health precautions. We do ask patients to make an appointment several weeks in advance of a trip. To request an appointment, please ask for a Travel Form from Reception or download it from our website www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk. Two appointments will be required, one to discuss your travel arrangements and decide on the appropriate immunisations, and a further appointment to administer the vaccinations. There is no charge for the Travel Clinic, but some immunisations, including Yellow Fever, and all malaria prevention medication cannot be prescribed under the NHS. There is therefore a charge for the private prescriptions and for the medication at the pharmacy.

Hopefully, for those staying at home, we will have a sunny and warm summer and if we do it is still important to think about staying safe in the sun. Children and those with fair skin can be more vulnerable to sunburn and should take precautions. Lots of useful information and advice is available on the Cancer Research UK website at sunsmart.org.uk. There are links to SunSmart on our website and to other useful online resources. So whether you are having a holiday at home or abroad, we hope that you have a very enjoyable, relaxing and safe holiday.

NHS inform – for everyday questions about health

Finding the right health and care information can make a real difference to how people manage their wellbeing. Making information accessible, quality-assured and up-to-date helps people to make positive choices.

NHS inform (www.nhsinform.scot) is Scotland's dedicated resource offering up-to-date facts on health, services and campaigns. It also has a wealth of information available online, over the telephone or via webchat:

- tests and treatments
- illnesses and conditions
- injuries
- healthy living (including stopping smoking, screening and keeping active)
- care, support and health rights

One of the many great features of the new website is that people can personalise the information that's relevant to them using the 'Info for Me' tool. People can also interact and find out about specific conditions in community forums using the 'Health Unlocked' facility. Of course, there is always the option to talk to the health information team by telephone or using webchat.

Want to try the new service? Visit: www.nhsinform.scot or call: 0800 22 44 88

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross
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Email: lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk

Website: www.culturepk.org.uk

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

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

Regular Sessions for Young Children

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- **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. Next session: **Saturday 3 June**.



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 note: The scheduled meeting for the Café Book Group on 3 June is cancelled.**

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.



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Binn Group blazes a trail at safety awards

A project developed by leading Scottish waste management and recycling company Binn Group following a site blaze has been recognised in this year's Scottish Chamber of Safety (SCoS) Awards.

The Glenfarg-based company was awarded the Stevenson Shield for a project which includes the formation of a specially trained fire response team within the workforce and the development of a one million litre lagoon to supply pumped water to any on-site fire.

Binn Group has also added a fire van to its fleet as part of their project, designed to not only protect lives, but the millions of pounds worth of plant and equipment housed at the major waste management complex.



Binn Group Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) manager Kris Greig and Jenna Moir, SHE co-ordinator, proudly show off the industry award

Block bookings deadline

Sports clubs and other groups that use Live Active Leisure Loch Leven and the Loch Leven Community Campus on a regular basis are reminded that the deadline for block bookings is coming up soon.

Applications for the period July 2017-June 2018 must be made by **Monday 26 June 2017**.

Applications must be made on the most up to date version of the form. Clubs that have made regular bookings previously should have received this directly by email.

For further information, see www.liveactive.co.uk

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The benefits of bridge

If you thought bridge was a pastime only for those interested in afternoon naps and cucumber sandwiches, think again. Whilst it takes only a little rudimentary knowledge to begin playing and enjoying bridge, be forewarned, it is not an easy game to learn, and even more difficult (most say impossible) to master. But that is why bridge is so popular, and why it's called the game for a lifetime. Every hand is an adventure, and people who have been playing for 30 – 50 years will tell you that they learn something new every time they play.

In addition to the sociability of meeting people of all ages, there are unexpected benefits. Research has shown that students who play bridge do better in exams, with improved concentration and more developed lateral thinking skills. Some experiments have even shown that playing bridge boosts the immune system, with a session of bridge increasing the blood's T lymphocytes.

There has never been a better time to take up the game. It is low-cost with no expensive kit, can be played and learned on line, and there are two local clubs always ready to welcome new members. Kinross Bridge Club meets on Wednesday evenings from the end of September to mid April. (See page 56.) Milnathort Bridge Club meets on Monday evenings. Phone Beryl Harley, 01577 863590.

Your chance to represent health and care users

Health and social care are now joined together and overseen by an Integration Joint Board. If you use health or care services, you may want to get involved.

We are looking for Service User representation on the Integration Joint Board. There are existing representatives who have been in this position for a year. You can put yourself forward as a potential representative by completing an Expression of Interest form (see below). You will then be invited to an election on 7 July where you would speak for a few minutes along with other applicants. Following a voting exercise, a principal and substitute Service User Representative would be appointed.

Representatives are given induction and ongoing training. There are approximately five Integration Joint Board meetings per year and there would be necessary preparation ahead of those.

Service User Representatives work alongside two Carer Representatives who have also been in position for a year but will not be subject to an election at this stage.

You can find the roles and remit for these opportunities at www.pkc.gov.uk/integration as well as forms for Expressions of Interest. If you need details and forms sent to you by post or email, please contact the Community Engagement team on 01738 452235 or email as below.

Expressions of Interest should be returned to Community Engagement at PKAVS, The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth, PH1 5PP or can be returned by email to communityengagement@pkavs.org.uk by Friday 23 June.

Hall Bookings

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

Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

I'd like to start this column by welcoming the new Perth and Kinross Council Administration. The new group will be a coalition led by Conservatives but also including the Liberal Democrats and the area's independent politicians. A fresh perspective on some of the issues facing local government is welcome and the new team at 2 High Street will be working hard to ensure local people across the area get the services they deserve.

In early May I took time to visit the RSPB nature reserve at Loch Leven, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The visitor centre, formerly known as Vane Farm, is open from 10am to 5pm daily with the trails and hides open 24 hours a day throughout the year. Popular prime-time shows like Springwatch have greatly increased the public's enthusiasm for bird watching and the Loch Leven site has been particularly busy this spring. During my visit I spoke to staff members, Craig and Uwe, who were happy to fill me in on the reserve's exciting plans for the future. Nature based tourism is an emerging industry and one that Scotland is a world leader in. Loch Leven is an incredible attraction and one that showcases all that is good in Kinross.

In Parliament I have taken time to press the Government on the merits of Teach First. For those not familiar with the scheme, Teach First is used to fast track exceptional university graduates into teaching and is available in England and Wales. Attracting the best talent into our schools is hugely important, particularly at a time when Scottish schools are struggling with recruitment. Since 2007 there are 4000 fewer teachers in Scottish schools and rural areas are finding it particularly hard to fill teaching posts. There are over 400 Scottish university graduates who received first class degrees and are now using Teach First to educate pupils south of the border. This is talent that could be teaching in Scotland if only the scheme had been given the green light. Highlighting this policy is not about political point scoring but about ensuring youngsters in Scotland have every opportunity to be successful at school. Schemes similar to Teach First have been rolled out in over 40 countries worldwide and I believe it is high time Scotland joined that list. And finally I was pleased to be re-elected as co-convenor of the Scottish Parliament's cross-party group on Sport alongside my Green colleague Allison Johnstone MSP. The remit of the CPG on Sport is to support the development of sport and activity in communities across Scotland. Ensuring that the benefits of doing exercise and taking part in sport is spread far and wide from the highest level is incredibly important and the group has worked hard to build on recent Scottish sporting success. It is a great honour to continue in my role as co-convenor and I look forward to working with my parliamentary colleagues and SportScotland to advocate for healthier lifestyles from parliament.

As ever, Liz welcomes the feedback of constituents and can be contacted at the Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, PH2 6PL or via email at Elizabeth.Smith@parliament.scot or via telephone at 01738 553990.



Roseanna Cunningham MSP for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

Roseanna welcomes second round of SSE's Perthshire Development Fund

Ms Roseanna Cunningham MSP has welcomed the news that SSE has opened the second round of its Perthshire Sustainable Development Fund, making approximately £240,000 available to support 'transformative' community projects.

Speaking on 18 May, Ms Cunningham said: "I am delighted to be able to help spread the word about SSE's Perthshire Sustainable Development Fund. It is great to see a big local employer committing to such a significant investment in local communities.

"The Fund is open to non-profit making organisations, community groups and charities across Perthshire and successful projects will have the potential to deliver transformational social, economic and environmental changes in their local area and support long-term community development.

"I would urge anyone involved in developing a project which meets the criteria to submit an application."

Projects will seek to achieve one or more of the following priority themes:

- Creating opportunities – increase opportunities for education and employment
- Empowering communities – build resilience and protect vulnerable residents
- Building sustainable places – stimulate meaningful community regeneration

The deadline for applications to be received is **12 noon on Thursday 10 August 2017**. Fund guidelines and an application form are available at www.sse.com/sustainablefund



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Local election result for Kinross-shire

The line up of councillors representing the Kinross-shire ward has changed following the local government election on 4 May.

Former Councillor Joe Giacomazzi (SNP) decided not to stand for election this time. Dave Cuthbert, an Independent Councillor since 2012, was not re-elected.

Mike Barnacle (Independent) and Willie Robertson (Lib Dem) retained their seats. They are joined by new councillors Callum Purves (Conservative) and Richard Watters (SNP).

Voting in Scottish Local Government elections is by the Single Transferable Vote system. The first preferences votes were as follows:

Mike Barnacle	Independent	747
Dave Cuthbert	Independent	600
Karen Grunwell	Scottish Green Party	142
David MacKenzie	Scottish Labour Party	293
Callum Purves	Scottish Conservative & Unionist	1642
Willie Robertson	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1062
John Ross	Scottish Conservative & Unionist	489
Richard Watters	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1169

The total number of valid votes was 6,144. A candidate required 1,229 or more first preferences votes to be voted in at stage 1. Callum Purves was elected at stage 1. After the process of transfers to reflect voters' second and subsequent preferences, Willie Robertson and Richard Watters were elected at stage 4 of the count. Mike Barnacle was elected at stage 7.

The percentage poll in this ward was 58.3%. Further details can be found on the PKC website.

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Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

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



Kinross-shire Roll of Honour, June 1917

7 June	David Low
28 June	James Balfour
29 June	Robert Miller

First World War Timeline 1917

16 June	End of Arras offensive
26 June	First US troops arrive in France
27 June	Greece enters the war on the side of the Allies

Private David Low

Born in Milnathort in 1884, David Low enlisted in the Royal Scots in 1915 and was sent to France. He was wounded twice, including a shoulder injury, and sent home to recover. He was declared fit to return to France in 1916 and was transferred to the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

While 9th Bn were holding a line East of Arras on 7 June 1917, Private Low failed to return and was listed as 'missing in action', aged 33. His name is on the Arras Memorial. A Centenary Service was held there recently with a large Scottish representation.

David Low left behind a widow, Margaret, a daughter, Ruby, and sons Alan and John David (Dave), who was aged just five months when his father was killed. They lived in South Street, Milnathort.

The photograph shows David Low during his time on leave due to injury.



Information submitted by Miss E M Low of Milnathort, granddaughter of Private David Low

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Another month has flown by with Sgt Forrester, Dougie and I getting out and about in Kinross-shire, engaging with local groups, members of the public and local youths.

Now the better weather is here Dougie is keen to be cycle-trained so he can join me on Hi-Viz cycle patrols. On May Day I had the pleasure of cycling 13 miles around the Heritage Trail for the first time on my Police bike. It was great to stop and chat to tourists, walkers and families enjoying the walk. There was a break-in to a car at the Green Park garages this month and a radio stolen, so I am keen to remind car owners to ensure their vehicles are always locked and no items of value are left within the vehicle like handbags, sat-navs, radio fascias etc. Make it difficult for the thieves to get in and park under street lighting or in well-lit area if possible.

There have been complaints of youths throwing eggs at properties. Parents, keep your eye on your eggs at home and ensure it's not one of your little cherubs involved. Youth alcohol and anti-social behaviour foot patrols continue at weekends. The youths have been spoken to and this engagement will continue over the summer.

In Kinross we enjoy the support of Special Constables like Davie Buchan, a well-kent face who worked with local officers for 28 odd years, serving the community with a smile. At present we have Special Constable Davie Wilson, who has been a Kinross Special for a remarkable 36 years, not to mention our other colleagues, Special Constable Eric Hill, Duncan Dow and Roddy Maxwell, who are out on a regular basis and assist at many local Kinross events like the Kinross Half marathon etc. Their efforts are always appreciated by us regulars. If anyone is interested in joining as a Special Constable, or indeed full time, then please have a look on

the Police Scotland website and follow the links. Or pop into the office for a chat with me and Dougie. We plan to hold a recruiting day at Kinross High School soon to speak with anyone interested in a career with Police Scotland.

(See also article below.)

Police Scotland – local community

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PC Atholl Spalding and PC Douglas Stapleton.

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

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



Ways of following the Police:

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Website: www.scotland.police.uk

Community Watch

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

Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Special Constable Selection Process

The Special Constabulary is an effective way for local communities to be represented within the police service. As a fully trained volunteer with police powers, you can add real value by supporting the regular police service.

It's important that our Special Constables are of the same standard as that expected of our regular officers. Public satisfaction, public confidence and community engagement are all critical aspects of the service delivery of Police Scotland.

The national selection process for Special Constables reflects the importance of ensuring that our Special Constabulary continues to consolidate its status as a reliable, trusted and integrated part of Police Scotland's strategic and operational deployment plans.

The selection process can be broken down into the following stages: **Application Form, Vetting Form, Standard Entrance Test, Fitness Assessment, Interview.**

If you pass the SET and the fitness assessment, you will be invited to attend a panel interview with two members of the local recruiting team. This is your opportunity to make the right impression, so preparing for your interview is really important.

Make sure you know what areas/competencies are likely to be covered at the interview and prepare some examples from your own experiences. You should also do some web-based research. A lot of applicants find it really helpful to talk to some of our existing special constables and/or officers.

This is the first opportunity that we have to talk to you in person. The questions will cover the following areas:

- communication • personal effectiveness
- teamwork • respect for diversity • job knowledge
- personal awareness • service delivery

We'll ask you to give examples drawn from your own personal life experience. This will enable the interviewers to assess your knowledge, skills and personal attributes.

What happens next?

The final stages include vetting clearance and an in-depth medical and pre-appointment substance misuse testing. The medical will be carried out by professionals from our Occupational Health and Wellbeing Department. Your BMI and eyesight will be tested at this stage. Thereafter, you will be placed in a 'pool' pending the issue of a formal offer of appointment for the next available intake. There is normally a spring and an autumn intake for Special Constables each year.

It's really important that you notify your local Recruiting Department right away of any change that may affect your application immediately. This could include a change to any of your personal details such as address, getting married or changing jobs.

Should you become subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal or should you be convicted of any offence, failure to disclose this information to the Recruiting Department at the time could have a detrimental effect on your application.

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 AGM and May Meeting

Present at the AGM and monthly meeting held on 3 May 2017 were: Cllrs W Freeman, E Thomas, M Blyth, J Bryson, D Colliar, B Davies, I Jack and T Stewart; P&K Cllr D Cuthbert; Sgt N Forrester and PC A Spalding and two members of the public.

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

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report: Cllr Bill Freeman said that the past year had been busy for the CC, with planning applications and the campaign to get a controlled crossing put back into the centre of town. We see the new primary school making progress too. There is still progress to be made in Kinross, e.g. the Town Hall brought into use, and hopefully improved public use of the campus following the recent review. Many successful events have taken place, organised by local groups of volunteers working hard to entertain and improve the appearance of the town. It has been good to see farmers' markets come back to the town centre. The chairman said he would not attempt to name all the groups and people in case he missed some, but thanked them all on behalf of the CC and wished them all the best for future events. He also thanked all members of the CC for their hard work and dedication over the past year. He thanked our four local Councillors for their regular attendance and assistance and wished them luck in the election if they are standing again. He also thanked all members of the public for their attendance and questions; this is invaluable to the CC.

Annual Accounts: Treasurer Cllr Ian Jack reported. Income for the year was £544.09 (administrative grant of £438.09 and payments from others for wreaths, £106.) Expenditure for the year was £803.71. There is currently a balance of £2.29. It was agreed that the Treasurer should provide all community councillors with a copy of the accounts in advance of this agenda item in future.

Appointment of Office Bearers: Chair: W Freeman. Vice Chair: J Bryson. Secretary: E Thomas. Treasurer: I Jack. Planning: D Colliar. No other nominations made.

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings: It was agreed that the CC would meet in the Masonic Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm from June 2017 until May 2018, except January 2018. The CC may decide not to hold a meeting in July 2017 due to holidays. A decision on this will be made at the June 2017 meeting.

May Meeting

Police Report: PC Spalding reported on recent incidents in Kinross: theft of a LED brick from a garden in Montgomery Street; a break-in to a car in Green Road; some calls regarding youths at Kinross House and egg-throwing at Wilson Court. The first community police surgery held at the Church Centre was successful. They may hold one at the High School soon. The school is supportive and encouraging of the community police's efforts to engage with young people. There were no questions and Sgt Forrester and PC Spalding were thanked for their attendance.

Queen's trees: Cllr Colliar is obtaining quotes for an inscription. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Bus stop real time unit: Cllr Colliar said there was no feedback yet from A Warrington of PKC public transport unit.

Networking event: Cllr Colliar said this had been quite interesting with one or two useful ideas put forward, but representation of groups could have been wider.

Telephone kiosk: Cllr Davies is completing the form to apply for adoption of the kiosk on the Muirs. Once acquired, this could be the location of a public access defibrillator.

Defibrillators: Cllr Davies reported that Mrs Hunter of Hunters of Kinross has raised £3,500 from public donations. A public access defibrillator will be located at Hunters shop, with plans for a second and perhaps a third at other locations.

Sponsored roundabouts: Cllr Davies is currently preparing a report to send to PKC. He has been observing how other local authority areas indicate sponsorship of roundabouts and has been taking photographs.

Litter: Cllr Davies had not received a reply from the head teacher of KHS. [Post meeting note: a reply was received the day after this CC meeting. KHS would like to engage with Kinross CC to improve the situation.]

New Planning Applications

17/00510/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 2 Emslie Drive, Kinross. No CC comment.

17/00628/FLL Erection of a showroom/workshop and associated works, land 150m NW of Unit C, Kinross Business Park, Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross. No CC comment.

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17/00506/FLL Demolition of building and erection of 8 flats, land 30m E of 177 High Street, Kinross. A previous application for 9 flats at this site was refused by PKC. No CC comment on this application.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

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

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

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: approved.

17/00343/FLL Alterations to dwelling house, Myrewell House, 5 Montgomery Street, Kinross: approved.

17/00069/FLL Erection of two dwelling houses, land to the north of Kellieside: approved.

17/00166/FLL Extension to dwelling house and installation of rooflights, 11 Talla Park, Kinross: approved.

KCCNL Grants Meeting: CClr Davies reported on recommendations by the CC following a meeting held on 2/5/17 to consider twelve grant applications. Anyone who had declared an interest in an application left the room during discussion of that application. The recommendations are:

KLEO: Award a grant of £800 towards the cost of road signs to assist with events, particularly farmers' markets.

Otters: Award a grant of £2000 towards the cost of five back ledges.

Milnathort Town Hall Association: Award a grant of £500 towards the cost of more comfortable seating for the Town Hall.

Seamab School: Award a grant of £360 towards the cost of science education.

Powmill in Bloom: Award a grant of £200 towards the cost of project (theft prevention measures, strimmer purchase and landscaping).

Kinross-shire Cricket Club: Award a grant of £300 towards project to provide storage (acquiring a refurbished storage container, shelving etc).

Portmoak CC: Pledge £1500 towards the project to acquire land to provide public car parking near Portmoak Moss. To be awarded when Portmoak CC confirms they have the balance required to undertake the project.

Heart Start: Pledge £1300 towards the cost of acquiring and installing a second public access defibrillator. To be awarded when a second site has been identified and agreed with relevant parties. Pledge guaranteed until 23 October 2017.

The above figures are not necessarily the amounts applied for by the groups concerned.

The following were unsuccessful on this occasion: Kinross-shire Sport Hub for Park Run project; Kinross Duke of Edinburgh Group for equipment; Fossoway Access & Amenity Group for Penney's Wood access; Hannah Johnstone.

The CC approved the above recommendations, which will be put to the trustees/directors of KCCNL for final approval. Payments will be slightly delayed as the KCCNL charity is in the process of opening a new bank account.

As John Ross of Kinross-shire Cricket Club was present, it was explained why the CC did not recommend awarding the full amount requested. It was suggested by the CC that the cricket club could perhaps obtain a second hand storage unit from Kinross Primary School, which would be disposing of units. Mr Ross said that the primary school units are too

large, and the cricket club needs the storage unit urgently, but was very grateful for the sum awarded.

Town Centre Regeneration: Work to install the puffin crossing has begun, but progress is slow. CClr Thomas asked CClr Cuthbert for clarification regarding the junction of Burns Begg Street with High Street. He confirmed that council officers would not take steps to show right of way at this junction. There is no further information on a possible second crossing at the south end of the regenerated area at this time.

Miscellaneous Correspondence: Approximately 29 emails or other communications received. One email from George Lawrie of TRACKS suggested funding sources to any community groups that have taken on responsibility for path maintenance. Mr Lawrie plans to attend CC meetings soon to give an update on TRACKS projects.

CC membership: The Chair and Secretary were authorised to insert a suitable notice in the Newsletter to advertise applications for a co-opted member or members should any vacancies arise on the CC between the May and June meetings.

Survey of residents: CClr Bryson suggested that as we have just had an AGM and PKC is about to begin a new term, this would be an appropriate time to carry out a survey of residents' concerns. CClr Bryson would design the survey etc, which would probably take place in September. This was agreed.

Contractor performance: CClr Davies had been in contact with councillors about the play park at Lathro, which was supposed to have been refurbished. However, it has still not reopened. A response from CClr Robertson indicated that the delay is due to "poor contractor performance". CClr Davies hopes that councillors will take a lead on obtaining improved contractor performance going forward.

Participatory budget: Several community councillors commented on this recent exercise, whereby a number of community groups received a share of funding following a public vote ("Kinross-shire Decides!") at the April farmers' market. Comments made were: The voting process was open to abuse. Residents could vote via a form delivered to each household and then via raffle tickets at the "Kinross-shire Decides!" event. There was no way of checking whether people had voted once or multiple times. Applicants were not made aware that there would be a shortlisting process before going to the public vote. Some organisations were therefore disappointed to be deselected before the vote. One shortlisted project was a Fife-based group, yet the

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funding was from Perth & Kinross Council for Kinross-shire. Two projects shortlisted (both of which went on to receive funding) were from one organisation yet other organisations were deselected before reaching the public vote for reasons that remain unclear.

John Ross of Kinross-shire Cricket Club, who was present, said his club asked the organising committee why it had been deselected prior to the public vote. They were told it was because they were not a community group! Further enquiries have not been met with a satisfactory response.

It was agreed that CCllr Davies would draft the main points of complaint and forward this to the secretary to put in a letter to PKC officer Keith McNamara, as advised by Cllr Cuthbert.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 7 June 2017 in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Draft Agenda for the Meeting on 7 June

Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of Meeting of 3/5/17. Police Report. Matters Arising from Minutes of 3/5/17. Planning Matters. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. New Primary School. Miscellaneous Correspondence. Reports from P&K Councillors. AOCB. Date of Next Meeting.

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

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Vacancy on Kinross Community Council

There is a vacancy on Kinross CC. Any one who is interested in joining the CC should complete a 'Co-option Nomination Form', which can be downloaded from the Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) website at:

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Milnathort Community Council

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Thursday 20 April 2017 (rearranged from 13 April) were: CCllrs K Heneghan, E Kirkham, C Lawson, C Williams, S Young, M Leach, S McHardy; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, D Cuthbert and M Barnacle; and 14 members of the public.

Apologies received from P&K Cllr J Giacomazzi.

Police Matters: No police in attendance due to shifts. The following points of concern were raised: Stewart and Smart broken into and cigarettes stolen. Parking issues at 5 South St as cars are often blocking entrance. Parking tickets will be issued to such vehicles. Flower tubs by Scottish Water and town hall have been overturned and have been repaired. Daffodils on Stirling Road stomped on. Broken bottles at top of Stirling road causing concern for dog walkers. Two children were seen playing on roof of the Primary School. Police informed and incident number given, but no subsequent action seems to have been taken.

Pavilion at park has now been given planning approval.

Roads: CCllr Leach thanked Cllr Robertson for his support in contacting PKC; the pothole on South Street has been repaired. CCllr Leach has also contacted PKC regarding the poor state of tarmac at the top of North Street, Victoria Avenue and Linden Park. These are not priorities due to other roads in PKC being in poorer condition. However, they are now subject to regular review and CCllr Leach will be kept informed of any work scheduled for roads in the Milnathort area.

Containers at Websters are still there. A Planning Enforcement order has been served for these to be removed.

Defibrillator: Kinross Colts have offered £2000 to pay for one to be housed at Stewart & Smart. Scottish Ambulance have given advice regarding a suitable model.

Planning Applications: 17/00002/PAN Erection of holiday park, visitor centre with supporting infrastructure, land a Burleigh Sands, Milnathort. Public events were held on 29 March and 1 April. A detailed plan has not yet been submitted. CCllr Young has written to Rapleys stating that the CC would prefer a meeting where more detail was provided. Rapleys have been advised of future MCC meeting dates. The planning application can be submitted at any time, but could be delayed owing to Environmental Assessment that needs to be included. Members of the public provided feedback regarding the presentation at the campus. Cllr Cuthbert has asked PKC to run the impact on transport arising from the proposed development through their own model. In response to a written question, developers confirmed that work at the proposed development would only be seasonal. A view was expressed that the chalets may not be the proposed holiday lets, and that they could become second homes.

Planning Applications Determined: Donaldson Park pavilion has been passed, but a lease needs to be signed with regard to use. The lease has been made available for members of the community to peruse and comment on.

Back Loan: Possibility of a pavement was raised. This is not possible, so a speed ramp is requested to slow traffic. Cllr Robertson suggested MCC write to PKC's D McKeown.

Membership: A new MCC member is needed. Details regarding how to apply to be made available on the noticeboard and website.

Tillyrie: Traffic to be slowed down. There have been accidents here. It could be turned into a green route, which would result in a speed reduction. Cllr Robertson has written to B Cargill, who will review.

Comments from floor: A question was raised regarding the time taken for MCC to reply to correspondence emailed by members of the public. Recently, it has taken as long as a week for a reply to be forthcoming. It was stated that there has been delay in replying due to a problem in the process of managing email, but this has now been resolved.

Perth & Kinross Councillors' Comments

Cllr Barnacle stated that there was a £1.6 million budget, some of which had been earmarked for active **speed signs**, such as the type planned for positioning near Burleigh Castle. There is an agreement for two vehicle activated speed signs to be placed in Burleigh Road and Perth Road.

Planning proposal being resubmitted for **Pace Hill**, which is likely to be similar to the previous submission. A contribution of £6000 per house built is made to the relevant education authority.

Cllr Robertson has written to Transport Scotland regarding the full integration of **junction 7**. A reply is anticipated shortly.

Cllr Cuthbert: There was an underspend on winter maintenance owing to mild winter. A motion was requested to use this on **roads** in the area that are in need of repair, but this was narrowly defeated by one vote.

News from the AGM and May Meeting

Present at the AGM and meeting held on Thursday 11 May 2017 were: CCllrs K Heneghan, E Kirkham, C Lawson, C Williams, M Leach and S McHardy; P&K Cllrs C Purves and R Watters; and ten members of the public.

Apologies: CCllr S Young and P&K Cllrs W Robertson and M Barnacle.

Annual General Meeting

Chair's report: Although this is our second AGM, the new council have only been in existence for just over twelve months. At some point, we have to stop referring to ourselves as the "new" council and now seems as good a time as any. The last year has seen a number of changes in personnel and I want to acknowledge the contributions of Brian Cook, Stephen Bolland, Lisa Cartwright and especially David Baudains for their energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the cause. We must remember that every Community Councillor is a volunteer. Whilst they willingly give up their time for the good of our community we must not forget that they do this whilst trying to balance the demands of family and work.

Our first full year has also had some success. Pride of place must go to our village being named "Best Kept Village" for 2016. I'd like to acknowledge the support from the Milnathort in Bloom team for helping to create that all-important "first impression" and to the small group of local residents who gave of their time.

In our quest to continually improve our community, we must take time to recognise what we already have: a beautiful little village, one which, for its size, is quite diverse. The country and indeed the world could learn something from the respect and tolerance which our community demonstrates day in, day out.

That's not to say that we will always agree with each other. Planning applications will see to that. The recent application to build a pavilion in the park has probably been the most contentious issue to date. It's safe to acknowledge that strong views were expressed for and against. This type of situation will invariably present a challenge for the CC whose main purpose is to represent the views of the community. In this respect, we are a wee bit like a referee at a football match, we will never please all of the people, all of the time. Significant planning issues have been a feature of the last year. The ongoing application for a Holiday Park and the soon-to-be-revived Pace Hill submission to name but two. It can be tempting to think that, with the ultimate decisions being taken outside of our community, that we are powerless to control events. I do not subscribe to this view. Whilst direct power lies elsewhere, we have a very real ability to influence the decision making process. Never underestimate the power of the people. The strong community responses to both of these applications have contributed to one application going back to the drawing board and one being significantly revised before it even makes an appearance.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the great support from residents, especially at open meetings and contributions to our website. The level of attendance at our meetings is a constant source of envy amongst neighbouring CCs. Whilst the amazing turnout in March for the Holiday Park may be a high point which will be hard to match in the coming year, it does demonstrate that Milnathort has a strong core of residents who truly care about our community. On behalf of all of my fellow Community Councillors, I want to thank you for caring.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on 31 March 2017 minus creditors and other creditors £58.93.

Date of next AGM: 10 May 2017.



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May Meeting

Police matters: Constable Spalding spoke about attending more CC meetings depending on their shift patterns. The following points of concern were raised: Vandalism in the form of a scratched BMW in Marshall Place. The Police are following leads after the robbery at Stewart & Smarts Garage. Speed checks were carried out on Burleigh Road. Residents raised concerns of kids having a small fire at Burleigh. There are sharp and rusty nails at the Donaldson Park play area as well as broken glass on the path at Stirling Road.

Active speed signs are likely to be installed at a couple of sites on and around Burleigh Road.

Roads: CCllrs Lawson and Leach will arrange to meet with D McKeown of PKC Roads in regard to traffic calming and road upkeep within Milnathort.

Donaldson Park lease: Comments gathered by MCC were given to the trustees of Donaldson Park in regard to changes to the lease of the new pavilion. The trustees signed the lease on 2 May. MCC will endeavour to have representation on the board in future.

Planning Applications determined: Ba' Hill Church extension approved.

Planning Gain: CCllr Lawson spoke about this, which is the provision by a developer to include in a proposal projects beneficial to a community, in cases where there is a commercially promising but potentially unacceptable development. This was raised as Milnathort and Kinross are seeing a large jump in residential housing with no or little areas for the children to play or explore.

Pace Hill: A revised application was submitted on 5 May.

Holiday Park: MCC continues to receive comments regarding the proposed development at Burleigh Sands.

Best Kept Village Competition: Milnathort has been invited to enter again this year.

Bequest: A very generous bequest of £5000 to Milnathort CC was received from the estate of David Drysdale, who resided at North Street in Milnathort and who sadly passed away in April of this year. The bequest is to be used "for the benefit of the Milnathort community".

Comments from floor: When an application is commented on, this comment is not carried forward if the application is resubmitted (case in mind: Pace Hill).

Perth & Kinross Councillors: Cllrs Richard Watters and Callum Purves introduced themselves. They had just started but were available at any time to discuss local matters.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 8 June 2017 at the THISTLE HOTEL, Milnathort, as the Town Hall will be used as a polling station for the General Election.

Find Milnathort CC minutes, agenda and other information at:

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Fossoway & District CC

News from the Extraordinary General Meeting

In attendance at the EGM held on 18 April 2017 were: CCllrs C Brown, A Cheape, J Donachie, T Duffy, C Farquhar and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert; 36 Members of the Public (MoP).

Declarations of Interest: CCllr Cheape declared an interest in the development at Crook of Devon, and withdrew from the Council table.

LDP Public Consultation

Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert made it clear that they had no pre-conceived positions on the proposals, but were there to hear the opinions of the Members of Public present.

Blairingone: CCllr Trudy commenced the discussion by stating that the CC believes that the majority of the residents are in favour of the proposed plan. 27 positive and 6 negative comments were received by PKC. Cllr Cuthbert reminded the meeting that the school is due for review so increased housing may help it. Cllr Barnacle expressed the view that there were more people from Blairingone at the earlier review that didn't make specifically attributable comments. In answer to a question from CCllr Donachie, Cllr Barnacle said that the development would likely be in excess of fifty houses. There were no additional comments from those present.

Rumbling Bridge: 92 comments, of which 60 were from Rumbling Bridge residents, were received by PKC. 26 individual comments objected to the proposal, and 38 supported it, with seven not expressing a clear preference. Additionally there was a petition signed by 44 people from 35 individual addresses objecting to further development. Principal objections received were that development would damage the character of the village, amenity greenspaces and setting of the gorge. Supporters specified improved car parking and other discretionary benefits provided by the developer, and that the development would improve the balance of the village.

MoP explained that they thought that the petition applied to a previous proposal which they would object to, however when the exhibition was visited it became clear that a different, more acceptable scheme was being proposed, and hence they withdrew their objection. Another MoP asked who else had changed their mind. CCllr Duffy expressed her concern that because the petition was circulated before the current proposals were made public it's possible that people were confused. The organisers of the petition emphasised that they had made it clear which proposal they were objecting to.

MoP noted that there is already a plan in existence that has not yet been fully developed, so why should we now add other areas. The existing car parks are not signposted; if they were then additional areas wouldn't be needed. MoP stated that there is no public parking for the Gorge at the nursing home. Cllr Barnacle commented that the "Thompson" car park was not finished at the time of the consultation meeting, but a MoP reported that it now is.

The proposed development would destroy the "green field" feel of the village. Cllr Barnacle is of the view that the previous settlement boundary was more appropriate than the currently proposed one. MoP describes Rumbling Bridge as a hamlet rather than a village, with no school, pub, etc., so unlike Blairingone it would not be appropriate to develop it,

and challenged the automatic assumption that development of villages is always necessary.

MoP observed that the Thompson development of four houses occupied ground that was previously rough scrubland and the house are attractively designed and have improved the look of the village, can't we expect that the proposed development would be the same.

MoP suggested that many other developments are ribbon-styled, whereas this one is a sensible one that would improve the heart of the village – this comment received some support. Another MoP replied that there is currently no heart to the village, and this development would not create one.

MoP pointed out that there is already a traffic problem across the bridge, and any development could make this worse. Cllr Barnacle reported that there are already plans to consider calming measures, speed limits and possibly traffic lights at the bridge.

MoP asked whether their comment had been received as they hadn't received a reply – it was suggested that perhaps only those who applied online received responses. Cllr Cuthbert undertook to collect email addresses of those who had not received replies and would check that their comments had been received.

Cllr Barnacle summarised that the CC needs to decide whether it supports a change to the village envelope or not.

Crook of Devon: 83 comments (11% of the population) were received by PKC – there were 53 objections and 26 supportive comments. The proposal is for a fairly large development of around fifty houses, and some business use. Main objections were that it would be difficult for the village to support such an expansion, the separation between Drum and Crook of Devon would be lost, doubt about the viability of proposed businesses, and the village's character would be impacted. Supporters suggested that the development was in an appropriate place, affordable housing would be provided, employment would be created and the community benefits were worthwhile.

MoP was concerned that this development would dramatically increase traffic. MoP suggested that the school and other facilities would not be able to support this sort of expansion, and the current school's location is in an untenable position for pedestrian access from the proposed location, due to the road being too narrow.

MoP asserted that a roundabout provided as part of this development would be unlikely to reduce the speed of vehicles, or dissuade drivers from using the A977, and those leaving the roundabout will increase their speed to compensate for the time lost crossing the roundabout. Further were the traffic measures to be successful, the traffic would likely divert to the A91 which would be worse. Cllr Barnacle replied that unless some physical obstacle is introduced there will never be any way of slowing the traffic down as speed limits are widely ignored. MoP pointed out that there is currently no concrete evidence that the benefits from the development will help the traffic problem.

This development will contribute to Drum and Crook of Devon merging into one, and this level of development is not appropriate. Cllr Barnacle pointed out that PKC already treat Drum and Crook of Devon as one village, which isn't necessarily correct.

A member of the development team pointed out that the number of houses at fifty is not set in stone. Cllr Duffy noted

that all the developments consist of big houses. There is no opportunity for older people and new buyers to find small houses in this area. If these developments were allowed to proceed then perhaps there will be some smaller houses. MoP commented that in the absence of a bus service, affordable housing is useless. Cllr Cuthbert explained that "affordable housing" can mean small houses or "social houses", the latter being more appropriately placed in bigger conurbations.

MoP asked for timetable of LDP2. Cllr Barnacle thought that the LDP2 document will be produced in the autumn, and then a further six weeks consultation period will follow. Cllr Barnacle emphasised that this is a zoning exercise and not a planning proposal, and hence the CC can respond by saying that an area should be zoned for development, not zoned, or zoned for mixed development with further public consultation required.

CCllr Duffy concluded by thanking Katie Briggs for her work in advertising the consultation meeting and summarising the comments. Thanks were also given to Cllrs Mike Barnacle and Dave Cuthbert for all their work.

News from the AGM and May Meeting

In attendance at the AGM and May meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017 were: CCllrs C Brown, J Donachie, T Duffy, C Farquhar and G Pye; P&K Cllr W Robertson and four members of the public.

Apologies were received from: P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi; and CCllr A Cheape.

Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report: The elected members of the CC are: Angus Cheape, Trudy Duffy, Graham Pye. The co-opted members of the CC are: C Brown, J Donachie, C Farquhar. During this year the following CC members have retired on resigned: K Borthwick, G Kilby, R Nesbit.

I would like to thank all for their support, but in particular I would like to thank Kevin, who has been secretary for years, for his hard work and dedication.

The CC has had another very busy year with eleven scheduled meetings, additional meetings and a large volume of correspondence.

Police Service: Unfortunately we have not had a visit from a police officer for some time. We get most of the relevant information from the Commander's bulletin and from Perth and Kinross Community Watch.

Main Issues Report: We have consulted on the LDP2, in particular on the re-zoning of three sites, in Blairingone, Rumbling Bridge and Crook of Devon.



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Blairingone War Memorial: Is now one of the longest running items on our agenda. It is unlikely that there will be a quick solution to this but there are little rays of hope!

Devon Hydro Scheme: The Hydro Scheme is now online and working well. There is a Hydro Scheme group set up, with John Wheatley chairing it, to set up a system to disburse the funds generated by the developer's contribution and the community benefit. We are currently looking for volunteers to join.

A977 Mitigation Measures: The traffic, in particular the speed of the traffic is still a main concern for our villages, on the A977 but also on the A91 through Carnbo and the A823 through Rumbling Bridge. We will continue to put pressure on the authorities and work together with the local members to make the A977 safer for the villages straddling it. PKC has now appointed someone who will, together with the local members and the CC, look at a more comprehensive approach to make the roads safer. We will be happy to co-operate.

CC Members: There is an urgent requirement for more Community Councillors, especially from Rumbling Bridge, which has currently no representation in the CC. Our work relies on members of the community who have their ears to the ground.

Community Initiatives: The CC is taking part in a number of community initiatives: the Emergency Support Centre, to be set up in the hall, Kinross Sports Hub, Powmill in Bloom, Crook and Drum Growing Together. It is a wonderful way for members of the community to become involved and we urge you to help out with planting, fundraising and/or giving some of your time to these initiatives.

There have been slightly less planning applications in the past year.

Thanks to Graham, we have streamlined the system for correspondence, gathering items for the agenda and planning. We now use an online system to which most of us have access. Paper correspondence is now quite rare. The Facebook page, which is being kept up to date by Cameron, is a valuable source of accessing information for people in our villages.

Thank you to my fellow councillors for their support and for the very significant efforts they have made in dealing with their portfolios and attending external meetings. Many thanks also to our local Councillors Barnacle, Cuthbert, Giacomazzi and Robertson for their significant support and assistance to the CC on numerous matters. We wish Joe

Giacomazzi all the best in his retirement and look forward to meeting a new elected member very soon. Thanks also to our loyal Members of the Public, who support us with their presence, their information and their questions.

Treasurer's Report: After last year's problem with receiving the Administrative Grant from PKC, the CC started the year with just over £20 in the bank. Fortunately the grant for both the previous year and this year soon arrived, topping the CC's funds back up to the maximum £700.00 allowed.

This year's major activity for the treasurer was obtaining online access to the CC's bank account. This eventually ended up requiring the opening of a new bank account, although still with the TSB. However the online facility of the new account has made paying the CC's bills much easier.

The largest item of the CC expenditure is for rentals of Fossoway and Blairingone primary schools, Carnbo Village Hall and Moubray Hall in Powmill to hold our monthly meetings. A total of £227.25 was spent on hall rentals.

All Community Councillors are allowed to claim for any expenses they incur over the year for travelling to meetings, other than normal CC meetings, and any other incidentals – postage, stationery, etc. This year £139.98 has been claimed in expenses, an improvement over last year's total of a little over £50. CC members attend a lot of meetings over the year, and should claim for all expenses incurred – I encourage them to do so.

After all the transactions over the year have been tallied the CC has a closing balance at year end of £332.77 and I will be applying for this year's grant shortly.

Office-Bearers: Trudy Duffy: Chairperson. Cameron Brown: Secretary. Graham Pye: Treasurer. Trudy Duffy: Data Controller. Graham Pye: Vice Chair.

The following posts are not formal offices, so were not covered at the AGM: Jennifer Donachie: Planning and Deputy Secretary. Graham Pye: Minute Secretary. Cameron Brown: Deputy Minute Secretary.

Date of Next AGM: 8 May 2018.

May Meeting

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.

MoP observes that blue and white tape left after road accidents is never removed. Fly tipping in the lay-by at end of the Aldie Road has happened again. Cllr Robertson will report this to PKC.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: Cllr Robertson reported that the new officer in the roads department has started work and is drawing up proposals. There is money in place for speed activated cameras and appropriate positioning of these is important.

Crook of Devon and Drum Growing Together: Cllr Duffy reported that there will be a planting day on 20 May. The April fund raiser, held jointly with Powmill in Bloom Group, generated around £200 and has also raised the profile of the group's activities with the public.

Powmill in Bloom Group: Cllr Farquhar echoed Cllr Duffy's comments above. A number of trees are ready to plant when the weather improves.

Best Kept Village: We have received an invitation to enter this competition, however there may not be enough volunteers to organise this – anyone who would like to help please contact the CC.

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Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Brown reported that the planning permission has lapsed, but there is no other progress.

Hydro Scheme Community Group: Cllr Duffy observed that the group is suffering from a shortage of members. As well as the annual contribution from the hydro scheme, it has emerged that the residue of the contingency fund, which will probably be over £10,000, is also going to become available. It is expected that the first tranche of funding will arrive in July or August. An application has been made to Local Energy Scotland to fund a mailshot to consult the community, which would cost around £1000.

LDP Public Consultation: A special meeting of this CC was held on 18 April to assist the CC in collecting opinions about development in the three sites Rumbling Bridge, Blairingone and Crook of Devon. The CC met after this meeting and will be sending its recommendations to PKC shortly.

Poo Group: The CC received, via Facebook, several suggestions for bin locations: Fossoway Main Street, past the Scout camp to the bridge, on the other side towards Naemoor Road and along Back Crook and/or in the adjacent field.

There are a number of reports of people using the playing field for exercising their dogs without clearing up after them. Dogs without owners have also been seen there. Cllr Duffy will contact PKC's Dog Warden to make visits at likely times to try and address this. Cllr Robertson suggested that the Dog Warden should be asked to provide stickers for normal rubbish bins stating that they can also be used for dog waste.

Glen Devon Bridge: The bridge is very badly damaged, with a large amount of the stones being knocked into the river. Willie notes that planning permission to repair the bridge is in place, which is needed as the bridge is a listed building, and he has written to PKC to expedite the repairs. Cllr Duffy examined the bridge recently and there is no current evidence of wild camping taking place, although it's not obvious who else might have damaged the bridge.

Ivy Cottage, Powmill: Cllr Farquhar reported that Cllr Barnacle has contacted the owners about the possibility of receiving a grant to bring the building into a state where it could be rented.

Meetings Attended: Cllr Farquhar attended a meeting of the Networking Group at LLCC which is attended by representatives of various community groups.

P&K Cllr Report: Cllr Robertson has arranged for the A91 to be litter picked.

Planning Matters

17/00512/FLL Change of use of existing farm buildings to part commercial equestrian use and part caravan storage use. Barnhill Farm, Powmill. Object on grounds of insufficient information.

17/00606/AML Erection of 3 dwelling houses/garages at land 30 metres north-east of Rantrie Knowe, Drum. No CC comment.

17/00660/IPL Erection of dwelling house (in principle.) Land 50 metres south-east of Hoodhill, Fossoway. If this development is within the LL catchment, then there would be a requirement to include a SUDS scheme, which is not mentioned in the current application. Additionally, there are contradictions between the number of storeys and bedrooms described in the text of the application (1 and 2) and shown on the plans (2 and 3). The CC will discuss this further and decide whether to comment.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing.

AOCB: A Waulkmill resident complained to the CC about speeding vehicles.

Cycling Event last year caused some local difficulties and the CC asked the organisers to notify us of future events, but they failed to do so again this year. Cllr Duffy has complained to Kinross Cycling Club.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting: Welcome and Apologies, Declarations of Interest, Community Policing, Minutes of last meeting.

Matters arising: A977 Mitigation, Crook and Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Blairingone War Memorial, Rumbling Bridge Hydro Scheme, Poo Group, Glen Devon Bridge, Station Road Adoption.

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 6 June 2017 at 7.30pm at Powmill Moubray Hall. All Welcome.

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

www.fossoway.org

and on their Facebook page, along with other community related information. Search for Fossoway & District Community Council on Facebook.

Cleish & Blairadam CC

Cleish & Blairadam CC meets every two months.

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

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Portmoak Community Council News from the AGM and May Meeting

Present at the AGM and May meeting held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 were: Cllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde, D Morris, and T Smith; Ward Cllrs C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters; and 45 members of the public. The Chairman warmly welcomed two new ward councillors: Callum Purves and Richard Watters.

Apologies: Cllr A Robertson and Ward Cllr M Barnacle.

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Annual Report. The CC received the Chairman's Report for 2017:

Last year it was my happy duty to welcome among other new members of the CC, Chris Vlasto. Today it is my sad duty to report his death, leaving us with a vacancy. Chris contributed greatly during his short term of office, not only in council meetings and the correspondence which occurs between meetings, but also as an active member of the paths group. He will be a hard act to follow but if anyone thinks that they might be interested in taking his place on the Council, please let me know.

I should also pay tribute to the four ward councillors who have attended our meetings as ex officio members, albeit without a vote, over the last four years. My thanks are due to them for their wise counsel and active lobbying in PKC on our behalf. It is not their fault that their lobbying meets with mixed results; but I do hope that the new PKC councillors can collectively have some effect in changing the culture in PKC to recognise that it is there to serve the community and not to treat it as an interfering nuisance as quite often appears to be the case.

The steady flow of consultation papers continued this year. There were eight in all, varying from proposals to install traffic lights in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell (a dead duck in the light of the responses received) to the Scottish government's consultation on People Places and Planning. The latter will be important in the long term; its proposals if brought into effect will result in a lot more work for community councils in, for example, preparing community plans for integration into the local development plan. SSE's invitation to seek funding from their resilient communities fund has made us wonder if Portmoak is as resilient a community as it should be and investigate the desirability of having an emergency plan to cope with a major catastrophe. Edinburgh Airport

consulted on new approach routes for landing aircraft and you will be glad to know that their latest thinking is not to route them over us.

Not a consultation, but we were encouraged to use the experimental Place Standard tool to help us with assessing how well we meet our constituents' needs. Alison Robertson kindly undertook to take soundings from various organisations in the parish; some of you will have taken part. I think it was not a surprise that public transport and roads were the principal concerns and a copy of the result has been circulated widely in PKC. The Transport Department has recognised that there is an issue and have offered a meeting. My thanks to Alison for spending so much time on this and collating all the responses.

The heading of Roads covers a disparate selection of topics. Positive actions are the commencement of procedures for designating the Dryside road as a green route with 20mph limits in Wester Balgedie and past Glenlomon, and an Action Plan for the B9097, which includes the completion of the resurfacing. I regret to say that there has been less progress on other aspects. We are told that there is now to be an action plan for the A911. That may assist with 20mph limits in Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell and Easter Balgedie which ran into a brick wall, but that may change with a new set of councillors; also with discouragement of through HGV traffic and with improving the route for pedestrians between Scotlandwell and the church. We look to the Ward Councillors to put their backs into these matters. They have all been the subject of a comprehensive letter to the roads department, which met with a pretty unsatisfactory response. Car parking in the two main villages is a matter of continuing concern, and especially that near the school during dropping off and pick up times.

We have tried to become involved with the management of Loch Leven in which we have a considerable interest, not just because of the Heritage Trail, but also because we have a better view of it than anywhere else, except for Kinross House! We met with the River Leven Trustees who control the sluices for the benefit of the three remaining businesses that use the water in the River Leven. The predominant one is the Cameron Bridge Distillery, which is a huge industrial complex. It is disappointing that the trustees have not taken up our invitation to make a presentation to us. Nor, so far, have we been invited to any of the consultations which they have with different groups from time to time. We have had a more positive meeting with Scottish National Heritage and anticipate being invited to join the leisure and recreation group with whom they consult. Their management plan for the next five years has just been released.

We are statutory consultees for all planning applications in the parish. We have considered forty in the year, up from 32 in the previous year. We objected to four. These applications cover twenty brand new houses, classed as 'windfall' by PKC and thus not taken into account in their forward planning. Two particular applications were undecided at this time last year, the Glenlomon hospital site, for which formal permission has just been issued, and the Lomond Inn. Permission for the redevelopment of this site is to be given but the formal documentation has not been completed. In the meantime demolitions have had permission and have gone ahead, but there is concern about the stability of the original Inn, which was to be preserved.



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This year we have two major planning applications in neighbouring parishes which will affect us if the proposed developments go ahead. The first is for a major development including a recycling plant at Westfield. The road traffic in and out is to use the B9097 (which was constructed in its present form to serve Westfield when it was a coalmine) with a consequent vast increase in HGV traffic. We have objected and so to their credit have PKC. That is important because they can require the decision to be referred to Scottish Ministers. This is not a matter which will be decided quickly and may well still be running next year. The other is a proposal for holiday chalets, visitor centre, recreational facilities, car park, café etc between Burleigh Castle and the loch shore. This is at the pre-application stage, so it is difficult to ascertain exactly what is proposed. We should learn more at the next meeting when a representative of the applicants' agents come to talk to us.

Tom Smith has continued to lead the paths group. They have carried out further repair and improvement work on the Michael Bruce Way; this is likely to be a regular task. We had hoped that a route for a path from the Heritage Trail to Lochend via Levenmouth was agreed but we have recently learned that that is not the case, so we shall need to go back to the drawing board. We learnt recently of a proposed new path at Channel Farm, to create a circuit at Loch Leven's Larder from the Heritage Trail.

Some of you will have been present at the Hustings we arranged to enable the public to question the candidates for the local authority election. It was ably chaired by Louise Batchelor, sound relayed by courtesy of David Batchelor, and I think both public and candidates found it a useful exercise. It is certainly worth repeating in four years' time.

The police have resumed attendance at our meetings, and their presence is welcomed. It is good that two PCs with local knowledge are now based in Kinross.

I must mention our dealings with A & J Stephen. They are not the best of correspondents but we did manage to have a meeting with them last September. There are three issues. First of all the state of the landscape areas in phase 1 of the Whitecraigs development. Stephens stated that they would be put into a condition in which PKC would take over the maintenance obligation, probably this spring subject to certain negotiations. That has not happened. It is regrettable, but understandable, that a certain amount of self-help has taken place. Next the path along the boundary with the golf course, which Stephens wish to transfer to the CC with Stephens Field. We advised them that we would not take it over until certain work had been done; there has been no action, other, again, than some self-help. Lastly, Stephens Field. Stephen's interpretation of the contract we have with them is that it is conditional on their getting planning permission for ten houses; they have it for nine in phase three of Whitecraigs, and the tenth, they say, was to be a house on the site they wish to retain next to Bishop Terrace. They have now lodged a planning application for the site. In a ballot of the parish in May 2015 a considerable majority of the respondents voted that the CC should support such an application. If the application is granted we can anticipate, nine years on, taking over Stephens Field.

As you may know, there are now four superfast broadband cabinets in the parish with another on its way in Wester Balgedie. It would be useful to have reports as to how well

it operates. I am told, for example that in my neighbourhood signing up for superfast broadband produces limited improvement; we are too far from a cabinet. Other initiatives are taking place elsewhere in the county which may be able to help us.

It is perhaps appropriate that the last thing I have to report concerns the cemetery. There is only one available lair left and PKC have been looking at how to make more provision available in the parish. They have identified a site next to the graveyard, which is ideal, apart from the access. Negotiations are in progress. Other parishes are almost as critically short of space as we are.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support through the year and the considerable amount of work they undertake for the benefit of the parish. I do not think any of the others will take offence if I single out Robin Cairncross for special mention. As secretary, the burden of coordination, preparation of meetings, minutes and all the other admin falls on him. It would be true to say that without his efforts we would not be the council we are. – *Malcolm Strang Steel*.

Treasurer's Annual Report. The Treasurer reported that at the year-end there was: £199.07 in the General Account; and £739.71 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £938.78.

Approval of Annual Accounts: The accounts for the year to 31 March 2017 had been subject to independent examination. The accounts were duly approved by the CC and the Treasurer instructed to submit them to PKC and to obtain the funding grant for the year to March 2018. The full Income and Expenditure of the CC's accounts can be found on the CC website.

Office Bearers for 2016-17: The following office bearers were appointed: Chairman: Councillor M Strang Steel. Secretary: Councillor R Cairncross. Treasurer: Councillor B Calderwood. Deputy Chairman: B Calderwood.

Date of next AGM: 7pm on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at Portmoak Primary School.

May Meeting

Apologies: As for AGM, plus PC A Spalding.

Recycling provision, Kinnesswood: Councillor Morris confirmed that, following a joint site visit by PKC officers and himself representing the CC, the preferred site for the small recycling bottle bank was behind the bus shelter opposite Buchan's garage. Any site around the school car park was not deemed suitable. The CC recognised that, while some residents may take their bottles to banks often situated at some distance from Portmoak, other relied on local access. Kinnesswood in Bloom had recently reviewed its position in respect of this site and now opposed it. Councillor A Robertson would explore the matter further with KIB.

Police Report: A written report from PC Spalding told of a vehicle left sitting broken down at Scotlandwell near Turfitt being set on fire; and £3,000 worth of damage to turf at Turfitt effected by a purple quad bike. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 19 & 27 April and 4 May were noted.

Planning Report

New Planning Applications

17/00704/FLL Portmoak Livery Stables: Removal of condition 2, occupancy permission. No comment.

17/00698/AML Land 49 metres SW of Caol Ila, Kinnesswood: Revised roof finish. No Comment.

17/00646/PN Lomondmuir Farm, Wester Balgedie: Erection

of agricultural storage shed (Permitted Development). Noted. 17/00648/FLL Greenhead of Arnot Farm, Leslie: Formation of a Pond. No Comment. (Mr Strang Steel left the chair and took no part in the discussion of this item).

17/00680/IPL Land 50 metres South of 9 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood: Erection of a dwelling house and formation of an access track (In Principle). The chair proposed that this matter should be considered in private session, as provided for in the constitution, but that the Council would like to hear the views of those present. This was agreed unanimously.

The CC heard numerous comments from residents mainly from Bishop Terrace and Whitecraigs indicating that they objected to this application. Some maintained that they had been misled and that were the 2015 Ballot to be held now some of them would vote differently. The principal contention was that with consent for and completion of 9 houses in phase 2 of Whitecraigs, transfer of the entire 7.2 hectares field to the CC should have been effected without the need for a tenth house on a "retained plot." Amongst many concerns expressed by residents were that such a plot was an intrusion into the integrity of the field, was disproportionately large for a single house, was outside the village boundary in the current development plan, would interfere with hill views could compromise wild life and would impact on paths within the proposed development area.

Residents present strongly endorsed an outcome where the Field passed to the ownership of the CC.

In response to points made by members of the public, Ward Cllr Robertson made some concluding remarks: Stephens had tried previously to secure planning permission for this house. They had been refused both by PKC and on appeal. Those who were unhappy with the proposal should lodge an objection. The current value of the land, without planning approval for a house, is very low as it is classified as uncultivated hill land of limited agricultural value. If planning approval for a house is refused Stephens may be prepared to transfer the whole field anyway, which would be a win/win situation.

The Chairman explained that the CC had entered into a formal contract with A & J Stephen Ltd in September 2008. The contract stipulated that, were planning consent for ten houses to be granted, then the 7.2 hectare Field (less a retained plot adjacent to Bishop Terrace of 0.8 hectares) would transfer to CC ownership together with a £5,000 endowment and cover for legal fees. The developer maintained that it met the developer requirement of the 2004 Local Plan in respect of Whitecraigs phase 2. This stipulated "development of community use of adjacent land owned by the developer." A & J Stephen had built nine houses on Whitecraigs and now wanted to build a tenth on the retained plot. A ballot on the views of the community as to how the CC should react to this was held in May 2015. In that ballot the vast majority of the residents who had voted, had voted in support of the statement that the CC should "actively support the obtaining of planning permission for one house on the retained plot..." Subsequent meetings with A & J Stephen had awaited their decision to proceed with a planning application.

Advance notice new path Heritage Trail to Loch Leven's Larder. The CC would write in support of this new path.

Progress with Developments:

Westfield Restoration and Regeneration Project, Fife (16/03661/EIA). The CC had been notified by Axis (agents representing the Developer Hargreaves) who now wish

directly to consult with the CC and to ensure that it is given a specific opportunity to express and discuss its views. In due course this would provide a supplement to their Pre-Application Consultation Report to Fife Council. The CC welcomes this approach and will explore with Axis its preference that such a meeting should be open to the public.

Former Lomond Inn: proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwelling houses (16/03661/CON). There was concern about the stability of the remaining shell of the old Inn. While the CC had been assured that the shell of the Inn was safe, further progress would depend on whether the current planning consent to preserve the Inn would remain or whether a new application to replace it would be made.

Development at Glenlomond – proposals to build 13 houses (16/00751/FLL). Full planning consent had now been granted. Prior to any new building, passing places on the road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond would be commissioned. Arrangements to complete final downtakings were in hand.

Other Reports

Roads Report: CCllr Calderwood reported that with the hiatus over the Council elections it had proved difficult to progress matters. He would now renew efforts. Baseline data for HGV movements along the B9097 were now being sought in relation to the Westfield Regeneration Project.

Paths Report: CCllr Tom Smith reported that with the better weather an active programme of path maintenance was under way. A contract to cut the Peat Loan had been secured.

Perth & Kinross Councillor Reports: Ward Cllrs reported that it was early days and that they were currently following an induction programme. Around half the Council were now new members. Arrangements were underway to determine the composition of the new administration. It was hoped that the new Council would redress the balance of the previous Council, which had appeared to be officer-led.

Other Matters

Portmoak Moss Road Access, Scotlandwell - car park. The CC had been awarded a grant of £1,500 from the Kinross Newsletter Fund to secure ownership of the car park on the access road to Portmoak Moss. The CC is grateful to the Fund for its support. Further funding is now being sought to enable refurbishment of the car park.

Lets Talk about Health and Care in PKC. This major reform to the provisions for health and social care is now underway. The views of the wider public are sought with an open event on 23 May.

Scale of Fees: PKC had circulated a revised scale of fees for planning applications.

Potential for Kinross-shire Survey. The CC had received an invitation from the Vice Chair of Kinross CC to participate in a cross-Kinross-shire survey. It will respond offering to participate.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 13 June 2017 in Portmoak School, Kinnesswood.

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

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

Club & Community Group News



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Last month saw our Convener and Vice-Convener representing Common Grounds at two community events. The first was a networking evening held in the campus with other voluntary organisations and the second was hosted by the Army at Perth Race Course.

What did we glean from these outings? Well, yes, we are keen to recruit more volunteers but, more importantly, it was amazing to learn just how many committed people we have in Kinross-shire and whose efforts have such an impact on lives, both very far and near.

Interestingly, all agreed that, as volunteers, they got so much back from doing so. At the Army presentation, the phrase, 'Your Army' was kept to the forefront as was the part it can play in our communities. This got us thinking; what has Common Grounds to offer you? The benefits can be considerable. There is the satisfaction of knowing your efforts help others in the third world to improve their standard of living, giving them a bright ray of hope for the future. In the process, you will find friendship and support that comes from being with like-minded people. Our 'pop-up' coffee shop in Milnathort Guide Hall can quickly become a welcoming place for you to escape the daily routine and to be assured of a warm welcome. There can be deep and meaningful conversation where we sort out the world's problems. There are sympathetic ears to share our woes and often lots of laughter. There is always time for you, whether your preference is to be an onlooker or to contribute. Common Grounds has been established for 17 years and it's so easy to overlook what it offers our community as well as its fantastic results overseas. It's fitting,

therefore, to acknowledge the efforts of, and give sincere thanks to, volunteers and friends. They all play a part in what Common Grounds has to offer you. This month, a specific mention must go to George Crawford, whose penny jar has resulted in a very healthy donation of £126.70, bringing his grand total to date to £986.55. Many thanks, George.

Project: Our project for June is On Call Africa. It is a Scottish registered charity set up in 2010 by a group of doctors who had previously graduated from St. Andrew's University. They work in remote villages in rural Zambia and aim to improve access to healthcare for village communities who would otherwise have little or no contact with healthcare workers. This is a small charity which is able to deliver services through the generous volunteering of up to 20 doctors each year. To achieve better health for rural populations they do three things as follows. Treating; run mobile clinics treating over 500 patients each month. Teaching; run health education programmes in the villages where they work. Training; train local community health workers who can offer long-term care within their village. Hear more about their wonderful work at our forthcoming Project Lunch (see below).

Project lunch: Our next project lunch will be on **Wednesday 19 July** at 12 noon in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. The speaker will be Emma Patton, Volunteer Project Co-ordinator in Zambia, from the charity On Call Africa. Homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and Fairtrade tea/coffee. Everyone welcome.

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

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

Down Memory Lane

Kinross Museum is preparing an exhibition to mark the 450th anniversary of the imprisonment of Mary, Queen of Scots in Lochleven Castle (1567-68). The Museum is appealing to members of the public to lend mementoes from previous anniversary events, such as the 1987 re-enactment shown here.

You can contact the Museum by email at information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk or drop in to the Study Room at Loch Leven Community Campus on a Thursday (10am-8pm) or a Saturday (10am-3pm).

*Queen Mary's escape,
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Weekend Walks

Friday 9 to Sunday 11 June.

Walking weekend based in Galashiels. Now fully booked.

Sunday 25 June: Dunblane to Sheriffmuir, 7.5 miles.

Gradual ascent on paths, tracks and minor roads, visiting Clan Macrae Monument and the Gathering Stone.

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 6 June: Strathmiglo Saunter.

A delightful walk in the countryside surrounding the village of Strathmiglo.

Tuesday 20 June: Culross-Preston Island.

Walk from Culross West Car Park along the path adjacent to railway, then round Preston Island where evidence of salt pans is preserved.

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

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

April Draw

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2nd	No 53	Ann Dandie, Kinnesswood.
3rd	No 90	Bill Michie, Wester Balgedie.



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The meeting was given a fascinating insight into the history and current redevelopment of Perth Theatre including the importance it has had on community involvement since the early part of the twentieth century. Thomas informed us of the theatre's debut performance in 1900 when it was Scotland's original repertory theatre. It was also the first theatre to mount a tour of the Highlands, and the first to launch a theatre festival. This idea was subsequently adopted by Edinburgh and it grew into the 'Fringe' we know today.

Following the development of Perth Theatre Company in 1935 (set up by David Stewart and Marjorie Dence), the theatre was at the forefront of cultural development in Scotland. It was purchased in 1968 by Perth Town Council and had a subsequent management takeover by Horsecross Arts in 2005. It remains an integral part of Perth City life.

Sarah went on to detail how the transformation of the theatre is currently taking place. This involves a £16.6m contract to not only refurbish the main theatre, but to build fantastic new facilities that will provide easy access for all, creative learning and rehearsal rooms, a studio theatre and far greater access for the general public. A key message from the new Director, Lu Kemp, is that the theatre is open to all and the community has, and will, continue to play a vital role in its success.

The refurbishment and redevelopment contract is due for completion later this year and plans for its artistic programme are well under way, with Aladdin announced as this year's panto.

For further information, and to learn how you can support Perth Theatre, contact the Development Team on 01738 472731 or transform@perththeatre.co.uk

Vote of thanks was given by Alan Dearing and the President Rory MacLeod wished all members a happy summer recess.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Once again Kinnesswood in Bloom have decided to take part in three competitions; the local one, Take a Pride in Perthshire and Beautiful Scotland. Three members attended a symposium in North Berwick to hear from judges and learn from other groups.

Work parties continue on Saturday mornings, starting at 10am. We also have sessions on Monday nights at 6pm, depending on work needing done.

Our recycling boxes in the bus shelter are well used and Janette empties them regularly. Book sales are also going well with donations left in the honesty box.

Once again we are using Lady Helen's nursery to prepare our hanging baskets and provide a watering service throughout the summer months.

During a recent gardening session at the school, senior children were able to sample salad leaves and radishes from the raised beds. These are now well weeded and growth of various crops looks good. Younger pupils took part in a pond dipping session and many underwater creatures were observed.

A new greenhouse at the school has been erected with the help of Kinross High School staff and pupils, so we may have some inside crops this year. We look forward to working with pupils from Kinross High during the week beginning Monday 29 May.

Knitted and crocheted birds and bees are being created by many of our supporters and we look forward to seeing them in place. Diane and Andrew have also composed a list of birds they have seen in and around Kinnesswood.

The Michael Bruce Fund has paid for the much needed pruning of the tree in the Michael Bruce Garden and a very generous donation of plants has been given by Dobbies to help with the garden refurbishment. Rory is to make a frame for the new interpretation panel in the Michael Bruce garden. It's hoped to have it installed by the **Garden Party on Saturday 1 July**.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 8 June** at the Well Inn. All are welcome to our work parties or meetings.



Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom Easy Chocolate Cheesecake

If you like puddings, you might like to come along to the Pudding Club at Portmoak Hall at the end of June. If you miss it, try this easy no-cook recipe for chocolate cheesecake.

Ingredients

150g digestive biscuits, crushed
45g butter, melted
110g caster sugar
120ml whipping cream
150g dark chocolate, melted and cooled
2 tbsp cocoa powder
200g cream cheese

Method

Mix the biscuits with the butter and one tablespoon of the sugar. Press into a 18cm springform cake tin and refrigerate. Whip the cream until soft peaks form. Add the cooled melted chocolate, then the cocoa powder mix. Blend well and set aside. Beat the cream cheese and remaining sugar together. Fold into the cream chocolate mixture and mix thoroughly to ensure all ingredients are fully incorporated. Spread the mixture on top of the crushed biscuits. Refrigerate for at least an hour to set, then serve.

Michael Bruce Trust

To mark the 250th anniversary of the death, in July 1767, of Michael Bruce, the 'Gentle Poet of Lochleven', the Michael Bruce Trust is organising a number of events to which members of the community are invited.

Between 2pm and 4pm on **Saturday 1 July** a **Garden Party** will be held in the Michael Bruce Cottage Museum garden. Refreshments will be served and there will be music and story telling to enjoy. The following day, on **Sunday 2 July**, the **Annual Service of Commemoration** will be held at 6.30pm in Portmoak Parish Church. A wreath will be laid on the poet's grave and there will be refreshments after the service. All are welcome.

In addition to these events, the Michael Bruce Trust is engaging with Portmoak Primary School in educational projects and the preparation of an exhibition. All of this has been made possible by a 'Community Celebration' grant provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund.





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- There is **no meeting** in July and August.



Away Days

8 June Moffat

22 June Newtonmore

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

Friday Walkers

2 June Pitmedden Woods from The Clink, Auchtermuchty.

16 June Loch Ordie from Dowally.

30 June Burnside to John Knox's Pulpit and return. (Half of this is a new walk.)

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

Friday Hill Walkers

9 June Glen Artnay Jock 8.30am

23 June Auchtermuchty (no bus) Pauline 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.

Kinross & District Inner Wheel

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Our May meeting was a time for reflection on the events of the last year as we held our AGM.

President Doreen reported on a successful year with some excellent speakers, mostly women, at our meetings, ranging from a chemical engineer to a procurator fiscal, with a very interesting talk on the Scots language and the flower show at Kinross Agricultural Show along the way.

Fundraising has again played a large part in our programme with frugal lunches held in members' homes, a candlelit supper in aid of Shelter Box in December and our annual Charity Bridge Day in March held in Orwell Hall. One of our members held a coffee morning in April for the East African Disaster Fund which was very successful. We supported the Day Centre, helping at a Tea Dance in early February. Throughout the year we have been able to support a wide variety of charities, namely Cornhill Macmillan Nurses, Sense Scotland, Scottish Air Ambulance, Kinross-shire Day Centre and the Volunteer Group, and further afield, Shelterbox, the East African Appeal and WaterAid.

Every organisation needs enthusiastic and active members and we're delighted to report that we have three new ones this year. If you would like to find out more about Inner Wheel, why not have a look at the Association website. You may find it of interest.



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Visit to House of Falkland

We still have a few places left on our visit to Falkland House, which takes place on **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.

Kinross Bridge Club

Another very enjoyable season has come to an end. The number of members playing regularly has continued to rise, which is very encouraging.

At the end of season party, the Peter Stirling trophy for the best average score over the year was presented to Jim Marshall, with Jessie Mitchell as runner up.

The winners on the night were as follows:

North South	1st	Jane Muirhead and Catriona Marshall
	2nd	Susie Ballantyne and Linda Bayne
East West	1st	Margo Campbell and Elizabeth Harley
	2nd	Jim Marshall and Jan Hill

The next season will start in mid-September. New members will be most welcome. Please contact Catriona Marshall on 01577 864482.



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Boys Brigade and Girls Association



The 1st Kinross Company held their annual display and presentation of awards in May before a well-supported audience.

Inspecting officers for the evening were David and Helen Eade, who have been involved with the company for many years.

The Anchor Section performed a version of the jelly bean prayer before handing out sweets to the audience. Junior members performed their figure marching routine as well as an inter-squad relay race. Three officers were drafted into the squads with a re-run, much to the amusement of the audience as well as the boys and girls.

Company Section members performed an advanced drill routine before the sessions awards were presented to members by Helen Eade.

Anchor Awards

Attendance Certificates: Ben Halkett, Ross Fletcher, Luke Reilly and Euan Bell. *Best Squad:* Luke Reilly, Ben Halkett, William Constable, Andrew Thomson, Max Ross. *Best first year:* 3rd Max Ross, 2nd Georgia Hodge, 1st Murray Reilly and Andrew Thomson. *Best second year:* 3rd Noah Caskie and Zara Webster, 2nd William Constable, 1st Oliver Hodge. *Best third year:* 4th Euan Bell and Ross Fletcher, 3rd Ben Halkett and Alysia Ross, 2nd Clare Cassells, 1st Luke Reilly. *Best Anchor overall:* Luke Reilly.

Junior Awards

Battalion Swimming Champion (John McGregor Shield): Andrew Robertson. *Battalion Relay Champions (Ritchie Memorial Shield):* Oliver Dunn, Gus Clark, Martha Harvey and Andrew Robertson. *Best Squad:* Martha Harvey, Murray Gill, Rhys McLeod, Matthew Bell, Gus Clark and Callum Robinson. *Best Recruit:* 3rd Josh Robinson, 2nd Elspeth Stewart, 1st Harry Bland. *Best second year:* 3rd Martha Harvey, 2nd Callum Robinson, 1st Murray Gill. *Best third year:* 2nd Oliver Dunn, 1st David Savage. *Best Junior Overall:* Harry Bland.



Best junior Harry Bland

Company Awards

Battalion Swimming (Norie Miller Shield): Callum Jack. *Battalion Scripture Search: Target:* Grady Kinnell; *Junior:* Thomas Caldwell; *Senior:* George Milne. *Best Youngster (Camp 2016):* Euan Duthie. *Best Squad:* Fraser Barbour, Claire Wilson, Thomas Caldwell and Grace Bland. *Neale Trophy (Citizenship):* Chris Cassells. *Best Recruit:* 3rd Grady Kinnell, 2nd Zoe Webster, 1st Grace Bland. *Best Member Overall (Melville Trophy):* 3rd Thomas Caldwell, 2nd Grace Bland, 1st George Milne. *President's Badges:* Callum Jack, George Milne and Claire Wilson. *Queen's Badges:* Euan Duthie, Robbie Mackessack, Douglas Mair and Tyler Simpson.

Fundraising

The Kinross Company has been selected by the local Co-operative store for their 'Local Community Fund'. Co-op members are asked to support this fundraising bid over the next few months.



George Milne with the Melville Trophy



Chris Cassells with the Neale Trophy for Citizenship

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Kinross and District Art Club



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Weekly sessions at the club are now suspended for the summer. Painting, however, continues! An exciting outdoor painting day is scheduled on **Tuesday 13 June** from 10.30am to 4pm at the RSPB Scotland Loch Leven Centre as part of the joint 50th anniversary celebrations of KADAC and the Loch Leven Centre. This will involve KADAC artists painting 'en plein air' at the centre and members of the public are welcome to watch the artists at work. Indoors, a workshop on watercolour painting is on offer, organised by RSPB Scotland.

We are also grateful to the centre for showing paintings by our members throughout the month of June in a small exhibition of around 20 paintings. This was curated by Mags Gray, club committee member, whose delightful painting of a heron in watercolour and ink is shown here.

Excitement is mounting as we prepare for other activities during the summer and early autumn. We celebrate our 50 years in existence at a summer picnic in August in the grounds of Hatchbank House, home of club member Carole Drummond and her husband John.

Of course the big event will be our annual exhibition in the Parish Church with the opening night on **Wednesday 6 September**. We hope as many as possible of our friends in Kinross and District will come along to view our

work at these exhibitions in June and September and we also hope our members find time to enjoy other summer pursuits to inspire future paintings at the club. For more information, visit our website.



Mags Gray's watercolour painting of a heron

Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus

www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk

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



In May, Kinross Museum hosted an event updating a packed audience on the story of the discovery of 24 Bronze Age burial urns at Kilmagadwood in Portmoak Parish. Geophysics carried out this year suggests there may be many more urns on this site, making it of significant importance.

Museum Trust Chairman David Munro was also out and about, leading a walk in association with Scottish Natural Heritage along the Loch Leven Heritage Trail on the east

side of the loch and through the village landscapes of the Bishopshire. He also gave a talk to Kinross and District Rotary Club on Loch Leven and, with other Museum volunteers, took part in Loch Leven Discovery Day in the Kirkgate Park.

If you would like to support the work of the Museum by becoming a Friend or a Volunteer, please drop by the Study Room in the Loch Leven Community Campus to find out more. Manned on Thursdays and Saturdays, you will be given a warm welcome and have a chance to see some of the local treasures we look after.



At an event in Kinross Museum, archaeologists show off Bronze Age burial urns and their contents found to the east of Loch Leven

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Kinross & District Men's Shed

A rather big milestone was reached last month and we would really like to share it with you. It may be insignificant in the grand scheme of the world and it may not even register in the eyes of the busy, however it was somewhat special for us. The milestone that I hint towards was the day we received enough votes from members of our community to enable us to be successful in our application to the Community Planning Partnership. In this single moment we moved from



Seeing what's possible at The Wee County Men's Shed, Tillicoultry

being a group of people that had an idea to a group of people who can manifest that idea. Our stall at the farmers' market had a great deal of visitors throughout the day and it was very encouraging to receive so many positive comments from members of our community. Thank you to all those who voted for us; it truly means a lot. We also had a number of people signing up as 'friends of the shed'. This gives people

the opportunity to support us and keep up-to-date with our progress.

So what will this funding enable us to do? It will kick start the process of us gaining access to the workshop and makers spaces within the community campus. With the incredible support of Shona Fowler (NHS healthy communities support worker), a member of our team has completed the necessary training to ensure the safe use of the facilities. So, all going well, we are aiming to have access in the summer holidays. This means we will be able to start doing 'maker projects' where we can share existing knowledge and learn new skills together as a group. It also means we can create a space where everyone is made to feel welcome and where their heads, hearts and hands can be engaged. This value underpins the Men's Shed movement and one we are proud to build upon.

Even though the campus facilities will be an incredible resource to use, we are still on the hunt for more permanent residence/workshop space. If you know of any empty warehouses, barns or other large spaces, please get in touch. Tracey Ramsey (Community Capacity Building worker, PKC) has been supporting us and many other local groups on the quest for premises. Groups are being invited to meet soon to see if there is the possibility of collaborating to share premises. This excites us as we are all for collaboration.

Our Saturday socials at the campus have been keeping us together and providing a place for new members and interested people to meet. We are there from 10am to 12pm (look out for the sign) and you will be made to feel most welcome. Keep up to date with our day to day news on our Facebook page, which can be found at www.facebook.com/MSKinross/. Thanks for your support from all at the shed.

Kinross Parish Church

The magazine of Kinross Parish Church has a new look and a new name: 'Kinnections'. Editor Ann Marie Neave says, "We're following the lead of the Kinross Newsletter by moving to colour and more photographs. As before, we have updates from groups within the church but we've also added new features such as 'Music Review' and 'Recommended Reading'. We have more spiritual reflections for people to think over at home. We hope that this will be particularly welcomed by those who cannot manage to attend church. Our new look magazine will be of interest to those who are not members of our kirk so please pick up a copy from the church, church centre or library."



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Open Mic

Loch Leven Community Library was the place to be at our recent Open Mic event! The audience was treated to outstanding performances from some exceptionally talented young musicians; singers, guitarists, pianists and a drummer. It was a really enjoyable afternoon with a wide variety of music ranging from classical pieces to Chasing Cars. Our thanks to those who came along to listen and, of course, to our performers. Bravo to both Annas, Alasdair, Angus, both Emilys, Finlay and Joshua!

Come and join us!

Do you have some free time on Saturday afternoons or Mondays? Have you thought about volunteering with us in

the library? We'd love to see more volunteers join us, especially as we look forward to opening on Monday afternoons. You don't need to have previous library experience as training would be provided. For more information, please call Richard Scott on 07 999 510 500 or find us on our Facebook page. Alternatively, why not pop along and see us in the library? We'll be very happy to have a chat and answer any questions you might have.

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.



Some of the young musicians who performed at the Open Mic event



Kinross-shire Day Centre

We have two huge thank-yous to say to the local community this month. Firstly, to the members of the Co-op who, by their shopping, gained a donation of £4970.32 for our Day Centre. Each time a customer shops in the Co-op, the organisation makes a contribution to the Co-op Local Community Fund and, after a time, the proceeds are shared out among qualifying charities who can apply from the local community. So thank you to everyone who shops at the Co-op with their members' card and to the Co-op organisation itself for supporting local good causes.

Secondly, thank you to everyone who voted for us to receive a £1500 share of local authority funding through the 'Kinross-shire Decides' participatory budget event held at the Farmers' Market on 22 April. It was good to be able to speak to a lot of locals about what we offer.

Back in December, we had a visit from Alex Rowley MSP, who was very impressed with the work we do here and felt that we were a good example of best practice in care in the community. He very kindly invited us to make a return visit to the Scottish Parliament, which we did on 10 May. A number of our service-users were treated to a guided tour of the parliament and refreshments with Alex and his team. Thanks to them for a most enjoyable and informative day.

We couldn't let a month go by without a party and, this month, it was a 60s themed afternoon. A number of our service-users had flowers in their hair and beads round their

necks as they enjoyed the 60s music, food (remember arctic roll?) and a 60s quiz.

We also went to the Alhambra for an Easter panto, the Wizard of Oz. Everyone loved the music, dancing and slapstick comedy.

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



Colin and Claire from the Co-op and Kathy and Teen from the Day Centre, receiving the award from the Co-op Community Fund

Celebrating 40 Years of Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra

"If you have an instrument, you're in. If you can play a note, you've got a gig". Members of Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra will be familiar with this from Richard Michael, Director of the band, along with his mantra that "mistakes are cool". Members of FYJO are encouraged to explore music-making in an atmosphere of inclusivity and cooperation, where risk-taking is celebrated and mistakes are rebranded as opportunities for a change in direction. The confidence and joy that this brings to everyone involved is priceless.



Players aged 8-24 can join Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra

FYJO is an award-winning big band, established in 1976 and led by Richard Michael. FYJO offers players aged 8-24, regardless of initial standard, the chance to play, enjoy and develop an interest in music, especially jazz. Members benefit from Richard's unique approach to music education. Players learn to improvise on their instruments (anything from violin,

flute and oboe to saxophone, trombone and drums) and to play with a big band. The creative energy during rehearsals in Lochgelly on a Thursday evening is thrilling. Over the years, the band has played with many of the greats of the jazz scene, including Tommy Smith, Carol Kidd, Annie Ross, Martin Taylor and Joe Temperley.

Originally from Lochgelly, Joe Temperley had a special relationship with FYJO from its foundation in 1976 until he passed away in May 2016. A legend on the New York Jazz scene, Temperley was one of the world's leading saxophone players, playing with Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Aretha Franklin among other greats of the jazz world. He returned regularly to his roots in Fife, giving workshops and playing with FYJO.

FYJO and its founder Richard Michael were able to pay tribute to Joe Temperley during the celebrations of FYJO's 40th year in November last year. This was a weekend of electrifying music-making when past and present members of the band congregated in Lochgelly to perform to a rapt audience. Past members had travelled from all over the UK and abroad, where they now work as professional musicians, to pay homage to Richard and the band which sparked their careers. There will be an opportunity to come and hear FYJO in full swing in their **Summer Concert in Cupar Baptist Church on Friday 9 June**. The show will start at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) and tickets are available from 07446 256397 or 07766 838064 or at the door. Delicious home baking and tea, coffee or juice is included in the ticket price, which is £8 or £5 for OAPs, students and school-aged children. Children under school age may attend free of charge.

FYJO will be welcoming new members from 24 August so please check the website (FYJO.org.uk) and come along to experience the groove!

Kinross-shire Traidcraft continues to be Number 1 in Scotland!

A huge thank-you to everyone who has helped us to make the wonderful amount of £17,021 this year! Not only is this a terrific amount, but we are the No. 1 seller of Traidcraft goods in Scotland, and the fifth in the UK, so whatever you buy, whether large or small, it counts!

All the Kinross Churches are now involved in selling Traidcraft goods and we also have an increasing number of local businesses who are contributing to this fantastic total! Loch Leven Lodges, Buchan's in Kinnesswood, The Courtyard, Kirklands and Hunters the Butchers are all supporting Traidcraft by buying and stocking fairly traded goods which support some of the poorest farmers and producers in the world. Our target is £20,000 and to get there we need even more involvement of other businesses in the area.

We also hope to have many of the local schools starting the journey towards Fairtrade Status, which will also support our sales.

Perth & Kinross is now a Fairtrade Zone and we would like as many businesses as possible to be involved by offering Fairtrade goods.



The Kinross-shire Fairtrade Group is the number one seller of Fairtrade goods in Scotland

Kinross Beavers

The beavers returned from the Easter break on 21 April and we had eight new beavers join the colony. Welcome to Innes, Andrew, Darach, Rory, Jamie, Douglas, Noah and Sean. With the lighter evenings we have been getting outside more this term. One activity the beavers have been doing is working towards their Gardener badge and they have been attending the Potager Garden on Bowton Road to help them achieve this badge. Thanks to Amanda James and the team of volunteers at the Potager Garden for assisting us with this. The start of term also saw Cameron D, Ewan and Duncan presented with their Bronze Award after successfully



Working toward the Gardener badge at the Potager Garden

achieving all six challenge badges and four stage/activity badges. Well done!

At the beginning of May it was announced by Scouts Scotland that the Beaver colony has been Youth Approved by Scouts Scotland National Youth Advisory Group and has been awarded the Foundation Youth Award as part of the new Youth Award Scheme. Designed by young people, the Youth Approved Award encourages and celebrates youth involvement at all levels of Scouting in Scotland. The Youth Approved Award has been designed to support members at all levels to create meaningful youth involvement to Scouts in Scotland. The Award will help groups benchmark their achievements, identify any areas for improvement and celebrate the great work being done.

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

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Harry and Isla with the Youth Approved Award



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Rosemount Nursery School

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Promoting learning through play, the nursery values enriching each child's potential in the space and scope of the



Whether down on the farm or in an outside laboratory, Rosemount plans creative and challenging learning experiences

natural outdoor environment of our wonderful Kinross area. Louise Smart, Nursery Manager, reinforces this approach and emphasises: "Whether it be down on the farm or in an outside laboratory, we plan creative and challenging learning experiences for our children, allowing them to problem solve and discover how things work in a fun, hands-on sense. We are very lucky to have built the sustained partnerships with all our 'community professionals' and thank each one of them for their continued support and input this term."



Portmoak Community Woodland

One of the great advantages of clearing the dense tree cover off the top of the Moss in the last few years is the explosion of birdlife. We have already had a number of very successful bird walks through the Moss in recent years with Scott Patterson, the bird recorder for Perth and Kinross. What we have never tried until now is a walk through the Moss to listen to the dawn chorus. So, on the occasion of International Dawn Chorus Day on 7 May we decided to put that right. At 4am (yes 4am!) on 6 May in the pitch black at the entrance to the Moss, fourteen of us started off into the wood with our Scott. As the first faint sunlight started to light up the trees, as Scott had predicted, the first robin started to sing. Soon other robins joined in and, within fifteen minutes, we had lost count of how many wrens were singing (one of the smallest but loudest songbirds in the woods). Birds sing to attract a mate and to tell other males that this is their territory but the song is much louder and livelier first thing in the morning. By the time we had full daylight, the chorus was overwhelming to our untrained ears but Scott pointed out other birdsong to us: blackbird, goldcrest, willow warbler, chiffchaff, song thrush and mistle thrush.

We even had two red squirrels jumping from branch to branch above our heads, threatening to upstage the birdlife for a few minutes until they moved on looking for breakfast. As it turned out, the Moss is an excellent place to hear the dawn chorus. We're quite far away from any busy roads and the local ones are empty at that unearthly hour.

Whoever has walked across the Moss in the last few weeks will have seen the fantastic show of bog cotton, a good sign of an ever healthier peat bog. A lot of work has been done on the Moss in recent years and there is still much to do. We hope that we can carry on with the re-profiling work on the west side of the Moss, which has made it much wetter.

That has slowed the Birch regeneration but only hard work 'pulling' the young birch will make the difference. So, if there's anybody who would like to give us and hopefully other conservation groups a hand this summer, get onto our website and put your name down. Of course, Portmoak Community Woodland tradition demands that there will be free tea, coffee, cakes and a guid blether, during and afterwards.



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Kinross High School

William Soutar Writing Prize

Every year the William Soutar Writing Prize encourages young writers across Perth and Kinross to develop their creativity and build their skills as writers. The focus of the competition varies and this year entrants were asked to write a short story. Kinross High School's Creative Writing Club meets every week for S1 and S2 pupils and they couldn't wait to get involved.

The standard of entries was particularly high and the school was delighted that six Writing Club members were shortlisted to attend an awards event at the AK Bell library in Perth on 25 February. At the event, children's writer and competition judge, Lari Don, discussed developing writing with the audience and read from the winning entries.

When the winners were announced, it was a very strong performance from Kinross High School, with Abbie Forrest commended, Ailsa Bennet and Isla

Steele highly commended and S2 pupil Emily Toon's story 'Transformation' awarded first place in the 12-15 category. Emily received an iPad as part

of her prize and all shortlisted entries will be published in an eBook later this year.



Kinross High School Writing Club members who achieved success in the William Soutar Writing Prize (l to r): Ailsa Bennet, Emily Toon, Isla Steele, Eilidh McGilp

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

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Fire engine at Kinross Farmers' Market!

The next Farmers' Market is **Saturday 24 June** from 9am until 1pm in the High Street at the old Town Hall. The theme of this month's market is 'emergency services'. Kinross Fire & Rescue Service will be there with a fire engine and the police will be in attendance as well. Come along with the kids so they can have a good look at the fire engine! 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.

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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 at 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 November.

Tickets are available at Macbeth Currie Estate Agent's, The Shire in Milnathort and www.kleo.org.uk

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's brochure in the events calendar or as a special feature. For more information, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

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 Heather Macleod. 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 our website or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk



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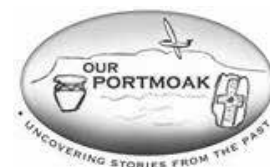
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Date	Day	Key	Event	Location / Notes
3 Jun	Sat	❺	Portmoak Gala – Our Portmoak Stall and Activities	The Well Green, Scotlandwell
17 Jun	Sat-Sun	❸	The Muckle Dig!	Portmoak area - private gardens
18 Jun	Sat-Sun	❸	The Muckle Dig!	Portmoak School grounds & Michael Bruce Cottage garden, Kinnesswood. Turn up and join in.
9 Jul	Sun	❷	Walk Kinross-shire's Michael Bruce Way	In association with The Michael Bruce Trust
15-16 Jul	Sat-Sun	❺	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)
13 Sept	Wed	❹	Portmoak Stories – an Oral History	Portmoak Hall
20 Sept	Wed	❹	Portmoak Stories – an Oral History	Portmoak Hall
7 Sep	Thu	❹	Live Music and Prose Evening	The Well County Inn
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See also the Muckle Dig poster on facing page.

Kinross in Bloom

The new season got under way in mid April with the delivery of all of our plug plants, and since then it has been all go at the polytunnel. Firstly the plugs were transplanted into larger cells (all 13000 + of them), watered and looked after until they were ready to be planted into hanging baskets. We thank the volunteers who gave of their time in mid May to carry this out.

The remaining plants were organised into groups ready to be planted into planters around town; here we will be assisted by pupils from Kinross High School during their volunteer week, and we thank them for their help. We also thank Kinross Rugby Club for volunteering to hang our baskets; some of us are getting too old to carry out this kind of work, and the Rugby Club have come to our rescue.

A new innovation at the polytunnel was the installation of a solar powered watering system, which worked very well in this, its first, season. The micro-hose system saves the old members filling and carrying watering cans, and saves about 90% water, so we will continue to monitor it over time.

Our **200 Club winners** for May are:

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| 1. 70 Mrs Eileen Thomas | 2. 62 Mrs Anne Porter |
| 3. 21 Mrs Fran Galloway | 4. 25 Mrs Elizabeth Harley |

And finally, a plea if you are interested. We at Kinross in Bloom carry out all this work voluntarily. Over the years we have lost over 50% of our members and find it very difficult to replace them. We are lucky that we have a band of volunteer drivers who keep our watering rota going, and other volunteers who help out as and when required, but we do need people to fill the empty seats on the committee. After all, if we had to go, Kinross would be a much greyer and duller place without its colourful floral displays. I commend the article on volunteering elsewhere in this edition (*page 18*). If you are at all interested, please give it a try. We do need your help.



Dobbies Community Champion

Now that summer is almost with us, several local schools have started gardening projects, with support from our 'Helping Your Community Grow' scheme. I have donated seeds, plants and some tools to Milnathort, Fossoway and Cleish Primary Schools, and also a larger donation to the pre-school group at Lauriston Nursery. It is great to see children taking an interest in growing and wildlife, with further benefits of thinking about healthy eating, as well as growing flowers for bees and other pollinators.

I am also working on projects at the High School, helping to create a sensory and wellbeing area beside the learning support unit, and also at Lochies House special School in Clackmannanshire.

The **Little Seedlings Club** have been able to meet outside in the sunshine in April and May and have planted onions, peas and beans in their growing bed there. They also learned about how to make more plants by dividing, cuttings or runners. The next meeting on **Sunday 4 June** at 11am will be about insects. Accompanied children aged 4 to 10 years are welcome to join us; please book online at dobbies.com, under events for Kinross.

You can contact me at the store on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 6pm. Call 01577 863327, leave a message, or get in touch by email at community.kinross@dobbies.com.

Happy Growing!

Amanda James

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

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Kinross & District Rotary Club

Guest speakers in April and May

On 24 April, Anna Jemmett, Assistant Warden for the RSPB Tayside reserves, gave a very interesting talk on the society's work and her part within the operation. Anna advised that there are now over 1.2 million RSPB members, over 2000 staff and 13,000 volunteers involved in education, research, conservation and advisory work. Anna said that she is currently involved in managing the vegetation at their 350 hectare site at Loch Leven for the benefit of the under threat lapwings and 26,000 pink footed geese who visit the loch. Around 55,000 visitors visit RSPB Loch Leven and the reserve annually and this year will mark the Society's 50th Anniversary.

The guest speaker on 8 May was Michael Mulford whose topic was 'Keeping Morphology (big words and phrases) Alive'. Michael, who has held senior appointments in journalism, television and public relations, gave a very interesting and humorous talk on the use and misuse of words. His stories came from time spent as Parliamentary Correspondent with The Scotsman, a producer and director with ITN and STV and Director of Communications with the Prison Service.

Rotary International's principal campaign is to eliminate polio throughout the world. We are almost there with only five cases being reported this year so far.

Kinross High School Interact Club

The club is sponsored by Rotary and consists of a group S5 pupils with the objective of developing their organising and teamwork skills and gaining confidence in their own abilities. Weekly meetings are held to organise events within the community.

A disco and games night for the Primary 7 pupils and a successful Beetle Drive were held at the school. This was to help the primary pupils meet their new peers and make the transition to High School an easier experience.

The club has also taken part in the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. Pupils and staff collected small gifts and household goods to fill the boxes for people in Eastern European countries.

Club members were also invited to the Day Centre's Christmas Party. It was an enjoyable evening during which pupils played music and chatted to the Day Centre members.

In January, the club also organised a tea dance for the Day Centre members.

All events were very successful thanks to the enthusiasm of everyone who participated.

This year's President, Hannay Miller, is looking forward to new members from the current S4 group joining after the summer break.

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 held 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, at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com.

Date for the diary

Sunday 3 September, Great Escape Boat Race at Kirkgate Park, Kinross.



Kinross High School

Parent Council



We are in the process of transition at the moment and preparing for Primary 7 pupils from our feeder primary schools to join Kinross High School after the summer break. Many events are organised for pupils to ease this transition. Parents may have questions and KHS has organised an induction evening to provide information for parents and pupils and to help ease any anxieties. This will take place on **Monday 5 June** at the school.

School blazers will be on sale at the induction evening on 5 June from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and on the following dates and times:

Thursday 8 June, 1pm to 2pm and 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Saturday 10 June, 10am to 12noon.

Monday 14 August, 4.30pm to 6.30pm, last chance (fewer sizes available).

Blazers cost £49. We are unable to take cards so please use cash or cheques made payable to 'Kinross High School Parent Council'. People who encounter KHS pupils often comment on how smart they look and we encourage parents to continue to support high standards of uniform wearing. Details of the school uniform, and a great deal of other useful information, can be found in the School Handbook. P7 pupils will receive a copy and a link can also be found on the home page of the school website at www.kinrosshighschool.org.uk. The Parent Council **AGM** will be held on **Tuesday 20 June** and a schedule of meetings for the new school session will be agreed then. These meeting dates will be added to the School website in the Parents area.

Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to join the Parent Council. Contact the clerk if you are interested. Even if you cannot commit the time to join us, if there is ever a general issue you would like raised about the school, please contact the clerk with details and it can be discussed. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the school in the first instance.

The main objective of the Parent Council is to promote partnership between the school, pupils, parents and the local community. We also develop and engage in activities that support the education and welfare of the pupils.

KHS Parent Council is also represented on Facebook. If you are a parent or guardian of children in KHS, or have a genuine link to the school and the work of the Parent Council and would like to become a member of this Facebook group, please email the clerk as above. It is intended as a closed group, which means that all posts and discussions are private and seen only by members. You can invite a member to join the group if they are a friend of yours on Facebook. We hope that you find it useful and use it in a positive way to help all pupils, staff and parents get as complete an experience as they can from Kinross High School.

Parents are important and make a real difference to children's learning. When everyone involved in school life works together our whole school community can do better and achieve more. KHS Parent Council is part of this.

Office bearers of the Parent Council for the 2016/17 school session are: William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer). The clerk, Kathy Campbell, can be contacted on 07527 485300 or by email at kathy73@yahoo.co.uk.

Potager Garden

www.potagergardenkinross.com

May is always a busy month at the Potager Garden as plants really start to grow, and we were pleased to have the automatic watering system during the very dry weather at the start of the month. We still water the greenhouse by hand, where we have a lot of young vegetable plants and summer flowers, and also planted pots and baskets. As well as a range of perennials, we have some **spare vegetable plants and bedding plants**, which can be **bought** on a Monday between 10.30am and 12.30pm, or by arrangement with Amanda. They are also for sale at Fossoway shop in Crook of Devon and Hunters butchers. We are providing hanging baskets for the Tennis Club and the Boathouse restaurant, and also summer pots for Mandy's hairdressers.

We have also been busy with visitors, and teaching groups of children about growing. As well as the usual Primary 5 weekly visits, some younger children from the Willow Tree group have also been coming on a Monday morning. Kinross Rainbows are working on a fairy badge, and they hunted for fairies hidden around the garden, and sowed some flower seeds. The Beavers also visited in two groups, working on their gardener's badge, and learned about what plants need to grow, and what happens to deciduous trees throughout the year.

We are planning a special **Coffee Morning for Marie Curie Cancer Care** at the garden on **Saturday 24 June**, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. This will also be a celebration of 21 years at the garden, an unusual achievement for a community garden run by volunteers! We are planning plant sales, live music, and stalls from Phoenix cards and Rutherford jams. Everyone is welcome, and we would particularly like to see anyone who has been involved with the work of the garden in the past. This will be followed by a barbecue lunch for the current volunteers. We look forward to seeing you then!

For more information about any of our activities, please have a look at our website or contact Amanda on 01577 840809 or by email at amanda@tyafon.plus.com.



Kinross-shire

Time Exchange

The committee would like to thank the Ladies Section of Milnathort Golf Club for their donation of £54 to help support the ongoing work of the Time Exchange. We're very grateful to them for choosing this community project for 2017. In the past month we've received requests for gardening, painting, shopping and going out for coffee and a blether. As you no longer need to be a member to ask for help, we hope new folk will consider giving us a call. Services are free but it's been suggested that a receiver might appreciate being able to make a small donation to the Time Exchange if they are unable to reciprocate by offering a service. That would be fine but not expected. Any donations will go towards the rental of a shop front community hub that we hope to share in future with other community groups. We've also been asked if any of our members might be willing to offer some instruction for a craft or hobby that they are enjoying. This is a lovely idea which we're happy to encourage, so please let us know if you have a talent or interest that you'd be happy to share with others. Please email your requests or suggestions to admin@kinrosstimeexchange.org or call 07510380603.



Kinross Tangent

It's been a busy few months for us. We have a new chair, Claire Dumbreck, and a diary of upcoming activities that includes attending Perth races, a beach BBQ and even hovercraft racing. We had a great tennis taster night at Fossoway Tennis Club, who we raised money for last year, and we had a Generation Games themed AGM, including a conveyer belt and cuddly toy!

Our next big fundraising drive is running the food stop in Kinross for the LEPR Edinburgh to St Andrews charity bike ride on **Saturday 17 June**. Proceeds raised on the day will be divided up between local organisations and our chair's charity. It's great to give something back!

Kinross Tangent is part of the National Association of Tangent Clubs, one of the partner organisations of Round Table. If you're a woman in the Kinross-shire area that wants to get out, meet new people and try something new, then Kinross Tangent could be just for you. There's very little commitment and a joining fee of just £6 per year. We aim to meet up and have fun every other Thursday evening. We mostly take part in a varied diary of member-suggested activities and run one or two fundraising events a year.

So, if you fancy joining or finding out more about Tangent, just get in touch. You'd be more than welcome. Check out our Facebook page or email us at kinrosstangent@gmail.com.



Kinross Garden Group

We enjoyed a great day to RBG Benmore on Thursday 11 May. We enjoyed great weather and scenery and had morning coffee at Alexandria before a drive over the Rest and Be Thankful. After the garden visit we returned via the ferry at Dunoon.

Our next outing is to St Andrews and then to Willowhill at Newport; there is a waiting list. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785.



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Kinross-shire Cricket Club

Pavilion Opening

The new pavilion was officially opened on Monday 15 May by Mrs Margaret Abel whose father and brother played for the club in the 1930s. Club members and invited guests were on hand as Kirsteen Ross welcomed everyone and paid special thanks to Anthony Drew and John Ross who spent most of the past year building the pavilion. Anthony then welcomed Mrs Abel in his capacity as club chairman. After the ribbon was cut, members and guests enjoyed an excellent cricket tea baked and organised by the many of the "cricket mums" and parent helpers. Opening the new building completes a two-year development programme and will see the club ready for the next 25 years.



Opening of the new pavilion: Mrs Margaret Abel, having just cut the ribbon, with Club Chairman, Anthony Drew

Junior Cricket

Our new 5-8 year olds ECB All Stars Cricket programme started on 28 May, with 15 children enjoying cricket for the first time. 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.

Our U11s and U13s competed at the annual Glenalmond College 6's tournament in early May. This is one of the premier junior cricket tournaments in Scotland and attracts teams from some of the leading private schools in Scotland and the North of England. Kinross-shire CC are one of two club sides invited to attend and we were delighted that our U11s came forth in their age group.

The club's 2017 Wee Stramash tournament started at the end of May and a full report on the early matches will be in next month's Newsletter.

Senior Cricket

May saw two games played (at the time of writing). Chris Sale was the star player in our win over Bannockburn based St Modan's. An unbeaten 137 was the major part of KCC's 220 for 8 and this proved to be too big a target for St Modan's as they fell 14 runs short in their innings. Teenager, Ryan Shah was the key bowler taking 2 for 26.

The second match was an away fixture against Alloa County. Alloa fielded a very strong team with several 1st XI players as well as their overseas amateur. This top level bowling attack, combined with a fairly rough wicket, restricted Kinross-shire to 119 all out. This was never likely to be a winning score and Alloa chased it down in 18 overs.

Senior fixtures for June are as follows:

Sunday 4th	Doune CC	(Away)	
Tuesday 6th	Perth Doo'Cot	(Away)	Cup T20
Sunday 11th	Perth Doo'Cot	(Away)	
Sunday 18th	Callander	(Away)	
Sunday 25th	Callander	(Home)	

Kinross Netball Club

Ever fancied trying netball? Played at school and would like to give it a go again? Then come along to Kinross Netball Club.



Sessions are at the campus in the large sports hall, every Friday from 7pm to 8pm and we always look forward to new members coming along. The first week is free so, if you're looking for some fitness and fun, get yourself along. We have all levels of abilities at the club so don't worry if you've never played before, we'd love to see you.

The last few months have been lots of fun for the club. We had the privilege of former Scotland shooter, Elaine Collins, coming along to one of our sessions. We have also been putting our multi-tasking skills to the test by combining hula hooping with netball??? Check out our Facebook page for more details. We also had a wee social get together at our coach Elaine's house.

We have some events to look forward as well. The BBN summer festival is being held in Dundee this year on 4 June.

We have two teams entered into this and it's always a fun tournament to be involved in. This year's fancy dress theme is beach so lookout for pics of that on our Facebook page. We're also looking forward to returning to 'Play on the Pitch' in Kilmarnock on 10 June.

Our big news is that we're going to be hosting our very own mixed social tournament on **Sunday 3 September**. As we need two courts, we are holding the event at Perth College and funds raised in aid of Macmillan Cancer. If you're interested in putting a team in, or want to join one of our teams, get in touch. The cost is £5 per person. It is a mixed tournament so any men out there looking to show off their netball skills get in touch and secure your place!

And finally, more big news; we've been shortlisted as finalists for the Netball Scotland Bounce Back to Netball Club of the Year. This is our second year of being shortlisted, so fingers crossed for the final results announced at the awards ceremony in Glasgow on 24 June.

If you want to contact us, please do so either through our Facebook page or email kinrossnetball@hotmail.com.

Kinross Road Runners

kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com

The ever popular Loch Leven Half Marathon went well in May with good performances from club runners and those that weren't running were busy marshalling and making sure the race lived up to its reputation as being one of the best. Another popular club race is the Milnathort Dash, which takes place this year on Thursday 29 June. Entries are now open – and filling up fast.

Our summer training programme continues (detailed below) and this is a great time of year to enjoy evening runs and there is something for everyone. Tuesday evenings the focus is on speed work based at Kirkgate Park – you work at your own pace and this is a good place to start for those new to running. Wednesday evenings it's a varied programme of trail runs – some more hilly than others!

Evening run from Crook of Devon

Date	Programme
Tue 6 June	Two-mile Time Trial & hot choc and kit sale afterwards in garage
Wed 7 June	Maspie Den, Falkland
Sun 11 June	Informal run
Tue 13 June	8 x 400m at Kirkgate Park
Wed 14 June	Glen Lomond
Sun 18 June	Informal run
Tue 20 June	Pyramid reps at Kirkgate Park



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**. New members are always warmly welcomed and given encouragement. Check our website for more information.



Date	Programme
Wed 21 June	Craigmead Hill Run
Sun 25 June	Informal run
Tue 27 June	5 x 1k at Kirkgate Park
Wed 28 June	Vicar's Bridge
Thu 29 June	Milnathort Dash
Sun 2 July	Informal run
Tue 4 July	Two-mile Time Trial & hot choc and kit sale afterwards in garage
Wed 5 July	Brig Bash , Bridge of Earn

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Kinross Colts

The 09s will be opening a pop-up shop at the Kinross Colts **Funday** on **Saturday 17 June** at the Myre from 12noon to 4pm. The boys are looking for donations of replica jerseys, football boots, astro trainers and computer games to resell for club funds.

Donations can be made at Kinross High, Portmoak Primary, the KHS astro from 6pm to 7.30pm on Thursdays or 32 Gallowhill Road, Kinross.

We look forward to receiving your donations and welcoming you to the pop-up shop. Thank you.



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Claire (Milne) is leaving her Curling Development Officer post at Kinross at the end of May to take up a new challenge in a new service sector. We are disappointed to see Claire leave, but do wish her well. She may have more time to participate in curling herself now. Discussions have started with the RCCC to discuss alternative arrangements. We remain committed to ensuring that the coaching team at Kinross grows in strength.

In our last report we mentioned that several male curlers who are regulars at our rink were representing their countries at the World Senior Curling Championships in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

JohnJo Kenny and coach Gillian Russell won bronze medals with the Irish team. Gary Waddell and the Welsh team had a great tournament, reaching the quarter-finals for the first time ever. Ian Drysdale, Ronnie Wilson and Graham Lindsay were in the Scottish team and Phil Barton, Mike Spain and Elaine Spain as coach represented England. Although Scotland and England were disappointed not to progress from the group stages everyone had a super experience and made curling friends from around the world. (see picture)

British Curling have confirmed they will use ice until 4 June. A decision has been to select the teams for the 2018



Olympics, which means playdowns are not required. We share the disappointment that GB have not qualified in the Mixed Doubles. The fact we have been used by British Curling is a great accolade for the quality of curling ice at our rink.

Opening dates for 2017/18: We are aiming to open on Monday 11 September. To date the ice bookings look very healthy and have increased from last season. You are very welcome to visit our rink and find out more about curling. We plan an Open Day on Sunday 8 October.

Many thanks to our staff team for a great season and to everyone who made the past season a great success.

Enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you all on the ice in September. To all our local curlers – make sure you have signed up to our leagues.



Local curlers who represented their countries at the World Senior Curling Championships: Ronnie Wilson, Ian Drysdale, Graham Lindsay, Gary Waddell, Phil Barton, JohnJo Kenny, Mike Spain

Volleyball

Outdoor volleyball has started for the summer season. Sessions take place on Monday nights on the grass area at the back of the campus from 7pm to 8.30pm and are free. New members, both male and female of any age, are welcome to attend these informal games sessions. Feel free to drop in as and when you please.

Our members are preparing two teams for the UK's largest volleyball tournament, the Scottish Open, being played on Perth's North Inch with again over 100 teams playing.


After the Scottish Open our men's team will prepare for the De Haan annual tournament in mid-August.

Primary 6 and 7 pupils from the area have been attending coaching sessions at Kinross High School on Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm.

A number of our junior boys (under 18) will be attending the UK Schools Games coaching sessions in the hope of selection for the Scotland East Boys Team which will be competing against teams from England, Wales and Northern Ireland in early September.

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.



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Kinross Golf Club

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Ladies Invitation Greensomes

14 ladies and their guests took part in these on 15 April on the Bruce course. Although the weather was a bit blustery and chilly, all had a lovely time and enjoyed some long awaited 'run'. The afternoon was rounded off with the prize giving and a meal in the clubhouse. The winning pair were Alexis Crawford and her partner Ruth Kinnell from Lochgelly golf club with a net 70.8.

Ladies handicap league

The Ladies team of Ann Smith, Elspeth Caldwell, Audrey Thomson, Lorna Arthur and Heather Gough won 5-0 in their first Perth and Kinross Handicap League match against Crieff recently.

Mixed Open

42 pairs took part in our Mixed Open Greensomes on Sunday 7 May. The whole day was a big success and no doubt the lovely settled weather played a major part. £490 was paid out in golf vouchers and the prize winners were:

1st Handicap: Tony Butter, Kinross and Mandy Lynde, Canmore, Net 68.

2nd Handicap: Alex and Arlene Gordon, Dunning, net 68.6.

3rd Handicap: Andrew Wallace, Glenrothes and Jacqueline Wallace, Dunnikier, net 69.8.

4th Handicap: David Tracey and Mary Paton, Elmwood, net 70.

5th Handicap: Phil Bates, Harrogate and Lesley Balfour, Kinross, net 70.6.

1st Scratch: Jim and Jean Duncan, Ladybank, gross 78.

2nd Scratch: Robin and Elspeth Caldwell, Kinross, gross 79.

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Junior Golf

In a recent match played against Pitlochry at Kinross, the junior team of Ciar Chalmers, George Smith and Logan Bexfield won the match 3-0.

Congratulations to Duncan McKie who finished second in the Junior Champion of Champions competition played at Blairgowrie on the Lansdowne course on Sunday 30 April. This was a great result for Duncan in a Perth and Kinross County scratch competition.



Duncan McKie

Gents Individual Open

The date for the 2017 Gents Individual Open is **Sunday 4 June**. The entry fee is £12. To enter you can download an application form from the website golfempire.co.uk or email office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk.

Charity quiz

The Annual Golf Club Charity Quiz was held on 22 April and was well attended with 16 teams of four taking part. A total of £473 was raised from entry fees and the raffle. This year the proceeds went to Alzheimer's Scotland as nominated by the winning team. A big thank-you to Kenny Wardrope and Tom Graham for another successful quiz night.

New menus

Why not come in and try out our new menus which are being introduced in June? This starts with our Summer Season Daily Menu which includes light bites and snacks. This will be followed by a new main menu and a separate evening menu, both of which will be phased in shortly afterwards.

Diary date

Friday 16 June; an alternative 9 hole golf challenge evening. Look out for more details on Facebook.

Further Information

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

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.

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

It has been a busy month for the Kinross Kobras. We've had three tournaments at Dunfermline, Callander and Stirling, giving players plenty of opportunity to practice their skills. There has been a continued improvement throughout these tournaments and teams who were winning only a few matches a couple of months ago are now winning the majority of them. Callander was a new venue for us, home of the Trossach Tigers. It was a challenge as they play on a 3G astro pitch, much slower and bouncier than the new surface the club plays on in Kinross.

Two Kobras, Andrew Clark and Ollie Wilson, played for the Midland District U14 team in the recent Interdistrict Championships where the team came second. Well done! Others are trialling for the U16 and U18 Midlands teams which play in September.

Several Kobras have stepped up to play for the Men's 2nd team in some recent friendlies. They are Matthew and Lewis Bentall, Douglas Young, Ben Volland and Andrew Clark and all will become eligible to play district games for the Men's teams later in the year. Well done to them as well.

There are another three tournaments before the end of the season, so good opportunities to get more match experience. Training continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.30 to 7.30pm at the new hockey club pitch at KGV till the end of June. New players are always welcome.



U14 players at the Midland District tournament in Dunfermline at the end of April

Kinross Walking Football

As the evenings turn warmer, more and more shorts make their appearance at the weekly fiesta of football at Loch Leven Campus; and a fine, manly display of knee-supports they reveal. The evening begins with the commandant taking roll-call, collecting money and doing whatever else he can think of to avoid the warm-up. "Listen up lads", he announces, "this is Stuart, a new man to the group. I'll introduce you all; this is Wee Ian, Ian the Taxi, New Ian.....". A voice from the back interjects, "Is your name not Ian then? That's going to cause some confusion. Mind if we just call you Ian?"

The Cricketer and Jolly Jim lead what is laughingly referred to as the warm-up, before teams are chosen and the game creaks into action! All the Ians have ended up on the same side, which is not such a disadvantage as most of the opposition are called Stuart or Dave. Jim threads a great ball through to Ronnie the Road Runner who displays his unique high-stepping 'walk' before forgetting he's left-footed and sclaffing a shot onto the next pitch. The Cricketer mutters something unintelligible with many 'f' sounds in it, then claims it was just some of his native Yorkshire dialect. Little Dave launches into one of his trademark mazy dribbles, beating two men before unveiling a new variant of the nutmeg against Big Dave, slipping the ball round him and darting through his legs. All the while the commandant has taken up position at the back, exhorting his team to "pass and move, boys, pass and move", with a naive faith in their ability to multi-task.

The game swings back and forth. The commandant announces that it's 1910; not a reference to when some of the group began playing, but a warning that there are five minutes to go, and then it's all over for another week. Weary legs head for the car park or home. Milnathort Man mounts his bicycle and wobbles off northwards, oddly enough going even more slowly than on the pitch. Everyone is already looking forward to the next time.

New players over 50 (male or female) are very welcome every Tuesday at 6pm provided a) you are capable of having a laugh at yourself and b) your name isn't Ian.

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Kinross Cycling Club

www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk

Kinross sportive: This was the seventh year we have hosted this highly popular cyclo-sportive. Around 800 riders participated in this year's event on 29 April and the weather was favourable if slightly cool, with a biting easterly to cycle into on the home leg. The event took place without major incident. Thank you to Jeff Wall and the sportive committee and to all who helped out in planning, organising and marshalling for this event as, without an army of helpers, this kind of event could not take place. In addition to encouraging participation in cycling for exercise and pleasure, the Kinross Sportive showcases our lovely local area and brings people to Kinross from far and wide. It also enables us to provide financial support to our charity partner, CHAS.



Jane Timperley, Co-chair of KCC, and her son Rory handing a cheque for £200 to Fiona Stewart from PADS. Proceeds from our family fun cycle challenge

Family fun challenge: This took place on 30 April on the Loch Leven trail and allowed families to enjoy safe cycling around Loch Leven on a sunny, but very breezy, day. Well done to the hardy, windswept children who turned up on the day. We donate all money raised to charity and, this year, we have been able to donate £200 to PADS dog shelter, and £100 to the Fife Cat Shelter.

Velodrome trip: We have been lucky enough to secure a session at the Chris Hoy velodrome and 30 club members will have the opportunity to develop their skills on the track.

Club rides: Dry spring weather has seen a good turnout for all our weekend rides. It has been particularly nice to welcome some new faces on the Saturday social ride. Details of routes are updated weekly on our website.

On Saturdays we have a social ride of around 25 miles with café stop, paced at around 10 to 13mph. In addition, there is a Bun Run which may cover 35 to 50 miles at 12 to 15mph with café stop. Nobody gets dropped. Rides depart the campus at 9.30am.

Sunday club runs depart the campus at 9am and may split into more than one group, covering 50 to 60 miles with no café stop.

Save the date: If you are looking for a day out with the children in the school holidays, we have just the thing for you. KCC are hosting a joint venture with Scottish Natural Heritage on **Friday 28 July**. We are organising a **cycle safari** with the SNH warden, with pond dipping, bird watching, nature spotting and cycling. Bring a picnic for a grand day out. We will be meeting at the Pier car park at 10am, returning 3 to 4pm. Details on our website. Please book a place by emailing:

Neil.Mitchell@snh.gov.uk.

Orwell Bowling Club

orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com

We opened on 15 April and, since then, we have played four friendly games, three away and one at home. This resulted in losing to the away clubs but a good win at home to retain the Quaich against Maitland, Edinburgh. Results were: Saturday 22 April v Perth West End, 47 – 59; Sunday 23 April v Strathmiglo, 38 – 69; Saturday 29 April v Lundin Links, 58 – 61; Saturday 13 May v Maitland, 106 – 49.

So far the weather has been very kind to us and club competitions are progressing well. The ladies have already started playing their County and Scottish competitions and the East of Scotland starts in June. The gents' competitions haven't started yet but the senior gents have played six games in the county senior league. This resulted in three wins and three losses.

Please come along to our **'try bowls'** weekend on **Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June**, any time between 10am and 4pm each day. Everyone is welcome. You do not need any equipment, just flat soled footwear, we supply everything else. Light refreshments will also be available. Our address is Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort, KY13 9YN, telephone number is 01577 863739. More information is available on our website and on posters in the local shops.



Athletics

Kinross athlete **FERGUS MacGILP**, who runs for Pitreavie AAC, won the Club Championship at U13 level in April. The event was held over two days with athletes competing in five selected events from a combination of three track and two field or vice versa. Fergus competed in 75m hurdles, 100m sprint, 200m sprint, long jump and javelin with personal best times and distances in all events. Fergus attends Kinross Primary School.



Fergus MacGillp

VINYASA YOGA

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Kinross Otters

www.kinrossotters.co.uk

It's been a quieter period for the Otters, with school holidays meaning some time off from training.

A team of 11 swimmers took a break from devouring Easter eggs to take part in the Stirling Open Meet and proved that all that chocolate hadn't affected performance, with a brace of personal bests for almost everyone competing.

Murray Pritchard in the 12 and under category pulled off no less than six podium finishes from seven races! His teammate Ben Smallwood recorded a 12-second PB in his 200m breaststroke and along with Emily Cumming and Zosia Stanton, who notched up a full house of PBs as well, this turned out to be a great meet for the Otters.

Earlier in May, five of our swimmers headed up to Dundee to take part in the SASA Midland District Distance Championships and managed to come home with two long course (50m pool) records and PBs for almost every swimmer.

With a time of 2:56.59, Ola Stanton set a new record in the 200m breaststroke. Emily Cumming set a record in the 400m IM with a time of 6:27.10. Well done, girls!

The League Galas continued throughout April and May and we continue to field strong teams and provide a great competition atmosphere. We are always low on boys and girls in the upper age groups, though, so if you are over 13 and a former Otter or a lapsed one, we'd love to hear from you!

It isn't only the swimmers who have been hard at work; our committee members have been coming up with some great new publicity, including a new set of banners for events, which help us to publicise our club and celebrate our hard working teams. Well done to Annie McCormack, a Swimming Mum to Maisie, for creating the design.

We are also delighted to announce that our website is now live at kinrossotters.co.uk and we are indebted to Swimming Dad Jim Pritchard for his technical skills and the website sub-committee of Annie McCormack, Louise Cumming and Sarah Rankin for collating the information, writing the text and making it look fantastic! We are still working on adding details to the site and hope to have a calendar of events as well as info on Who's Who at the club very soon.



Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

Junior Coaching

Our club coach Alessia has our juniors working hard whilst having fun at our Tuesday and Friday coaching sessions. If your child is 5 to 16 years old and interested, please contact Siobhan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com for further information.

Details of our summer camps will be issued shortly. They are due to take place respectively in the weeks commencing 10 July and 7 August.

Adult coaching

This is also on the go, with our performance coach Daniel Reed's 8-week block of cardio and coaching sessions taking place on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 9pm. The two coaching sessions at 7pm and 8pm are respectively aimed at intermediate/advanced and beginners/improvers level players. The cardio session at 6pm is open to all standards. From Friday 19 May a new 6-week block started in the afternoon aimed at beginners (also run by Daniel). Should you want any information on these, and future adult sessions, please contact our secretary Margaret at kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

Other Club News

The weather has been clement, thus allowing members to make the most of the various sessions going on at the club. On Sunday 7 May we held our first social tournament of the year which is dedicated to the memory of one of our past members, David Wangerin. The tournament saw the participation of seven couples engaged in a round robin event which was won by the formidable pairing of Maggie Byford and John Drummond Moray; close second (but no cigar) was Elaine Carlyle and Mauro Salmi who had to surrender to the overwhelming winning power duo. A big thank-you to all those who provided the yummy cakes, sandwiches and tray bakes. The next event will take place on **Sunday 23 July**.

The gents' and ladies' Tennis Tayside league matches are underway. The ladies' team in division one, led by captain Maggie, are faring well against tough competition, currently holding the third place in the league, but seeking to improve their position. The gents are continuing their winning streak and are leading undefeated in the men's 4-player league after four matches. The latest win was against St Andrews in an away match that saw the couples Young/Thomson and Green/Hill bringing home a comfortable 3-1 win against the home team. The team is rotated weekly to allow players of all ages who are eager to compete in a league environment to give their contribution.

The level of play in the leagues is solid, but not impossible, so, if you're keen to get back into tennis and could help out the league teams, we would most definitely love to hear from you!

Lastly, the club has three adult social club times respectively on Wednesdays at 6.30pm, Thursdays at 1.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am to which all members are welcome to attend.

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



Improving publicity for the club with new banners

MILNATHORT – Members were welcomed by Sheryll Stewart, Vice President. After business we were entertained by members of Abernethy Institute, who gave us a very enjoyable evening of anecdotes and quizzes, which certainly tested our knowledge of various topics! Congratulations to the winning group.

All competitions (Flower of the Month, Decorated Egg and Flower Decoration in a Cup) were won by Kathleen King.

GLENFARG – President Margot Moran welcomed members and guests from Gateside SWI to the AGM on 11 May. Members enjoyed a finger buffet and a chance to chat after the business session and to welcome the new committee. They are: (President) Margot Moran, Sheena Chisholm, Allison Messenger, Lynda Stuart, Liz Yull, Jeannie Black, and Helen Quartermaine. They were wished every success for the next year. Helen Quartermaine proposed the vote of thanks. Competition winners were:

Mobile Phone Cover	Allison Messenger
Three Peppermint Creams	Lynda Stuart
Flower of the Month	Sheila Harley
Overall competition winners were:	
Jubilee Cup Winner	Alison Harrison
Endeavour Cup (runner up)	Allison Messenger
Jenny Rosebowl (Flower of the Month)	Margot Moran
Second equal	Helen Quartermaine and Alison Harrison

CROOK OF DEVON – Mrs Alice Johnson presided over the May meeting, which was the AGM. After the minutes of the previous AGM were read and approved, the secretary gave a brief resume of the year's events, which was followed by the treasurer's report. Mrs Johnson thanked the committee for all their hard work during the year.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month for May	Alice Johnson
Individual Savoury Flan	Isabel Mechan

Competition winners for the year:

Most Points Cup	winner	Kim Massey
	runner up	Alice Johnson
Rose Bowl	winner	Alice Johnson

Mrs Johnson thanked the two tellers from Milnathort, who then joined in with the rest of the members for a very enjoyable beetle drive, which was won by Mary Paterson and Kathleen Shepherd.

BISHOPSHIRE – President Norma Smith welcomed members to the business meeting and introduced Andrea Moyles and Rena Beveridge from Blairadam, who were our tellers for the evening. Although six members were voted in as committee members, as two were not present, we were unable to elect office bearers. Names will be advised at a later date.

Annual trophies were presented:

Most Points	Norma Smith
Runner up	Greta Hogg
Best Trier	Joanne Cowan
Curtis Quaich	Janette Gardiner

There will be no meeting in June as we will be attending Lochgelly Theatre on 1 June to see Mack and Mabel.

CARNBO – On 15 May, a very busy but enjoyable AGM was chaired successfully by President Jay Hutchison. Many thanks to the two members from Powmill SWI who acted as tellers; a new Committee was duly appointed.

The winner of the Daniel Vase, the in-house trophy for the most points gained over the session in the monthly competitions, was Jay Hutchison. The Paterson Rosebowl for the most points gained over the session for the Flower of the Month was won jointly by Frances Drysdale and Cath Mearns. Our reward for our good-natured and positive response to such a lengthy meeting was a delightful supper of a selection of members' favourite starters and desserts; a delicious end to a packed evening. Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Josephine Paterson
Floral Arrangement in a Wine Glass	Josephine Paterson

As well as being the winner of both monthly competitions, Josephine received the Ann Bernard Cup, traditionally presented at our May meeting for an item from the Kinross Show Schedule, this session chosen from the Floral Art section. Our meeting in June (Monday 19th) will be led by President Jay Hutchison and Secretary Susan Malcolm at which they will attempt to aid everyone to make a brooch fit to be worn to the Tea Party in Scone on 1 July.

POWMILL – President Sharon Buchan welcomed members to the AGM and extended a warm welcome to Moira Cousar and Fiona Mathieson from Blairingone, our tellers for the evening. The minutes of the previous AGM were read and approved and various reports were given. Entries for the Kinross Show were discussed and a date for a preparation meeting in June was decided upon. The President then presented the following trophies:

Points Trophy	Mary Wilson
Jessie Gibson Clock (runner-up)	Elsie Johnston
Pat Reay Trophy (handicrafts)	Mary Wilson

Moira and Fiona judged the monthly competition:

Eileen White Trophy, own picture, any craft	Margaret Broomfield
Flask of Soup (own choice)	Mary Wilson
Garden Gem	Mary Wilson

We then had a fun evening with various activities: construct the tallest standing tower in 3 minutes using cocktail sticks and Midget Gem sweets; Feely bag – guess the household items in each bag using touch only; Picture quiz – guess the brands from snips of their logos. Everybody had a great time and a delicious supper was then served by Sharon Buchanan and Tricia Greer.

The following members were voted on to the Committee: Fiona Buchanan, Sharon Buchanan, Tricia Greer, Anne McKay, Fiona Purves and Wilma Sim. Reserves: Fiona Black and Maz Thorn.

CLEISH – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed thirty-three members and two tellers from Bishopshire to our May meeting/AGM. After business the new committee was announced and we then enjoyed a delicious supper.

Points Prize Trophy	Sandra Webster
2nd	Alison Morris
Flower of the Month Trophy	Elinor Craig
2nd	Heather McDougall

Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



We've had a fantastic run of weather at Loch Leven with bright sunshine for much of the month but there has still been a biting wind at times.

We've had a very busy month. Every five years we do a full census of the nesting ducks on St Serf's island. We all line up and search all of the tussocks and under the willows. At the time of writing we've found many Mallard, Gadwall and Greylag Geese and lesser numbers of Shoveler. Tufted Ducks are just beginning to lay eggs now.

It's been a spectacular month for scarce birds at Loch Leven. The loch recorded its first Great White Egret and Dotterel. The Egret is a recent coloniser to the UK and has been long predicted to turn up here. Dotterel was slightly unexpected as they prefer the high mountain tops and do not visit marshland often.

All the summer breeding migrants had returned by the middle of May. Once again we are being entertained by the aerial displays by swifts. We've also been hearing scarce migrants like Grasshopper Warbler and Reed Warbler. Hopefully we will be able to record them nesting this year.

Our Tawny Owls are doing well. Two big chicks were ringed recently. It won't be long before the downy youngsters leave the nest holes and will be flopping around the trees. The parents continue to feed them until they grow all the feathers.

Discovery Day is due to take place while this Newsletter is at press. Many thanks to all who turned up. No doubt it will go ahead next year. It will be a similar time as this year.

We have other events on the horizon.

On **Saturday 3 June** Gus is running an event called **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them**. Gus will explore Burleigh Sands looking for mini-beasts. Meet at Burleigh car park at 2pm.

We also are running **Burleigh Botany** again with Liz and Steve on **Wednesday 5 July** 6pm-8pm.

Please phone the office on 01577 864439 for details.

We will also be at the Kinross Show. Please drop by to say hello.

We've been getting lots of press about the fly life at Loch Leven. This year we've been getting great swarms of flies around the reserve. These flies are only here because the water quality is so good at Loch Leven. Later on they'll be swarms that look like tornados coming off the trees; all great food for our nesting birds around the nature reserve.

We're all still putting up to date news on Twitter (@SNHnortheast), Facebook (Scotlands National Nature Reserves), Instagram (Stevethecapercaile) and on the Loch Leven NNR Wordpress blog.

Let us hope for more of this fine weather.

TTFN,

Jeremy Squire (Reserve Officer)

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Hello again, folks, after missing last month's issue due to major computer problems. Thanks to Eileen for filling in and putting something in for me.

So it came to pass that writing careers must come to an end and this will be my last article for the Newsletter. After 15 or 16 years, cannae mind hoo long, you will be free from my ramblings. Three cheers, I hear you cry! At last! Didnae ken whit he meant wi' that Scots stuff he wrote onyway!

My role has changed a bit over the last wee while, so I am not at the reserve as much these days, hence the change of column writer, or writers, as the case maybe?

So fur wan last time in the Scots style ye cannae understaund, back tae the reserve stuff. Peewits – that's lapwings tae you and me – seem tae be farin' a lot better this year. The new predator fence seems tae be daen the joab it wiz designed fur and things ur lookin guid so far. The final analysis at the end o' the breedin' season will confirm aye or naw. Wiv hid a few ither burds aboot the place of coorse, and tho' ah didnae see them masel since ah wisnae here, twa Great White Egrets wur oan the north shore o' the loch early month. Wur usual selection o' ither assortit ducks, waders, summer woodland birds, gairden birds and the bonny wee swallies dive bombin' the courtyard 'n' chitterin' awa' oan the wires 'n' the rafters – a grand soond that ye fair miss when they gan back fur the winter.

Upcomin events fur June ur:

Tuesday 13th: Au plein air - watercolour painting from 10am until 3pm (dinnae think they will awe be playin wi air – brushes 'n' paint wid be ma best guess). An outdoor paintin' event in conjunction wi' the Kinross and District Art Club, capturin' the wildlife o' the loch in a new licht. Free event; nae need tae book, jist drap in 'n' hiv a go yersel.

Wednesday 14th: It's the wee sows turn wi' **Nature Tots**, usual time, **10am – 12 noon**. This month it's awe aboot sticks? Nae idea whit that means ither than sumthin' tae dae wi' bits o' tree. Ye hiv tae book this wan cos it's awfa busy; costs £3 member families, £6 non-members.

Everyday fae **23 June**, runnin fae 10am till 4pm, it's fun fur the kids wi' **Summer Holiday Wildlife Challenges**. A series o' varied wildlife-related stuff tae keep them and you amused durin' the holiday period; a self-led event efter pickin' up kit fae the centre. Nae bookin' required, jist turn up oan the days ye fancy. Prices vary fae £1 to £3 per child (reserve entry not included). This runs until 15 August.

"And now the end is near" to quote a few words from a famous song. It's been a pleasure to write the monthly column informing you of what's been happening or about to happen on the reserve. I hope you understood most of what I wrote. I know a few didn't at times as I was told on a few occasions. To them, my apologies for my final indulgence. To those that did, "Lang may yer lums reek". "Here's tae us. Wha's like us?"

Guid luck fur the future, see ya aboot, over and OOT!

Colin



We're in Bavaria visiting our daughter who is studying at Eichstätt University. It feels very strange to be on holiday now; we always go away in July once the ewes are sheared and the crop spraying is finished. But it's the month that suited her best so we tried to get on with as many jobs as possible before we left and jumped onto the plane knowing that we can catch up on our return.

Early summer is very busy for both of us. With lambing over we have 1350 lambs outside with their mums. The April weather was glorious and it made a massive difference to turn out ewes and lambs into dry fields where they could enjoy a bit of sun on their backs. Keeping the lambs healthy and growing fast is now the priority and we give each of them a double vaccine against clostridial diseases. This is cost-effective protection but quite labour intensive. It's two doses at three to four weeks old, followed up with the second dose a month later. We also dose the lambs (against worms) and dag (clean the tails of) the ewes.

On the arable side, the crops and grass received the spring fertiliser just ahead of the rain so that should be working and Andrew has used his new sprayer to apply the first fungicide and trace element treatment to the wheat. The dry weather had delayed the emergence of weeds in the spring barley crops, so this is one of the first jobs for him when we get home.

We couldn't have gone away if it wasn't for the fact that our son works at home so is checking all the stock daily, looking out for couped ewes and any signs of mastitis in the ewes. This is in-between working on a list of jobs such as cleaning out the lambing shed, power harrowing the turnip field and rolling the grass that will be shut off for making silage.

This holiday bonus is a great treat, though. My husband and daughter are bonding over Bavarian Beer. It's a refreshing drink and by far the cheapest option, so very popular with them both. They have strict laws over purity that stipulates that only water, malted barley, hops and yeast be used for any bottom fermented beer brewed here. The region suits barley production and is close to the breweries, so there is a massive acreage grown here but it also has many very large flour mills and the farmers supply wheat to these too.

Just like home, the farms are growing in size all the time and fewer and fewer people are involved in the industry. In 1950, one farm worker produced food for 10 people but by 1996, one farm worker produced food for 108 people.

It seems farmers are a dwindling number worldwide, but from the impressive nature of the fields and farms here it looks like the remaining farmers are enthusiastic and committed, just like home. And, just like the ewes and lambs, we are enjoying the sun on our backs, so should have plenty of energy to return to the farm and get on with our jobs!

Fiona

Gardens open by arrangement

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

Arndean by Dollar, FK14 7NH. Open by arrangement from 15 May to 18 June. Contact J and K Stewart, tel: 01259 743525 or email johnny@arndean.co.uk



Gardens Open on Special Days

Greenhead of Arnot is open on **Sunday 18 June**, 2pm-5pm. £5 admission (40% to Milnathort Guide Group). On the A911 between Auchmuir Bridge and Scotlandwell. KY6 3JQ.

The Fife Garden Trail is open on several dates in **June** and **July**. Includes gardens in Strathmiglo, Cupar, Ceres etc.

Backhouse at Rossie Estate by Collessie is open on **Sunday 25 June**, 2-5pm. Admission £5. KY15 7UZ.

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

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



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

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

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier (Pier Road, KY13 8UF) where there is parking and a Historic Scotland shop and ticket office. The boat is not equipped to carry passengers in wheelchairs. Dogs are not allowed.

Due to limited capacity it is recommended that all visits are booked in advance. This can be done online at www.historicenvironment.scot 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. (includes ferry trip)

Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

One of Scotland's best-preserved 16th-century tower houses, Elcho has an imposing exterior yet an interior that provided considerable comfort. The orchard has been replanted with traditional varieties of apple, pear and plum and has become a haven for butterflies and wildlife. Elcho is five miles NE of Bridge of Earn, in a tranquil setting. Open daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm (facilities closed at lunchtime) until 30 Sept 2017. Admission prices: Adult £5, Child £3, Concessions £4.

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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

June

Sat 3 10am: Christian Aid sponsored walk/cycle around the Heritage Trail from Kirkgate Park.

Sun 4 10.30am: Morning Service: Quarterly Communion.
6.30pm: Evening Communion.
Collection at both services for Seamab School (Scottish Charity SCO11002).

Mon 5 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tue 6 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Sun 11 10.30am: Morning Service, led by elders.

Thu 15 7pm: All Friends Together.
9pm: late-evening service of Compline.

Sat 17 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Sun18 10.30am: All-age Service with Junior Church Prizegiving.

Sun 25 1pm: Grand Summer Picnic, Kirkgate Park (Kinross-shire Churches Together).
7.30pm: Concert – Regimental Band, Black Watch Cadet Force.

Tue 27 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

Reader: Brian Ogilvie

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 01577 864826

Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org



Sunday Services 11.15am

June

Sun 4 11.15am **Pentecost** Morning Worship with Junior Church. Refreshments in the Young Room. Traidcraft Stall.

Sun 11 11.15am Morning Worship.

Mon 12 3.15pm Cleish Messy Church in the Village Hall, open to all children and their carers.

Theme: 'Sports Day'.

Sun 18 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 25 11.15am Morning Worship.

All welcome

St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329

www.catholickinross.com Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com

m.facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/

m.facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/

Regular Services

Monday	7pm	Mass followed by Confessions
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Thursday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Friday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Saturday	10-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Saturday	7pm	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)
Sunday	9.30am	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)

Confessions also on request.

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

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

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

The Ladies' Group meets in the hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

The weekly newsletter, Mass times, news and updates or changes can be found on our website.

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I. Robertson, Station Road, Crook of Devon
Telephone : **Fossoway 01577 840526**

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

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

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

www.fossowaychurch.org.uk

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

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.

June

- Sun 4** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship, Pentecost service and Junior Church, followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.
- Sun 11** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 18** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 25** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

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.*

messychurch@fossoway

Friday 23 June 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 2 June at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

Friday 2 June 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.

Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

Everyone is welcome to either service or to both, so please come and, *taste and see that the LORD is good.*

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

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

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

Children are equally welcome to stay in church during the service or go to the Meeting Room for Sunday School 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).

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).

June Services and Events - all welcome

- Sun 4 4th THE DAY OF PENTECOST**
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist followed by a Mediterranean-styled Church lunch.
- Sun 11 TRINITY SUNDAY**
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 18 Pentecost 2 (Proper 11)**
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.
- Sun 25 Pentecost 3 (Proper 12)**
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am followed by the annual Kinross Churches Together picnic.
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.

Dates and events for your diary

4 June Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.
No service at Portmoak Church.

11 June Communion services in both churches.

25 June Kinross Churches Together Family Picnic.

2 July Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am.
No service at Orwell Church.

Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

Christian cards, gifts, bibles and books for sale. Printing and copying facilities available. Recycling for ink toners, stamps & batteries. Donations of food can be made for the local Foodbank.

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

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Obituary

DAVID DRYSDALE, a well-known figure around Milnathort, died peacefully in Ninewells Hospital on Sunday morning, 16 April 2017, aged 87.

A master printer and colour separator by profession (his family owned the old Edinburgh firm of Picken & Drysdale) he moved to the village in the late 1970s.

A single man, he outlived all his relations and most of his long-time friends, but knew and was well liked by local village people of all walks of life.

His love of Kinross-shire, and Milnathort in particular, is noted by a generous legacy of £5000 to the Milnathort Community Council.



David Drysdale

Acknowledgements

CARLING – Died 14 April 2017. The family and friends of Margaret would like to thank all who sent the many expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers to them on the sudden death of our very dear friend. Also, all who attended at the church and graveside; the police for their prompt attention and to Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd for all their help. Thanks also to the Very Rev. Dr Angus Morrison for the comforting service.

RODGER – Christina, David and family wish to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and support following Jim's death. Thanks also to Dr Richmond, District Nurses and all the staff of Loch Leven Health Centre, the staff of Davidson's Chemist and the staff of St Margaret's Hospital, Auchterarder, for their care and attention. Thanks also to Mrs Irene Gardener, Rev. Fiona Thomas, Gordon and Alison Stewart for their support during this difficult time. A cheque for £400 has been given to Poppy Scotland in Jim's memory.

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(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
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SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross
Kinross-shire Playgroup Association
Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.05am - 11.50am

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

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

For availability or more information, please contact:

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

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45 - 2.45pm

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

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

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

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

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross
Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,
debileighs@hotmail.com

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

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

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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



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

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

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

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

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

Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

Notices



MILNATHORT SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 3 June

12 noon – 2.30pm

Milnathort Primary School

Snack Shack • BBQ • Chocolate Tombola • Local Artisans
• Raffle • Pocket Money Stalls • Rowing Competition • Splat
the Teacher • Bottle Hoopla • Bake Off Competition • Cake
& Candy • Teddy Tombola • Tattoos & Face Painting • Buried
Treasure • Messy Church • Local Entertainers • Hook a Duck
• Bouncy Castle and lots more

Bring your home baking for the Bake Off Competition.

'Lemon & Lime' theme. Under and Over 12 sections.

Entries close at 1pm.

Glenfarg Village Folk Club

The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",

Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays

Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm

For more info, see: www.glenfargfolkclub.com

Mon 5 June: Pete Coe. 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! *Members £6, non-members £9.*

Mon 12 June: AGM. The most important club event of the year. All members are encouraged to attend.

Mon 19 June: John Hinshelwood Band. An Americana/folk/ country trio of some distinction. Always very popular performers. Entry cost TBC following AGM.

Mon 26 June: Cloudstreet. Our Australian friends John, Nicole and Emma are undertaking a farewell tour of the UK, so we are delighted they are able to share their brilliant music with us for one last time. Entry cost TBC.

Mon 3 July: Singaround with the theme of 'Dimensions'. Cost TBC.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

The **Annual General Meeting** of the group will take place at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 13 June 2017** at the Church Centre. Anyone interested is very welcome to come along. The business part of the meeting will be followed by a short presentation by Keith Scott from PKAVS.



Fundraising Evening

in aid of

Kinross-shire Day Centre

7.30pm – midnight

Saturday 17 June

Masonic Hall, Kinross

Guest starring singer Gavin Patrick!

Raffles and Auctions

£6 per ticket including stovies

Tickets on sale at Kinross-shire Day Centre, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm



KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

Monday 5th June 2017

**Reminiscing Group
(Shona Fowler)**

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT

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



LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS
KINROSS

1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am–12noon



Contact Gail Boath

Tel. 01577 867306

Or Annette Bond

01738 567076



Housing & Community Care

Dollar Museum

Dollar Museum's new exhibition for 2017 is a tribute to Adam Robson, Man of Many Parts. Adam was a much-loved local man who died 10 years ago. Visitors will see a large collection of his work in oils, watercolour and other media, including designs for stained glass. Adam was a rugby internationalist who was capped 22 times for Scotland and was President of the Scottish Rugby Union when Scotland won the Grand Slam in 1984. Also featured are his many other achievements as teacher, writer and poet and his links with Shetland and the Borders.

There are also displays on the History of Dollar, Castle Campbell, Dollar Academy, the Devon Valley Railway from Alloa to Kinross, the Japanese Garden at Cowden and Prehistoric items excavated in the local area. Children will enjoy Granny's Kitchen and the Children's Corner where they can colour in or do the quiz. New this year is a handling collection of Victorian children's clothes and toys. Upstairs there is a Reading Room with a wide range of local books, photos and maps where you are welcome to browse and our volunteers can help you with research. Entry is free and all are welcome.

The Museum is open at weekends from Easter to Christmas: Opening times are 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm on Saturdays and 2pm-4.30pm on Sundays. The Museum will also open on request at other times for visiting groups and researchers – contact dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

Scottish Mining Trust Holidays Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 Web: www.blaircastle.net

Subsidised holidays for retired miners and relatives

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

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

Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

Milnathort & Kinross Scottish Country Dancing Class every Wednesday

at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall

New and Past Members welcome

For more information, contact Helen on 01577 861349 or visit our website: milnathortcountrydancingblogspot.com

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.

Free Energy Saving Advice Freephone 0800 512 012

Free, impartial advice on energy efficiency in the home, sustainable transport choices, small-scale use of micro-renewables etc. Advice to individuals, communities and small businesses.

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 Stores	Powmill
Moto Shop	Turfhills
RSPB Shop	RSPB Loch Leven
Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg



Are you living with a long-term health condition?

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

One of our peer support groups is based in Kinross in the meeting room of St Paul's Church, Muirs. This runs on the first Thursday of every month, 1pm-3pm.

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

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

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

Tel: 01738440099. Email: enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com

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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
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*.

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.

Notices

Kinross Recovery and Conversation Café

This weekly group is for anyone with an interest in improving their wellbeing and needing support on their recovery journey from addiction or substance misuse. The Café aims to get people speaking about recovery and wellbeing in all its many forms and provides the opportunity to:

- share ideas, information and resources
- explore support networks and ways of moving forward
- breakdown isolation
- improve health and wellbeing

The Café takes place **every Tuesday**, 1pm-3pm, at Millbridge Hall, Kinross. Drop in and have a cuppa and a chat.

For more information, contact:

Shona Fowler: 07896 280843, shonafowler@nhs.net

Richard Lister: 07885 971298, richard.lister@cairscotland.org.uk



Supported and funded by Broke Not Broken, a local charity tackling the effects of poverty.

Broke Not Broken

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**Sainsbury's, Kinross
Glenfarg Village Shop**



Open to clients:

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm

The Beacon, St Paul's Church, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU

Contact: Tel: 07709 107640

Email: admin@brokenotbroken.org



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More information is available on the kinross.cc website. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, tel 01577 865004 or email barrydavies57@btinternet.com

Mindspace Recovery College

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



Newsletter Deadlines

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
July	Friday 16 June	Saturday 1 July
August	Friday 14 July	Saturday 29 July



Kinross-shire Fund

Grants available for local community projects



e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare, Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations

For more information and to download an application form, see www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund or telephone 0131 5240300

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

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

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential. No charge. No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website www.healingrooms-scotland.org

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk
Tel: 01738 626242
77 Canal Street, Perth



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

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

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC would like to help celebrate the special occasion. PKC can arrange delivery of a basket of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



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 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

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

Prayer For Any Need



Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

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



Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays	1630 – 2130	Thursdays	1630 – 1900
Wednesdays	0830 – 1100	Fridays	1000 – 1630
and	1930 – 2130	Sundays	0800 – 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.
We're here for you, anytime.

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2017

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

Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services
and more, visit www.kinross.cc

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The next visits are: **13 and 27 June**

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

Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580.

Appointment line 01738 450581.

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

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

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

Debt and Money Advice Service

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

Blythswood Care collection in Perth

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:

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

Befriending Kinross



Are you new to the Area?
Would you like someone to talk to?

Someone to have a coffee with?
Help to feel less socially isolated?

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com

t: 07747 018 550

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Eileen Thomas, 01577 863714
Email: KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Steven Young, 01577 864529
Email: skyo5763@gmail.com

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

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

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

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Cllr MIKE BARNACLE (*Independent*)
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54 Lathro Park, Kinross, KY13 8RU

Cllr WILLIE ROBERTSON (*Scottish Liberal Democrats*)
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Mobile: 07557 812513.
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Applegarth, Sunnypark, Kinross, KY13 8BX

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 6 & 20 June:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny School		1430-1530

Visiting on Wednesdays 14 & 28 June:

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.

New at this year's Kinross Show! Scarecrow Competition

Children and Adult Classes

Free to enter

You can be as creative as you like using as many colours and items as you wish.
Entries must be at the show by 11am and suitable to tie to a post.

Entry deadline: Saturday 5 August 2017

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
Jonathan Bryson	4 Burnbank Meadows	(01577) 531141
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	(01577) 864037
Barry Davies	60 Lathro Park	(01577) 865004
Bill Freeman (Chair)	64 Muirs	(01577) 865045
Ian Jack	Burnbrae Grange	(01577) 863980
David MacKenzie	12 Torridon Place	07703 820051
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	(01577) 864603
Eileen Thomas (Secy)	50 Muirs	(01577) 863714
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin Cairncross	(Secretary)	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	(Treasurer)	01592 840423
Susan Forde		01592 840128
Tom Smith		01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	(Chairman)	01592 840459
Dave Morris		01592 840500
Alison Robertson		01592 840131

Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

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Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

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

Local Volunteer Opportunities

Broke not Broken is a voluntary organisation working for the prevention and relief of poverty by providing support and practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Please contact Claire Slight to find out how you can help: clare.slight@brokennotbroken.org

Children's Hospice Association Scotland: We are looking for volunteers to join both our shops in Kinross, the gardening and housekeeping teams at Rachel House and also community fundraising. If you'd like to find out more and #doitforchas, please contact: volunteering@chas.org.uk

Greyhound Rescue Fife at Baltree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, need volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Kinross Heart Start: Campaign to secure funds for public access defibrillators in Kinross. Contact Pamela Hunter to find out how you can volunteer on 01577 862419.

Kinross in Bloom: Volunteer group that provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment of Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Iain Todd at: iandmtodd@talktalk.net

Kinross-shire Day Centre: We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation): If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events (concerts, comedy and the festive street market), please join the KLEO team! For more info about KLEO events, go to www.kleo.org.uk. If interested, please contact Bouwien Bennet at info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

The Potager Garden is a small community garden in Bowton Road in Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, and a main aim is to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven: We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk or call 01577 862355.

Swansacre Playgroup: A long established charity playgroup for children aged 2-5 years, we need volunteers to help support us with play sessions. For more information, please email swansacre@gmail.com

For more volunteering opportunities, go to the community website www.kinross.cc and look for 'Volunteering'.

Organisations: If you would like a volunteer appeal to be added to the list above, please email the Newsletter Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.

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.

Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Carpet Curling	11am		
	Relaxation Class	1.15pm		
	Games	1.15pm		
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm		
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm		
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 June

Clothing sale	Thursday	1st	11am - 12pm
Chiropody	Thursday	1st, 22nd	9.45am - 1pm (phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Hearing Loss Support and Advice	Monday	5th	11am - 12pm
Community Health & Wellbeing Support	Tuesday	6th	11am - 12pm
Art Group for carers	Tuesday	13th	10am - 12pm
Tai Chi	Wednesday	14th, 28th	1.30pm - 2pm
Kinross Community Care Advice and Information	Wednesday	14th	11.30am - 12pm
Afternoon down Loch Leven	Friday	16th	1.30pm - 3.30pm
Library Visit	Thursday	29th	1.30pm



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

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

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

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

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

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

First Thursday of the month, 10am - 12 noon

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

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

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

For more details, contact:

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

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside



LA LECHE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

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**Deadline for all Submissions
5pm, Friday 16 June
for publication on Saturday 1 July**

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.

Strider Mobility Scooter £1000 ono
MIDI 4 PLUS. Excellent condition (hardly used). Fully serviced every year.

Seller Details: 07801 181857

Small upholstered settee £80 ono
Lovely upholstery project. Old heavy frame with original bun feet and castors. Buyer collects.

Seller Details:
Alison Muir 01577 864581
alison.muir3@tiscali.co.uk

Coffee table £50
Glass coffee table with a flower motif metal shelf
Seller Details:
Natalie Loughney 07884 006491

7 Drawer Tallboy Storage Unit x 2 £180
M&S Manderville 7 Drawer Storage Chest (Tallboy) x 2 in excellent condition. Size: H133 x W50 x D50 cm solid dark wood. Will sell individually £100 or as a pair £180. Collection only.
Seller Details:
Louise Blackwood
blackwoodlogo@hotmail.com

Caravan Awning £40
Pyramid Tuscany. Fits caravan 4.5m to 5m internal length.
Seller Details:
Mike Thomson 01592 840353
mike.thomson3@yahoo.co.uk

Pine Bunk Beds £100
Good condition beds with ladder and mattresses. Used only occasionally for grandchildren.
Seller Details:
Diana Whitehead 01577 850249
cleish.376@btinternet.com

Piano £500
Obermeir, cross strung, dark wood piano.
Seller Details:
Moira Hookham 01577 861033
moirahookham@hotmail.co.uk

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

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').

Chef de Partie, Kirklands Hotel, Kinross

Full time approx. 50 hours per week. Must be flexible to work split shifts. Required to join team of 4 other chefs in a busy kitchen, serving good quality bistro/grill menu. No live in accommodation is available with this job. Salary negotiable dependent on experience plus share of good monthly tips. Call Anthony on 01577 863313 or email CV to info@thekirklandshotel.com.

Weekend Housekeeping Staff, Kirklands Hotel, Kinross

Hours are Saturday and/or Sunday starting 9am for 4/5 hours each day.

Duties include cleaning all public areas of the hotel and from 1 - 9 bedrooms depending on occupancy. Pay is negotiable and applicants must be over 16. Applications to Shona on 01577 863313 or info@thekirklandshotel.com.

Nursery Chef, Lauriston Nursery, Kinross

The successful candidate should be an enthusiastic, qualified chef. You will be required to work Monday to Friday and all meals are cooked fresh daily, adhering to company policies and procedures. Main responsibilities include preparing and cooking all meals and snacks, maintaining kitchen cleanliness, ordering weekly groceries and reviewing/updating menus. Essential skills and qualifications include: food hygiene, understanding nutritional guidelines for children and having a sound knowledge of allergens, dietary requirements and religious needs. You will be required to join the PVG scheme and references are essential. Apply online @ letslearnyoung.com.

Nursery Practitioner, Lauriston Nursery, Kinross

Due to increasing demand we require full time/relief Nursery Nurses. Applicants must be qualified with an HNC or equivalent in Childcare and Education. They should be enthusiastic and committed to delivering the best possible care and education within current frameworks. The position will require working to a variety of shift patterns on a rota basis. Successful candidates will be required to undertake an enhanced PVG check and be registered with SSSC. References are essential. Apply online @ letslearnyoung.com.

Part time Beauty Therapists, The Green Hotel, Kinross

You will promote a friendly, relaxing and professional environment to ensure all our members and guests receive an exceptional experience.

You will be required to carry out all treatments to a very high standard. You must maintain exceptional standards of customer service and be prepared to work hard as part of the team to continue to grow the business. You will be expected to act in a professional manner to all clients and the staff within the site and to keep the treatment areas clean and all your equipment safe and in good working order. Salary is £7.50 to £8.25 per hour. Posts are part time and are either weekends only or 16 hours per week, including weekends. Contact Lindsay on 01577 866509 or email LindsayRobertson@green-hotel.com.

The Newsletter on Facebook

We use our Facebook page to announce:

- our deadline and publication dates
- what's in the next issue
- reminders of some local events
- occasional breaking news

'Like' our page to be kept informed. Search for 'Kinross Newsletter' or go to:

www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter



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