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## Editorial

For readers who care about trees and wildlife and the correct application of the law, it will be worth keeping an eye on the local newspapers over the next few weeks. The matter of the oak trees at Lathro Farm appears to take a new turn every day. Our article about the trees and associated planning applications is on pages 12-13.

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Please remember that the Newsletter would be pleased to publish good news such as Graduations, Engagements etc. There is no charge for publishing items like this.

## Happy Holidays

It is school holiday time now. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday from all on the Newsletter team.

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

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.

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## "Much needed houses" or an environmental blight?

Developers would have us believe that the several hundred new houses now earmarked for Kinross and Milnathort are "much needed". However, the question is, needed for the community benefit or developer profit?

Persimmon Homes gained approval to build 300 more houses at Lathro.

The ground works establishing access and drainage were undertaken by Persimmon before full permission from Perth and Kinross Council was in place.

As a result, a temporary halt was enforced for some weeks but work has since resumed and neighbouring properties to the construction site are experiencing the daily impact of the works.

The development has resulted in a brutal destruction of yet another green field. Ironically Persimmon now market the site as "Lathro Meadows", although sadly there will be no meadow left by the time they are finished with it!

Their sales brochure states: "The perfect environment. ... a home that's been developed in harmony with the local environment ... we incorporate local landmarks such as trees...".

Odd that Persimmon can make this claim as the imminent destruction of a large group of mature, 100-year-old or so oak trees around Lathro Farm is next on the developer's agenda.

These trees form not only an obvious visual amenity but also an established and valuable wildlife habitat.

However, the developer's plans for the site require their removal.

Community action is required to save these trees and other trees and land under threat across Kinross-shire.

The Kinross and Milnathort area has been a target for over-development in recent years and this has reached an unsustainable level. The result is an environmental blight and this will ultimately detract permanently from the very thing that sustains the area and that is the fine countryside that has made Kinross-shire a special place to live.

Ken Miles

Turfhills House, Kinross

# Weather



## May Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	40.2mm = 1.6inches
Heaviest rainfall	9.5mm (29th)
Total sunshine for the month	200.9 hours
Sunniest day	11.4 hours (26th)
Maximum temperature average	16.75°C
Highest temperature	27.0°C (26th)
Minimum temperature average	1.5°C
Lowest temperature	-6.0°C (9th)

## Rain in June

Between 1 and 9 June 2017, rainfall was 119.2mm (4.76 inches). So in the first nine days of June, we had almost three times the amount of rain experienced in the whole of May.



## Conservatives take Ochil and South Perthshire

There is a new Member of Parliament for this area following the snap general election held on 8 June 2017.

Conservative Luke Graham doubled his share of the vote on the 2015 general election result, when he was in third place, to take the seat from Tasmina Ahmed-Sheik of the Scottish National Party. Ms Ahmed-Sheik's majority had been 10,168. The full results are:

		Votes	%	+/-%
Luke Graham	Conservative	22,469	41.5	+20.8
Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh	SNP	19,110	35.3	-10.7
Joanne Ross	Labour	10,847	20.0	-8.4
Iliyan Stefanov	Lib Dem	1,742	3.2	+0.7

The Conservative majority in Ochil and South Perthshire is 3,359. Voter turnout was 70.6%.

Prior to 2015, Ochil and South Perthshire had been held by Gordon Banks for Labour since the seat was created in 2005.

*Luke Graham, new MP for Ochil and South Perthshire*



## IT equipment recycling at Kinross

Householders using Kinross Recycling Centre can now donate their old or unwanted IT equipment for reuse by the Perth WEEE Centre at Perth College.

Items that can be donated for reuse include desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones (without the sim card), tablets, keyboards, mouse controls, cables, DVD players, video players, portable music players, games consoles, new or empty printer cartridges, projectors and flat screen working monitors.

Kate Sargent of Perth College WEEE Centre explains, "If you've got any of these items cluttering up space at home, then why not donate them to the WEEE Centre so that someone else can make use of them? The only items that we can't accept are CRT (cathode ray tube) monitors or broken monitors. Our students are trained to refurbish IT and office equipment, so that it can be sold on to other students, staff and members of the public (instead of being destined for landfill). Donated items not only support our students but also local and international charities."

IT equipment which is donated via the collection container in Kinross will be collected by Perth College UHI's WEEE Centre. Reusable items will then be refurbished (and the data securely removed using special software) before being sold on at an affordable price and anything that can't be used will be recycled for parts.

The Kinross IT equipment collection container is one of three at Council recycling centres; the others are located at the Friarton and Inveralmond Recycling Centres in Perth.

### Pressed for Time?

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## Election for public representation – Health and Care in Perth & Kinross Friday 7 July

We need you to come and vote!

Health & Social Care in Perth & Kinross has been undergoing changes over the last year, with an Integration Joint Board overseeing business.

There are volunteer Public Partners on the board as stakeholder members. There are two principals and two reserves. Ann Gourlay and Sue Cole are carrying the user voice while Bernie Campbell and Maureen Summers speak for carers. At the election in June 2016, candidates agreed that the initial user representation should be for a year. An election to continue and enlarge that user voice is planned for 7 July 2017.

Candidates who have been asked to express interest will give short presentations followed by a voting process to determine the principal and reserve representatives. These presentations will take place at PKAVS The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth. These will be streamed to seven other venues in Perth & Kinross. Attendees at those venues will be able to vote for their preferred candidates. The successful parties will be announced 7 July.

Please come along to one of these venues to listen and vote:

**Kinross Parish Church;** The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth; Atholl Centre, Pitlochry; Strathearn Community Campus, Crieff; Ayton Hall, Auchterarder; Inchtute Parish Church, Carse of Gowrie; SCYD, Blairgowrie, Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy.

Venues open at 12.15pm.

If you have queries, please contact Susan Bathgate on 01738 567076 or email [susan.bathgate@pkavs.org.uk](mailto:susan.bathgate@pkavs.org.uk)

## BeWitched tickets go on sale

Tickets for the Tullibole Trail "Bewitched" will be on sale from 7 July.

Bewitched is a family-friendly, night-time walk at Tullibole Castle, with music from films we all know and love. Follow the magical light trail, explore the woods, discover the lit-up moat and get lost in Tullibole's Witches Maze!

BeWitched takes place on 27, 28 and 29 October and is supported by the Rotary Club of Kinross and District.

Tickets are £35 for a car of up to five people. Extra persons £7 each if the vehicle is a people carrier or such like. The extra persons can pay the £7 each at the car park or check in. Children under 2 are free. Tickets allow you to arrive any time within the times on the ticket.

Entry tickets are designed this way to promote car sharing and to use the car park spacing well. It is also more fun to go as a group!

Find out more at [www.thetulliboletrail.com](http://www.thetulliboletrail.com)

### The Kinross Newsletter

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## Councillor Barnacle

Copy of a letter sent to Peter Marshall, PKC Forward Planning, 5/6/17

### Consultation in Fossoway on LDP2 And A977 Mitigation Measures

In advance of the meeting with Kinross-shire Ward members on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm I felt it necessary to write to you regarding the above consultation, its outcome and my conclusions.

You will recall following our briefing on the Main Issues Report consultation responses from Kinross-shire last September, local members felt there was merit in seeking further community views for certain development proposals in Fossoway that appeared to offer significant community benefit, given the delay in finalising LDP2 consultation until Autumn 2017. I make no apologies for this and I think the subsequent consultation event in February last was very well attended and vindicated our stance; we also took the opportunity to consult on the most effective use of the capital funds secured in the June 2016 budget for the A977 and now have the outcome of these consultations.

Unfortunately I believe the consultation was partly undermined in Crook of Devon by the circulation of a letter and enclosures from a resident containing misinformation and inaccuracies and also in Rumbling Bridge by a petition presented to me during the early stages of the consultation event containing some dated signatures from people who may not have seen the proposals at the event itself. Also, references at the consultation event that PKC planning did not support the zoning proposals at this stage and probably could not insist upon the community benefits proposed being delivered has not helped in the assessment of the consultation. I believe, in hindsight, that the developers' proposals were far too detailed (at PKC request) for a zoning exercise and not everyone understood that we were not dealing with a planning application.

Turning to the summary of comments received collated by Katie and also the response from Fossoway Community Council, I would comment as follows:

#### Blairingone

I perceive there were more folk from Blairingone than highlighted in the summary and endorse the Community Council's response. There is clear support for extending housing development to the south of the A977 and the community benefits offered, with particular reference to the need to support continuance of the primary school, which is under review in the first phase of Perth & Kinross Council's school estate transformation assessment. I noted the use of pinch-points within the village on the A977 but no roundabout on approaches so have concerns about control of speeding traffic from the west.

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#### Crook of Devon

I disagree with the Community Council's conclusion opposing re-zoning of this site and advocating further infill sites.

Whilst I recognise that approximately 60% of respondents objected to the detail, its scale and impact on the village; of those expressing support and other comments made, it is also clear that a number of community benefits offered and suggested are worthy of possible further exploration, in the context of a smaller development, if zoning was agreed.

I would refer here to my email of 3 March 2017 to the Community Council enclosed, responding to the residents' letter and enclosures mentioned earlier.

As regards considering infill sites, I believe the recent experience in the Drum area is not a good example to emulate. The Muirfield site has been over-developed and I have the relevant correspondence with the planning department. The Back Crook area has been spoilt beyond recognition recently, as a previously considered conservation area, by the building of a group of large houses completely out of character with the original ones.

My preference for taking things forward in Crook of Devon would be to consider the old railway line as the southern boundary of the settlement as far as Crook Moss and to revisit the settlement strategy work mentioned in para 7.12 of LDP1; I would include the site proposed for further discussions within the community as to what should be supported.

#### Rumbling Bridge

I find much in the Community Council's response that I agree with. I remain of the view, expressed in my letter to yourself of 16 March 2016, that the 2004 Local Plan boundary that followed the Devon Gorge to Naemoor Road was much better in concept than the current one. I maintain that the parking situation and footpath links with the Gorge still require to be finally addressed, whether or not the site is zoned. I believe the landowners of the site offered community benefits in advance of development and fail to see why further community engagement on relatively modest proposals couldn't produce a solution acceptable to the community.

#### A977

I will have the summary of consultation responses passed to the Roads Department for our meeting and enclose my press articles of 8 December 2015 and 12 April 2017 regarding this issue.

Yours sincerely, Cllr Michael Barnacle

P.S.

Re Blairingone – I think there will be a phased approach to development. Re Crook of Devon following my letter, Councillor Robertson suggested that the site should be designated "an opportunity site" and I strongly endorse this suggestion. The planners are deliberating on this suggestion or the possibility of a "charrette" that would inform the following local plan.

Re Rumbling Bridge – the planners are not minded to adjust the current settlement boundary but it will be open to challenge at the consultation stage of a published plan.

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## Councillor Barnacle continued...

### Transport

I have written to Andrew Warrington of PKC Public Transport Unit to thank him for a recent meeting and to ask him to note what I said in my election manifesto regarding public and school transport, as follows:

#### Public Transport

"Despite increasing local authority subsidies to private bus operatives since deregulation our local bus services continue to be reduced, rural transport links are a continuing issue.

"Whilst in a perfect world, I'm in favour of restoring a rail link to Kinross, it doesn't feature in any of the Scottish government plans for the foreseeable future. In these circumstances, it is vital that our Park-and-Ride facility is fully serviced by the intercity bus operators as part of any future subsidy arrangements and the cross country bus services are linked to their timetable.

"I've spoken and written to PKC officers and MSP's about this. I have long advocated a circular service in Kinross-shire linking the outer villages with Kinross and Milnathort and will continue to do so.

"In the meantime, the demand response initiative has been a successful programme introduced in West Kinross-shire (now extended to include Cleish and Blairadam following representation from local members); an 'on demand' transport service provided by four local taxi operators within a defined area and time period that does not follow a fixed route or timetable. This should be extended throughout the Shire and long term funding secured.

"Meanwhile the Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach charity provide an excellent community backup, especially for the more elderly residents requiring transport for medical and other appointments; it is deserving of continued long term funding."

#### School Transport

"Mike is opposed to the current council policy of transporting primary school pupils on public service buses and believes that where transport is required it should be a dedicated school bus. If re-elected he will try to change this policy, which is a particular issue for the Portmoak primary school catchment."

*Councillor Mike Barnacle  
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire*



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## Perth Crematorium to be refurbished

Services at Perth Crematorium will be reduced and public access restricted as it undergoes a complete refurbishment from 5 June 2017 until early 2018.

From 5 June until mid-September, the crematorium will carry out cremations but, unfortunately, will not be able to accommodate funeral services. Public wishing to meet crematorium staff or visit the gardens should book an appointment by calling 01738 459659 or emailing [escremations@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:escremations@pkc.gov.uk)

From mid-September to mid-November the crematorium will close completely. Perth & Kinross Council apologises for the disruption during this period: alternative facilities at Dundee, Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy can be arranged through funeral directors. Perth Crematorium will open again in mid-November for cremations only until early 2018, when chapel services will again be possible.

The refurbishment has been planned to be completed in tandem with the A9/A85 road works, to minimise disruption to the public from construction works and the associated noise and access restrictions.

A leaflet has been prepared for the bereaved and will be available through funeral directors. Full information and updates will be provided on the Council's website.

## Vandalism at bird hide

Between 7pm and 9.30pm on Friday 2 June, a CCTV camera was vandalised at the bird hide to the rear of Loch Leven Mill on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Prior to the camera being damaged, some youths were seen to be acting in an anti-social manner by climbing on the bird hide and consuming alcohol within. Three male youths (aged approximately 13-15) are seen to climb on the roof of Loch Leven Mills before the camera is damaged.

Anyone with any information in relation to this incident is asked to phone Police Scotland on 101 or give information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please quote CR/014367/17.


## Road Works

**Muir, Kinross:** Parking and loading restrictions, 3-6 July.

**Main Street, Scotlandwell:** Diversion B920 The Causeway-B9097-B996-New Road-Burleigh Road, 24-28 July for BT works.

**Back Loan, Milnathort:** Diversion Victoria Avenue-New Road-Westerloan, 4-8 July.

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## Councillor Purves

### Committees

We have now agreed the membership of the council's committees for the forthcoming term. I now sit on Lifelong Learning, Audit, Strategic Policy & Resources and Environment, Enterprise & Infrastructure. Subject to approval at the next full council meeting, I shall take on the role of Co-Vice Convener of the EE&I committee along with Cllr Barnacle. All four Kinross-shire councillors now sit on this important committee, which will ensure that our county's voice is heard even more strongly than before on matters within its remit.



### Potholes

The new council administration has reversed the cost-cutting decision taken by its predecessor. The previous policy left potholes going unfilled for longer than before. Rather than wait until they reach 60mm in depth as has happened for the last few years, potholes will now be filled in when they reach 40mm in depth, which is in line with the national standard.

### Planning

A number of concerns have been raised regarding the planning system and enforcement in Perth & Kinross. In Kinross-shire, the Lathro Farm site remains a major issue and further applications have now been submitted for more houses.

Most of the concerns both here and in other areas like Scone and Luncarty are in relation, first, to whether the reports on which the council make the decisions give councillors all the information they require to make a decision and, secondly, once approval has been granted, whether the planning conditions are effectively enforced.

A number of reviews are currently being conducted into the way the planning system operates both nationally in terms of legislation and also at a local level where the planning councillor/officer working group is to be re-convened to examine these issues.

In the short term, however, we have to work within the parameters of the system at present and to that end, my three ward councillor colleagues and I intend to sit down with the council's planning officers to discuss the concerns that we have about planning in Kinross-shire.

### Parking in Kinross

Since the loss of the site of the former high school to development, there has been a reduction in the amount of parking spaces available in and around the town centre. The council had previously set aside money for more parking spaces in Kinross and they are currently looking into possible locations for a new car park. I shall shortly be having a meeting with council officers to discuss this matter.

### Surgery

My first surgery for constituents will be held in ICT Room 2 in Loch Leven Community Campus from 6.30pm on **Tuesday 4 July**. No appointments are necessary, so please drop in if there is an issue that you would like to discuss in person. In future, I also plan to have street surgeries where you can walk up and raise any matters that you would like to see addressed.

*Callum Purves*

*Scottish Conservative Councillor for Kinross-shire*

## Councillor Robertson

### Junction 7 M90

As many of you will know, I am very keen to see junction 7 at Milnathort upgraded to a four-way junction. I have had no success in getting Transport Scotland to look at the possibility of doing this. However, I am aware that the Council currently has a planning embargo in place on the areas around Scone as any traffic from large proposed housing sites there would have to use the roads through Scone and Bridgend, Perth, to access the M90. This embargo will be in place until a new bridge crossing the Tay to the north of Perth is started, to divert this traffic.



Given the number of houses planned for north Kinross/Milnathort I think it is only right that we should have our own embargo on large housing sites until junction 7 is upgraded. I have written to the Forward Planning department at the Council formally asking for this.

More houses mean more traffic. This traffic will have an adverse effect on the quality of life of local people and a negative effect on both air quality and amenity. Roads like Springfield Road already have more than enough traffic and Gallowhill Road, which will be used to access phase 2 of the Persimmon site at Lathro Farm, is totally unsuitable for a large rise in vehicle movements.

If junction 7 was upgraded this would divert a great deal of the existing traffic and a lot of the anticipated new traffic away from these streets. If we have to take more houses I think it is important that we have the infrastructure in place first, not after all these houses have been built, and our roads are clogged with cars and lorries.

I have been assured that my request to the Council will be given careful consideration, but I have been told that it may not be possible if Transport Scotland (a government quango) does not back it.

### Green Routes

The Council has now agreed to proceed with the Green Routes which will link Milnathort to Glenfarg. A Green Route is a cycling/walking friendly road. Making these roads into Green Routes will result in the speed limit on these roads being reduced from 60mph to 40mph and for 30mph limits to be introduced at Middleton Farm and Netherpton. This should make these roads much safer for walkers and cyclists as well as local people.

### Economic Impact

It was announced at a recent Council committee that the money generated by Perthshire's Big Tree Country was £1.8 million in added spend in Perth & Kinross. It was also said that our very own Loch Leven Heritage Trail was reckoned to attract £1.5 million in extra spending in Kinross-shire!

### Brown Lidded Bins

The vast majority of us enjoy the benefits of the Brown Lidded bin collection recycling service operated by the Council for garden and kitchen waste. However, there are a number of Kinross-shire communities who don't have access to this service. The previous Council administration was opposed to expanding the scheme to include these settlements. I have written to the new convener of the service asking for this to be looked at once again.

*Councillor Willie Robertson*

# New underpass at Vane Farm would give access to all

The search is on for match funding to build a new underpass to connect the "Sleeping Giant" path over Benarty Hill to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail at Vane Farm (RSPB Scotland Loch Leven), after a provisional offer from Sustrans to fund 50% of this near £800,000 project. This funding offer, for £381,775, through the Sustrans Community Links Award, has been a huge boost to this ambitious project and provides a real chance to raise the already excellent access provisions around Loch Leven to a level which would be a shining example in Scotland.

Willie Robertson, who said: "We are most grateful for the provisional offer from Sustrans. However, their offer is dependent on sourcing £381,775 of match funding and completing the project this financial year, so it's imperative that the remaining money is found in the next few months. We have written to Perth & Kinross Council to ask for their support and are actively seeking other funding partners".

Perth & Kinross Council owns and maintains the current corrugated iron tunnel, which is part of the Perth & Kinross Core Path Network. It is used by

lodges will be able to visit the Heritage Trail and gain direct access from the trail to RSPB Scotland Loch Leven in wheelchairs and mobility scooters, something that was previously impossible. An additional scooter hire site at the RSPB Scotland Centre will allow them to explore all sections of the trail and puts Loch Leven at the forefront of countryside access for disabled people in Scotland".

Planning permission for the new underpass has already been approved by Perth & Kinross Council and RSPB Scotland are acting as project coordinators on behalf of the stakeholders. The charity will provide land, further staff time, project management and administrative support to the project. RSPB Scotland has already raised £18,000 and has itself contributed £15,000 of its own core funds for a feasibility study, design and site investigations

Uwe Stoneman, Site Manager for RSPB Scotland's Loch Leven nature reserve, said: "Loch Leven is a great place for people to experience the beauty and wellbeing benefits of nature.

It would be wonderful

to have easier access for all visitors between the public trails and other facilities inside the National Nature Reserve on both sides of the B9097. RSPB Scotland is very proud to have assisted TRACKS and the Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership to create over five kilometres of high-quality public trails through our reserve. This project is the final and vital link, and I hope that Perth & Kinross Council can support us. All four local Ward Councillors have already given their support to the project. Finding almost £400,000 of match funding is a formidable challenge but the group of stakeholders behind the project is an equally formidable force. It feels like we can do this!"

If you want to find out more about this project or if you want to comment or support the project, please visit the RSPB Scotland Loch Leven visitor centre or email [uwe.stoneman@rspb.org.uk](mailto:uwe.stoneman@rspb.org.uk)



Upper image shows artist's impression of the proposed ramp and underpass (south side of the B9097) and, below, how the same area looks now

Sustrans is the charity that makes it easier for people to walk and cycle. Its Deputy Director (Built Environment), Daisy Narayanan said: "We are delighted to support this initiative to improve links to the National Cycle Network Routes at Loch Leven. This will allow safe and accessible walking and cycling across the path networks and link in better to the wonderful new Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Recent research by Sustrans has shown the economic value of leisure cycling on the National Cycle Network was worth £345M in 2015. We would hope that the project, if it goes ahead, would bring some of these benefits to Loch Leven as well as helping more visitors and staff to access RSPB Scotland Loch Leven by bike."

The stakeholders behind this exciting project include The Rural Access Committee for Kinross-shire (TRACKS), the Kinross-shire Partnership, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Sustrans, the disabled charity Homelands Trust-Fife, RSPB Scotland and local Ward Councillor

at least 55,000 people each year, mainly to access the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. The tunnel was constructed in 1982 and can only be accessed by steep steps on either side of the B9097 road. It is an obstacle for cyclists, families with pushchairs and less mobile members of the public, and it completely restricts access for wheelchair and mobility scooter users. The proposed project aims to remove these access barriers by constructing a new underpass that would incorporate gentle slopes for wheelchair and mobility scooter users and provide unimpeded access for cyclists and families with young children in pushchairs. People with wheelchairs and mobility scooters will be able to cross the B9097 safely and RSPB Scotland will be able to support the Loch Leven Heritage Trail free mobility scooter scheme, by becoming its third base station.

Jan Kerr, secretary of the Homelands Trust-Fife, said: "Disabled guests staying at Homelands' accessible, self-catering



## Threatened Lathro oaks could be ancient woodland

Local residents and community groups have written to Perth & Kinross Council to object to new planning applications for the Lathro Farm site, partly in an effort to save a group of mature oak trees that developers want to cut down to make way for houses.



*The stand of mature oak trees immediately west of Lathro Farm (taken from the south)  
Photograph © Ken Whitcombe, taken from 107 Lathro Park*

Persimmon Homes have already been given consent to build 300 houses at Lathro Farm. However, Springfield Properties have submitted two applications to build on portions of the same site. One of the Springfield applications is for 13 houses and the other for 47 houses.

The area of land for the 47 houses is close to the existing Lathro Farmhouse and other farm buildings. Several mature oak trees lie to the west and south west of these buildings.

In its letter of objection to the application for 47 houses, Kinross CC points out that Springfield have ticked the 'No' box in answer to the question 'Are there any trees on or adjacent to the application site?' on the application form. This is despite Springfield's own 'existing site' plan showing drawings of the trees and then their 'landscaping plan' showing the same piece of land with a road and houses where the oak trees currently are.

As well as Kinross CC, Kinross-shire Civic Trust, the RSPB and the Woodland Trust have all written to PKC with their concerns.

The Woodland Trust thinks that the wooded area could be ancient woodland, saying, "We believe that this wooded area can be identified on 1st Edition Ordnance Survey maps, meaning it can be dated as far back

as the 1860s." The Woodland Trust continues, "Damage and loss to ancient woodland is contrary to Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and the Control of Woodland Removal Policy."

However, PKC has already granted Persimmon permission to build houses

planning application and not simply put as a condition on planning consent granted.

Mr Whitcombe has written to PKC saying, "I believe that the council's decision to award this approval based on the supporting information provided by the developer may well have been outwith aspects of the relevant legislation and government directives which apply to applications for developments in areas such as the Lathro Farm site. More specifically, it appears that the council's decision to grant approval may well breach EC Directive 92/43/EEC 'The Habitats Directive'.

"The EC Habitats Directive clearly states that detailed surveys of a proposed development site must be carried out to determine whether a European Protected Species (EPS) is present on a site, and to inform planning officers and others involved in the decision making of the likely effect of such a species being present on a site PRIOR TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION."

Mr Whitcombe has also written to Roseanna Cunningham MSP in her capacity as Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform regarding PKC's flouting of EC Directive 92/43/EEC and Scottish Government Planning Policy Section 214.

PKC's Biodiversity Officer had pointed out the correct procedure in his consultation response to the Persimmon application but senior planning officers



*Centre, lower part of photo: An oystercatcher, one of a pair that previously nested in this field, watches the groundworks under way for phase 1  
Photograph © Ken Whitcombe, taken from 107 Lathro Park*



appear to have ignored this. The Biodiversity Officer had said: "It is noted that the only existing mature trees on the site, to the west and south of Lathro Farm will be lost as a result of the proposed layout. These trees were identified in the Environmental

Statement as having bat roost potential, but no further bat surveys have been undertaken to confirm the presence or absence of bat roost even though the proposals submitted means the loss of all these trees. It is my opinion that these are important trees from

both a visual and biodiversity point of view that they should be retained and protected within the development, and if they are to be felled then full bat roost and activity surveys will be required prior to approval of the application."

Some of the individuals and organisations commenting on the new applications by Springfield took the opportunity to remind the Council that the Lathro Farm site was supposed to have had an allocation of 260 houses according to the Local Development Plan, and only 140 were supposed to be built up to the year 2024.

Another point made by objectors was that by splitting their proposed house-building into two applications, Springfield appeared to be attempting to avoid their development being classed as "major". Major developments, defined as 50 houses or more, have to go out to a wider range of consultees.



*Using a JCB in an attempt to drain the groundwater from the trenches being dug for the drainage systems for Phase 1 at the end of Lathro Lane  
Photograph © Ken Whitcombe, taken from 107 Lathro Park*

## Burleigh Holiday Park to be scaled down

Rapleys, the planning consultants for the proposed holiday park development at Burleigh, have confirmed that the project is to be scaled down.

The original Proposal of Application Notice (ref 17/00002/PAN) lodged with Perth & Kinross Council in February was for the erection of a holiday park, visitor centre consisting of a café or restaurant with commercial space and supporting recreational infrastructure. Displays at the public exhibitions held in March/April indicated that there would be 80-90 chalets and that the development, including the recreational infrastructure, would stretch from Burleigh Road near Burleigh Castle down to Burleigh Sands. However, following the consultation process, Neil Gray of Rapleys has confirmed that the plan is now to build holiday lodges only and that the recreational infrastructure and visitor space will no longer go ahead. In an email to Kinross Community Council on 20 June, Mr Gray said: "We don't plan to have a community council meeting/other presentations yet, as details are yet to be finalised to make such worthwhile. When we are ready to share the information, such as making a planning application, you (the Community Council) will be updated. I hope you will share this with the wider community on our behalf in the meantime."

The public exhibitions held in the

spring had shown the proposed chalets to be located in the 'top' field of the development, located just south of the A911 Burleigh Road, next to The Stackyard.

One of the organisers of the recent 'Show of Concern' event held in Milnathort said of the change of plan: "The concerns raised by members of the community are still valid. These issues included increased traffic and traffic congestion in and around Milnathort, increased traffic past the primary school, impact on the environment with air, noise and light pollution, potential phosphate and green algae contamination, sewage and litter issues and a negative impact

on the environment. Additional concerns have been raised regarding the pressure put on many local services such as the Medical Centre, with an influx of potentially an additional 500 plus temporary or semi-permanent residents.

"Given that construction has already begun on what could, over the next few years, be the building of 467 homes in Kinross and Milnathort, those services will surely be stretched to the limit." Members of the public interested in the development are encouraged to follow the website or Facebook pages of Milnathort, Kinross and Portmoak Community Councils for any further news.



*Looking north west to the possible location for 80-90 holiday chalets (top field).  
The strip of green grass across the middle of the photo is just below the foot and cycle path (former railway line) that runs from Auld Mart to the Burleigh Road.*



## Kinross-shire school staff jump for joy



Brave staff from Seamab are taking on the challenge of a lifetime by jumping out of an aeroplane to raise funds.

Seamab, located at Rumbling Bridge, cares for and educates children with complex needs, following experiences of abuse, neglect, trauma and loss. The "Jump for Joy!" tandem skydive

has been organised by the team of eight care workers and will take place at Fife Airport on 27 June.

The event is named after Joy, one of the colourful Sea Changer characters which form the charity's logo. The Sea Changers are designed to express all the things that the charity aims to achieve for the children in supporting their physical and emotional recovery.

Joanna McCreadie, Seamab's Chief Executive, said: "We are incredibly proud of all of our skydivers. Because they are all involved in the children's care and learning experiences, they understand how much they need the specialist service which Seamab provides to help them heal, grow and learn."

For further information about the skydive, and to sponsor the team,

visit their online donations page at:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/seamabjumpforjoy](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/seamabjumpforjoy)

For further information about Seamab, a registered charity, see [www.seamab.org.uk](http://www.seamab.org.uk)



*l to r: Erin Macdonald, Paul McKellar, Rebecca Lawson, Gary Gallacher, Brenda Paterson, Lynn Walker, Danielle Jenkins and Anne Jordan get ready for their challenge of a lifetime*

# PERTH-AND KINROSS ARCHAEOLOGY YEAR:2017

## JULY EVENTS

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DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION	WHERE	WHEN
1-8	Castletlaw Hillfort – The Big Dig	Abernethy	TBC
1-31	The Carpow Logboat	Perth	10:00
1-31	Picts and Pixels	Perth	10:00
2	Last Day of 'Perthshire's Lost Houses'	Perth	10:00
2	Cultybraggan POW Camp	Comrie	11:00
5	Historic Dunning	Dunning	19:00
8	The Ceteran Trail: Glen Isla to Alyth	Glen Isla	10:00
8	Historic Dunning	Dunning	14:30
9	Walking Kinross-shire's Michael Bruce Way	Scotlandwell	14:00
16	Castle Law Hillfort	Abernethy	13:00
19	Navigation Archaeology	Tullymurdoch	09:30
20	Iron Age Gourmet Day	Kenmore	10:30
20	Clunie: Playground of the Kings	Blairgowrie	19:00
25	Scottish Hillforts	Blairgowrie	18:30
26	£2 Talk: The Faces of History	Perth	12:30
26-27	Royal Murder, Friars and Beer: Archaeological Building Recording	Perth	10:00
28	Barry Hill Hillfort	Alyth	13:00

## Councillor Watters

After an exceptionally busy month, during which I have been busy working with the SNP campaign team on the snap General Election while also trying to get my bearings within the Council, it is now good to be able to concentrate solely on serving my local community.

I have now completed most of my induction at the council, and I will be sitting on three committees: 1. the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, 2. the Licencing Committee, and 3. the Development Management Committee. You can find more information on the roles of these committees on the Perth & Kinross Council website.

It was a privilege to visit the **Kinross Primary School** for their Digital Learning event at the end of May. I was impressed with the range and quality of the apps displayed by the pupils, who all show amazing talent. Credit must also go to the dedicated staff for their hard work. I am not surprised that they are the first school in Perth and Kinross to attain a Digital Schools Award and I would like to give my personal congratulations to both the pupils and staff at the school.

I am impressed with **Broke Not Broken's** idea of building a Community Hub in Kinross. This would be a valuable resource for other groups within Kinross-shire as well as for organisations from Perth who hold surgeries in the area. As part of the project, the Broke Not Broken team are applying for funding from the NHS Community Innovation Fund and I was delighted to write a supporting letter, along with Councillor Callum Purves, to support the application.

I would like to correct some information published in one of my election leaflets. The information implied that the Council were leasing the County Buildings for use for businesses, whereas it was the sale of the buildings by the Council that allowed the buildings to be renovated and leased out to businesses.

The five Initial Design Concepts for the **City Hall** in **Perth** are well worth a look. They were on display within the Civic Hall in Perth and you can still see them online at [www.pkc.gov.uk/CityHall\\_Concepts](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CityHall_Concepts). This project will provide a 'major new cultural attraction displaying our own museum and art collections as well as touring exhibitions from the UK and abroad. It will include interactive displays, a learning space and will create a fantastic meeting point, both day and evening, at the very heart of Perth'. I encourage residents of all ages within Kinross-shire to participate in the process by viewing the design concepts and then commenting on the five submissions.

**Councillor Richard Watters**



## Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross  
Tel: 01577 867205

Email: [lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk](mailto:lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk)

Website: [www.culturepk.org.uk](http://www.culturepk.org.uk)

### Opening Times

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

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

### Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

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

### Tesco Bank Summer Reading Challenge

Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at the library from 24 June. The Challenge, for primary school age children, is to read six books over the summer holidays (at least three library visits – two books per visit). Special stickers and rewards to collect along the way and a certificate and super medal for those that finish. This year's theme is 'Animal Agents'.



### 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. This book group will resume after the summer break on 12 August.

Please contact the Library for the next book group date.



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# Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Annual Show

## Saturday 12 August 2017, RSPB Loch Leven

Hop on the bus to Kinross Show....

- Still time to enter the Scarecrow competition
- Main Ring Entertainment from Elite Falconry
- Follow the trail of potatoes and wool



Come to Kinross Show on Saturday 12 August at RSPB Loch Leven! Bring your family and friends, in the car or hop on the free buses that run all day to the showground at RSPB Loch Leven.

This year's show is expected to be jam-packed full and a super day out for all ages. President Andy Marshall comments: "With the trade stands almost fully booked and livestock and competition entries coming in fast, the show is well supported by the community. We are proud to showcase farming in this way to the residents of Kinross-shire."

New for this year is the Scarecrow competition; it's free to enter and has two classes, up to 14 years and over 15, which includes adults. Your scarecrow can be as creative as you like but must be suitable to be tied to a post. More details, including how to enter, can be found on the show website. There's a deadline of 5 August for registering for the Scarecrow Competition.

Visit the website for more information:  
**kinross-show.co.uk**

Like our Facebook page to keep up to date with the final preparations, bus timetable and entertainment schedule.

**Show ground entry** (gates open 8.30am)

Adults £10  
Concessions £7  
Children under 16 free  
Parking £2.

Please contact our Show Secretary, Mary Morgan, if you require further information:

Belmonte, 70 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, KY13 9JN.  
Tel: 01592 840030. Email: kinrossshow@aol.com

Taking to the air from the main ring will be the Elite Falconry. It's a good fun display of natural flying from an owl and hawk, falcon and eagle with amusing commentary and a chance for some of the audience to take part.

If you would like to find out about the life story of the potato, then visit the Children's Education Marquee where a potato trail is on display. In this area there will be sheep shearing throughout the day and a chance to see the wool being spun before it becomes a pair of socks or woolly jumper. Also in the tent will be Pygmy goats, which are super cute, and activities for children.

The much-loved parts of the show remain and include the Flower Show (see schedule on following pages), Women's Institute Marquee, Craft Stalls, Vintage Tractors, Young Farmers' Stock Judging, Ferret and Terrier Races and the Dog Show, which is open to all breeds. Entries are taken on the day. (See page 21.)



### Kinross Show Scarecrow Competition

Free competition!

Book your entry by emailing:  
kinrossshow@aol  
by **Saturday 5 August**



Please ensure your entry can be tied to a post for judging  
Bring your scarecrow to the show at RSPB Loch Leven by  
11am on Show Day (**Saturday 12 August**)

There will be two competitions:

- Open to children up to 14 years
- 15 years + (open to adults)

Free entry to the show for one adult with each scarecrow  
Children under 16 years, free entry  
More information on website: kinross-show.co.uk

### Primary Tuition

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# Kinross Show - Flower Show

Convenor: Mrs Claire Paton, Lethangie, Kinross.

Committee: Margaret Kilpatrick, Alice Getley, Dr Julie Savin and Kirsty Gray.

Judges: Mary Law, Cuparmuir, Cupar and Andrew Brown, Station Court, Leven.

**ENTRIES: £1 per adult exhibit and 50p per child exhibit. Entries accepted on Show Field until 9pm on Friday 11 August and from 7.30am on Saturday 12 August. Boards available on request.**

Flower marquee open to the public from 11.30am. Trophies will be presented at 3.30pm in the marquee. Entries may be uplifted at 4pm.

Prize money in all classes (1st: £3, 2nd: £2, 3rd: £1) to be collected at the Secretary's Tent by 4.30pm.

**Judging commences at 10am prompt.**



## Flower Section

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| 1 Pot Plant – Flowering, any type                       | 9 Vase of Three Dahlias – Ball/Pompom                  |
| 2 Pot Plant – Begonia                                   | 10 Four Marigolds (any variety) to be shown on a board |
| 3 Pot Plant – Fuchsia                                   | 11 Four Pansies (any variety) to be shown on a board   |
| 4 One Vase mixed Herbaceous                             | 12 Vase of Three Roses, same variety                   |
| 5 Vase displaying three stems of annuals (same variety) | 13 Best Single Rose                                    |
| 6 Vase of three stem perennials (same variety)          | 14 Vase of Five Sweet Peas, one colour only            |
| 7 Vase of Three Dahlias – Decorative                    | 15 One Gladioli, any variety                           |
| 8 Vase of Three Dahlias – Cacti                         |  |

## Floral Art Section

**This year's theme is "FLOWERS APLENTY". Please note that the space allowed is the space which will be marked out. You do not have to fill the entire space.** NAFAS rules need not be adhered to. Simply read the schedule carefully and pay attention to size and materials. Space allowed: width 76cms by 60cms depth. All exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, i.e. fresh, silk flowers, dried or preserved, unless otherwise stated. All fresh plant material to be in water or water retaining substances. All flowers and foliage to be in good condition.

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| 16 <b>Eastern Promise</b> – An exhibit featuring Chrysanthemums and foliage. Space allowed: 92cms width by 69cms depth. Accessories allowed.  | 19 <b>Jack Frost</b> – An exhibit using artificial flowers and foliage. Space allowed: 92cms width by 69cms depth. Accessories allowed. |
| 17 <b>Twist &amp; Turn</b> – An exhibit featuring flowers and foliage. Space allowed: 92cms width by 69cms depth. No accessories. Suggest using twisted cane, twisted willow or hazel or any other twisted variety. | 20 <b>Summer Bounty</b> – An arrangement in a bowl using flowers and foliage from your own garden. No accessories.                      |
| 18 <b>Secret Love</b> – An exhibit featuring roses and foliage. Space allowed: 92cms width by 69cms depth. Accessories allowed.   | 21 <b>Tiny Treasure</b> – A petite exhibit not exceeding 25cms wide by 25cms depth and 37cms height. No accessories.                    |

## Children's Classes. This year's theme is "KINROSS SHOW DAY"

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| 22 Bowl of floating flowers (any size of bowl, any number of flowers) for 8 years and under. Glass bowls will be provided if required.                                       | 29 Arrangement of garden flowers in a jam jar. Age 8 and under.                                      |
| 23 Bowl of floating flowers (any size of bowl, any number of flowers) for 14 years and under. Glass bowls will be provided if required.                                      | 30 Garden in a Seed Tray, not exceeding 40cms x 25cm, using natural material only. Age 8 and under.  |
| 24 Drawing of KINROSS SHOW DAY. Please include some animals, tractors etc. Age 5 and under.  | 31 Garden in a Seed Tray, not exceeding 40cms x 25cms, using natural material only. Age 9 -14 years. |
| 25 Drawing of KINROSS SHOW DAY. Please include some animals, tractors etc. Age 6 – 8 years.  | 32 Model Farm in a Seed Tray. Models allowed. Age 8 and under.                                       |
| 26 Two decorated Digestive biscuits decorated to look like Prize Rosettes for Kinross Show. (Suggest red, blue, yellow or green.) Aged 5 and under. Plates will be provided. | 33 Model Farm in a Seed Tray. Models allowed. Age 9-14 years.  |
| 27 Any farm animal made from vegetables. Age 6-8 years.  | 34 A decorated Wellington boot. Age 8 and under.   |
| 28 Model of farm animal made from recyclable material. Age 9-14.   | 35 A decorated Wellington boot. Age 9 – 14 years.  |

## Pick Up And Bring

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| 36 Pick up and bring <b>your favourite farm toy.</b> Age 5 years and under. | 37 Pick up and bring <b>your favourite farm toy.</b> Age 7 years and under. |
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## Flower Show continued...

### Vegetable Section

All vegetables to be presented washed and in good condition. Paper plates will be provided.

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| 38 | Three Courgettes, any size. | 43 | A selection of Garden Herbs, to be shown in a jar of water. | 48 | Six Runner Beans.  |
| 39 | Three Onions, white.        | 44 | One Cucumber.   | 49 | Three Leeks.   |
| 40 | Three Onions, red.          | 45 | Six Tomatoes on a plate (any variety).                      | 50 | Vegetable Marrow or overgrown Courgette to be judged on size |
| 41 | Four Potatoes, white.       | 46 | Six Pods of Peas.   |    |  |
| 42 | Four Potatoes, coloured.    | 47 | Four French Beans.  |    |  |

### Fruit Section

All fruit to be presented washed and in good condition. Paper plates will be provided.

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| 51 | Plate of blackcurrants. | 52 | Plate of any other seasonal fruit(s). |
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### Egg Section

All eggs must be washed and polished. Paper plates and shavings will be provided. All decorated eggs must be hard-boiled.

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| 53 | 3 Hens' eggs, any variety. Age 12 and under.    | 56 | 1 Decorated egg, any variety. Age 13 to 16 years. |
| 54 | 3 Hens' eggs, any variety. Age 13 to adult.     | 57 | 1 Decorated egg, any variety, by an adult.        |
| 55 | 1 Decorated egg, any variety. Age 12 and under. | 58 | 3 Duck eggs. Open to all.                         |

### Trophies

The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 15 and 16 to 21 inclusive, will be assessed 3, 2, and 1 for the first three prizes.

**Cairns Cup** for the most points overall + Rosette

**Balado Salver** for the most outstanding entry in Classes 1 to 15 + Rosette

**Fisher Bowl** for most points in Dahlias

**Caesar Trophy** for Sweet Peas

**The Kirkness Trophy** for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 16 to 21 inclusive)

**The Renton Trophy** for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 16 to 21)

**The Gavine Lindores Trophy** for the Best Single Rose (Class 13)

**The Scott-Davidson Cup** presented by the late W Scott-Davidson for the winner of Children's Class 28

**Lena Graham Quaich** (small) winner of Children's class 34

**Lena Graham Quaich** (large) winner of Children's class 35

**The Maisie Pirie Cup** also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child under 8 years

**The Cath Pirie Cup** also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child age 9 to 14 years

**Paton Produce Trophy** for best exhibit in the produce classes

**Mawcarse Salver** for best exhibit overall in the show

**Special Prizes** Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places will be presented in Children's Classes 22 to 37

## Forty years of the Newsletter

This month is the 40th anniversary of the founding of this Newsletter.

At the second meeting of Kinross CC in May 1977, one of the Community Councillors, Mrs Nan Walker, made the point that no one knew what the community council was saying or doing, so she was given the job of producing a newsletter.

Community Councils came into being following the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, which brought in major changes to local government in 1975, when burghs such as Kinross ceased to exist.

The first Newsletter in July 1977 was 12 small (A5-sized) pages and cost 5p. It had nine adverts on three A5 pages and sold 500 copies.

The first issue gave a biography of the community councillors, who were: John R D ('Jock') Stewart, Lindsay Sands, John ('Jack') Wilson, Rosemary Sowerby, Rev H C Crooks, John Duncker, Sidney Grant, Jim Paterson, Bob Pryde, David Reekie and Nan Walker.

There was indeed news of what the CC had been discussing, which included: Education (there was talk of the upgrade of

the secondary school to sixth-form status being deferred); Rates (septic tank owners having to pay the same as those on mains); Cleansing (complaints of rubbish in the former station area); Vandalism of swings at Green Park (the CC threatened to publish the names and addresses of vandals!)

Even in the first issue there was some news from other organisations; Kinross High School, the Town Twinning Association and Vane Farm Nature Centre. This is a section that has obviously expanded over the years!

One of the reasons for the success of the Newsletter is that it filled a niche vacated when the last Kinross-shire-dedicated newspaper folded. The thin, broadsheet "Kinross-shire Advertiser", published since 1847, had been bought over by a Fife paper in 1970, and Kinross news was reduced to half a column.



First A4 edition, July 1990



# Kinross Show - Companion Dog Show

**Saturday 12 August, RSPB Loch Leven**

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**Sponsored by Cameron & Greig, Veterinary Surgeons, Milnathort**

Convenor: Alasdair Cox.

Judge: Victoria Smith, Broomhill Kennels, Crook of Devon.

**Entries will be taken at the Dog Show Marquee from 10.30am until 12.30pm. NO LATE ENTRIES.**

**Judging starts at the Dog Ring at 1pm prompt.**

Entry fee: £1 per per class. Children (under 14) 50p per class.

**DOGS NEED NOT BE REGISTERED TO COMPETE IN THIS SHOW.**

**Dogs which have won any of the following awards are NOT ELIGIBLE for entry at Companion Shows:**

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2. Reserve Challenge Certificate (Pedigree classes only)
3. Junior Warranty (Pedigree classes only)
4. Obedience Certificate (Obedience classes only)

**Only dogs/bitches of SIX CALENDAR MONTHS of age and over on the day of the show are eligible for entry.**



## Classes

- Class 1** **Novelty Class.** Dog or Bitch from crossbreeds such as Labradoodles, Springadoors, and Mongrels etc.
- Class 2** **Open.** Any variety. Dog or Bitch. Confined to **Kinross-shire.**
- Class 3** Dog or Bitch with **Waggiest Tail.**
- Class 4** Dog or Bitch with **Most Appealing Eyes.**
- Class 5** Dog or Bitch, any variety, handled by a **boy or girl 14 years** or under.

*Trophy Classes:*

- Class 6** **Puppy.** Any variety. Dog or Bitch (6-12 months).
- Class 7** **Sporting.** Any variety. Dog or Bitch. (Hound, Gun Dog or Terrier.)
- Class 8** **Non-Sporting.** Any variety. Dog or Bitch. (Pastoral, Toy, Working or Utility).
- Class 9** **Open.** Any variety. Dog or Bitch.
- Class 10** **Best in Show.** From unbeaten first-prize winners of each of the above four classes.

## Trophies

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| The Walls Cup:      | Best in Show                    |
| Kinnesswood Quaich: | Best Pup in Show                |
| Balkello Quaich:    | Best Sporting                   |
| Farmer Trophy:      | Best Non-Sporting               |
| The Cairns Cup:     | Best Dog/Bitch in Kinross-shire |

**Prizes:** First £3, Second £2, Third £1.

**Special prize:** £10 for Best in Show.

Prize tickets will be given after each class and monies can be collected in Secretary's Tent until 4.30pm. Trophies will be presented at the Dog Show Marquee.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may enter for exhibition at this show. Your dog is vulnerable and **AT RISK** if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

The Newsletter continued to expanded and evolve over the years.

Some more milestones are:

- 1979: 28 A5 pages selling 700 copies at 10p.
- 1983: 36 A5 pages selling 1200 copies at 20p.
- 1984: First illustrated cover.
- 1989: In July the Newsletter changes to A4 format.
- 1997: Nan Walker retires as editor after 20 years. Ian Thomson and Isabel Gillon take over as joint editors. The Newsletter is now produced fully by desk-top publishing instead of traditional (i.e. literal) "cut and paste".
- 2006: Eileen Thomas becomes editor with Tony Dyson doing the desk-top publishing. First full colour cover.
- 2009: The Newsletter loses its staples and becomes 'perfect bound', allowing more pages, typically 108 A4 size, included 50 or so of advertising. Selling over 2,000 per issue at 80p.
- 2015: Introduction of some internal colour pages and coated paper. Averaging 108 pages, selling over 2,000 copies at £1.



*10th birthday celebrations (1987). l-r: Shireen Paterson, Linda Alexander, Pauline Watson, Anne Cunningham, Nan Walker, Hugh Dobson, Catriona Mcleod, Fay Harley, Joyce Adams*

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5pm, Friday 14 July**  
**for publication on Saturday 29 July**

## Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

Last week (as I write this) voters in Scotland went to the polls, for the eighth time in five years, to elect representatives to Westminster and I would like to start this column by congratulating both Luke Graham and Pete Wishart for their respective victories. I would like to also send my commiserations to Ian Duncan who missed out by just 21 votes. As someone who fell short by just 48 votes in 2001, I know only too well the disappointment of coming so near yet so far. However, I am sure that Ian will use this result to positive effect in the future.

In Ochil and South Perthshire, our new MP, Luke Graham, overturned a vote difference of more than 14,000 to defeat the incumbent SNP MP. Luke ran a fantastic campaign which was built on his experience in the seat two years ago. Above all, Luke understands the local issues at play and will be a strong and vocal advocate for the area. After many years of Labour and SNP representation it is fantastic to see the area held by a Conservative MP once again.

In local politics, there is a new Conservative led administration in charge at Perth and Kinross Council and they have already started making positive changes to policy in the region. Over the past couple of months, I have spent a lot of time speaking to voters on the doorstep and one issue consistently cropping up is potholes. Under the previous administration the threshold for pothole repair was increased from 40mm to 60mm in depth. The Conservative led administration have reversed this and will now repair potholes that are 40mm in size. This small step will have positive implications for anyone who has suffered punctures and damage as a result of pitted road surfaces.

Ensuring roads and infrastructure are of the highest quality is a real priority for this administration and hopefully this move will mean motorists can kiss goodbye to dodging potholes whilst driving. It's a small move, but one which reflects the fact that Council leadership are now putting the people's priorities first.

And, finally, I'd like to congratulate Kinross Primary School for becoming the first school in Perth and Kinross to secure "Digital School" status. This award, which is recognised by Education Scotland, is given to schools for the quality of their teaching and learning in digital technology. Computers and digital technology are now commonplace in the classroom and when used well they can be excellent teaching resources. This award is just reward for the teachers and staff at Kinross Primary who are working hard to equip pupils with the skills to be successful in the new economy.

*As ever, Liz welcomes the feedback of constituents and can be contacted at the Control Tower, Perth Airport, PH2 6PL or via telephone at 01738 553 990 or via email at Elizabeth.Smith@parliament.scot*



## 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, July 1917

14 July	Harry D Chalmers
15 July	John McCulloch Duncan
19 July	Roy A Macdonald
23 July	David Haxton
31 July	David Robertson
31 July	Robert A Dunn

### First World War Timeline 1917

6 July	T E Lawrence and the Arabs capture Aqaba
16 July	Battle of Passchendaele begins and continues till November
31 July	Major British offensive at Ypres

## Request for respect on Heritage Trail

Police have issued a message via Perth and Kinross Community Watch about behaviour on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. The statement said: "A number of issues have been brought to police attention in respect of anti-social behaviour on Loch Leven Heritage Trail, Kinross.

"Despite a right of access to the area, people are reminded that numerous residential properties and farm buildings border the path which are enjoyed privately by the owners/residents. As such, please do not access land which is signposted as private and do not climb fences which separate the heritage trail from private property. The heritage trail is to be enjoyed by all but not at the expense of residents. If you are asked to leave private property, please do so without confrontation.

"The part of the heritage trail which approaches Findatie car park and the Sluice House affords a right of vehicular access to residents only. There have been reports of pedestrians/cyclists chastising residents who are legitimately accessing their own properties by vehicle, which is unacceptable.

"In essence, please endeavour to be respectful when utilising the Loch Leven Heritage Trail."

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## Doorstep Crime

There are two main types: **Bogus Callers** and **Rogue Traders**.



**Bogus Callers** try to get into your home or obtain personal details by pretending to be someone they're not, including: Council Staff, Meter Readers, Charity Collectors, Police Officers.

In reality, they are criminals trying to steal cash and valuables. **Rogue Traders** usually cold-call, offering to make repairs or carry out work on your house, garden or driveway. In reality they charge inflated prices for shoddy or often completely unnecessary work.

- **THINK** – Expecting someone? Only let callers in if they have an appointment.
- **Secure** – Use your door chain/spy hole before opening the door.
- **Question** – Ask for callers ID. Verify by phone. But if in doubt, keep them out.

**If you feel threatened, unsafe or suspicious of a caller?**

Contact Police immediately on 999.

**If I see something suspicious in my area or want further advice about doorstep crime?**

Contact Police on 101. Try to take a note of any vehicle registration numbers and descriptions of person(s).

## Theft by Housebreaking

There have been a couple of Theft by Housebreaking incidents in Kinross over the past month – commercial and domestic properties.

The risk of becoming a victim of this intrusive and deeply upsetting crime can be minimised by following some simple security measures.

- Despite the current warm weather, please ensure all windows are both closed AND locked with downstairs curtains drawn so potential perpetrators cannot see any valuable items. Ensure doors, gates and garage doors are closed or locked.
- If you are going to be away from your property for any length of time, for holidays etc, please notify a trusted neighbour, family member or friend to keep an eye on the property or, better still, give them a key so that they may periodically inspect the building to ensure all is in

order. Perpetrators may not gain access first time around but may return. If the property is occasionally inspected and signs of attempted entry through doors or windows are detected, then this may avert any loss once Police become involved.

- If you are going away on business or holiday for a period of time, please let us (POLICE) know and we can give your property passing attention during the day or night.
- If you have seen a vehicle or person(s) acting suspiciously, note the vehicle registration and description of any persons and call us. We will make enquiries and if all is in order, then no harm done. Better to let us know than become a potential victim of theft.

## Police Scotland – local community

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*Community officers for Kinross-shire:*

**PC Atholl Spalding and PC Douglas Stapleton.**

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

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

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



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## Community Watch

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

## Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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# Community Council News



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

## Kinross Community Council News from the June Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 7 June 2017 were: CCLlrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Margaret Blyth, Jonathan Bryson, David Colliar, Barry Davies, Ian Jack, David MacKenzie and Thomas Stewart; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves, R Watters and W Robertson; Inspector Kevin Chase of Police Scotland and four members of the public. Chair particularly welcomed new councillors Callum Purves and Richard Watters and congratulated all the councillors on their success at the recent local government election. CCLlr Jack expressed his regret that Dave Cuthbert was not re-elected and said this was a great loss to Kinross-shire. He proposed that the CC write a letter of thanks for all Dave's hard work and assistance to this CC. This was agreed.

**Apologies** were received from CCLlr D West and PCs Atholl Spalding and Douglas Stapleton.

**Police Matters:** The Chair welcomed Inspector Kevin Chase, new inspector for South Perthshire. The Inspector recapped on the new staffing arrangements for Kinross. The strategy for South Perthshire has returned to placing greater emphasis on local knowledge, staff continuity and visible community policing.

Inspector Chase summarised recent crimes in the area. There had been 23 crimes from 1 May to 7 June. Eleven had been detected. There was a drink driving incident on Station Road involving a local driver. There had been two break-ins: one to the Boathouse and one to a property in Bowton Road. Two persons have been reported for the latter. Other incidents include vandalism of a hotel sign and speeding offences.

The police are particularly targeting bogus crimes just now. There is a special plea for members of the public to consider applying to become Special Constables.

The Inspector invited questions. A member of the public raised the issue of **inconsiderate parking** at the entrance of **Douglas Crescent**, which prevents wheelchair users from using the dropped pavement to cross Douglas Crescent. A traffic order was supposed to have taken effect from 22 April 2017 prohibiting parking at Douglas Crescent at its junction with Station Road. The same traffic order was to prohibit parking at Emslie Drive at its junction with Station Road and at locations around the Masonic Hall. Inspector Chase will ask PC Spalding to take a look at Douglas Crescent and will work with the school to speak with parents. Cllr Bryson, who is on the Parent Council, said a joint letter from the head teacher and Parent Council had gone out to parents about six weeks previously.

*[Post-meeting note: The Double Yellow lines were painted the week after this CC meeting.]*

Member of the public Douglas Alexander said it was around a year since he had brought up the issue of **parking** on **Gallowhill Road** near its junction with the Muirs and wondered if it was on a list of traffic orders to be done. The Secretary confirmed that she had sent that request to Cllr Cuthbert when the ward councillors were meeting monthly and maintaining a list of road requests. Cllr Robertson confirmed that the new group of ward councillors intended

to continue with a monthly ward meeting. He will check the situation with Gallowhill Road and let Mr Alexander know.

*[Post-meeting note: The Highway Code rule 243 says (amongst other things) do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space; do not stop where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles.]*

Inspector Chase was thanked for his attendance.

PC Spalding had also sent a report of incidents and advice which had been circulated to community councillors by email.

An email from Police Scotland gave a link to an online **questionnaire** regarding the state and effectiveness of local policing. The deadline is 14 June. CCLlr Blyth has completed it.

**Queen's Trees:** Cllr Colliar reported on quotations for a commemorative stone. The best was from Regency Memorials who would supply at cost price as this is a community project. Agreed that this (£250) would come from CC administrative grant.

**Defibrillators:** CCLlr Davies reported that the Kinross Heart Start project has now raised £5000. One defibrillator has been purchased, to be installed when planning permission (required for conservation area) has been granted. So far sixty people have completed CPR training. CCLlr Davies is researching a second location for a Kinross Heart Start defibrillator. PKC would permit connection to the electricity supply via a lamppost.

**Telephone kiosk:** CCLlr Davies has signed the contract giving the CC ownership of the telephone kiosk on the Muirs. He will look into the best way to get it fitted out with a defibrillator. There is a possibility of SSE funding.

**Advertising/Sponsorship signs at roundabouts:** CCLlr Davies is still working on a report/letter.

**Litter:** Cllr Davies received a response from the High School head teacher. She is happy to speak to a representative of the CC to discuss how the school can engage with a community led campaign to reduce all forms of littering. CCLlr Bryson will bring this up at the next meeting of the campus management committee. Cllr Robertson commended High School children; he saw them doing an organised litter pick in Gallowhill Road recently. PKC does a litter pick every day in the vicinity of the campus after each school lunchtime.

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**Kinross-shire survey:** Cllr Bryson contacted other Kinross-shire CCs and has received responses from three so far who would like to take part. He will arrange a meeting in due course.

**Participatory Budget:** Cllr Thomas had sent a letter to PKC's Keith McNamara. This has been acknowledged; he will gather responses and answer the various questions asked. Cllr MacKenzie had not been present at the previous CC meeting and could have answered some of the points raised as he had been on the Area committee. The committee was made up of two Kinross-shire people (himself and Pauline Watson), two Almond & Earn people and Tracey Ramsay, Community Capacity Building Officer. The main criterion for a project was: would it make an attempt to close inequality? Shortlisting was required because there were so many applications; it would have been unwieldy to put them all forward for a vote. He said the group described by the CC as a Fife-based group is a Perth & Kinross and Fife group. Although there were two projects from one organisation, the projects tackled two very different aspects of inequality. The committee is upset at the level of criticism. There was general agreement that the extremely short timescale had been problematic.

**CC Membership:** Margaret Scott has decided to retire from the CC. The Chair and Secretary had placed a notice in the June Newsletter regarding applications for co-option. The Secretary will send Margaret a letter of thanks for the considerable work carried out by her over ten or so years.

#### **Planning Matters**

**Lathro Farm site:** Ken Whitcombe of Lathro Action Group (LAG) updated the CC. Using an aerial photograph, he pointed out the areas relating to the Persimmon phase 1 housing (part of application 15/01512/FLM, already granted) and the areas which Persimmon now appear to be passing on to Springfield Properties (see planning refs 17/00759/FLL and 17/00760/FLL below). Of particular concern are two groups of mature oak trees to the west and south west of Lathro Farm buildings. Mr Whitcombe said a statement provided as part of Persimmon's planning application was misleading: it said the oak trees were outwith the residential development zone, which is not the case. (Ref: Lathro Farm Environmental Impact Assessment Environmental Statement. Volume 1: Written Statement, p. 49.) Cllr Robertson has written to PKC to ask if the trees can be protected. The CC agreed to do the same.

LAG have sent a list of detailed questions to Persimmon about aspects of the approved plan for 300 houses and the supporting information submitted by consultants with which they are unhappy.

Various anomalies or contradictions were mentioned. A promised buffer zone is not going to materialise. PKC's own Biodiversity officer said a full bat survey needed to be done before a decision was made and cannot be put in a consent as a condition. There is no record of it being done. The number of dwellings given permission exceeds that stated in the LDP and could go higher. The rate build will exceed that stated in the LDP.

Cllr Barnacle said he had opposed the zoning of Lathro Farm for housing when the current LDP was at a consultation stage, but there had not been a groundswell of opinion against zoning for housing. Councillors did not receive comments from residents when the Persimmon planning application was advertised (the deadline was mid-December 2015).

The CC had sent a letter to Mr Brian shortly after Mr Whitcombe's previous address to the CC. In Mr Brian's initial response, he promised to reply more fully, but has not yet done so, despite two reminders. The Secretary will write again.

Member of the public, Ken Miles, said the Council's report of handling for planning application 15/01512/FLM had said the proposal was in accordance with the LDP, when it clearly was not in terms of number of units and in other aspects.

It was noted that very few dwellings had received Neighbour Notifications for the Springfield Property applications. This is because there is only a requirement to notify householders within 20m. It was also noted that if Springfield had put in a single application instead of two separate ones, it would have counted as a major application, being over 50 dwellings. There would then have been a requirement for more extensive advertising and consultation.

Cllr Bryson pointed out that the CC has not been given sight of PKC's traffic modelling for the area. He judges that if this site is developed, there will not be sufficient room for an extension to junction 7 of the M90. This needs to be addressed.

#### **New Planning Applications**

17/00752/FLL Alt and extension, 7 Torridon Place.

17/00691/FLL Erection of a house, land 70m E of Monega House, Hatchbank.

17/00649/FLL Alterations and installation of replacement windows, 23 Curate Wynd.

17/00825/FLL Alterations and subdivision of house to form two houses at 22 Curate Wynd, Kinross.

17/00789/FLL Alt and extension to dwelling house, 34 Argyll Road.

17/00816/FLL Extension to house at 14 Burnbank Meadows.

17/00877/FLL and 17/00914/LBC Alterations, extension and erection of office building at Courthouse Restaurant, 21-25 High Street, Kinross for Liberty Business Centres.

**No comment** by the CC on any of the above.

17/00773/FLL Change of use and alterations to **former town hall**, public library and post office to form 9no. flats and installation of replacement windows and doors, 108-114 High Street, Kinross, and 17/00774/LBC Alterations to same for Edinburgh MI Ltd. The new applications addressed the concerns expressed by the CC and others regarding applications 16/02053/LBC and 16/02054/FLL (now withdrawn). The CC agreed to send a letter of support.

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17/00759/FLL Erection of 13no. dwelling houses and associated works at land 300m NW of **Lathro Farm**, Kinross, and 17/00760/FLL Erection of 47no. dwelling houses and associated works at land 300m NW of Lathro Farm, Kinross, both for Springfield Properties PLC, Larbert. The CC decided to **object to** these applications for the same reasons given in its objection to the original Persimmon application for the same site plus additional comments regarding tree loss, neighbour notification, inaccuracy of documents etc.

17/00886/FLM Application under Section 42 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to develop land to modify conditions 8 (children's play area), 9 (access) and 11 (boundary treatment) of planning permission 15/01512/FLM (Erection of 300 dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure works) to reflect change in implementation timescale at land 300m NW of Lathro Farm for Persimmon Homes Ltd. The CC agreed to **object to** proposal. Persimmon should redesign layout to include play area in phase 1. The CC cannot comment on access until it has sight of the traffic model.

### Planning Applications Approved by PKC

17/00752/FLL Alterations and extension to house, 7 Torridon Place.

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

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

17/00320/FLL Erection of house and two garages, land 50m W of Easter Cockairney.

17/00510/FLL Extension to house, 2 Emslie Drive.

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

17/00628/FLL Erection of showroom and workshop, Unit C, Kinross Business Park.

### Planning Correspondence and other Planning Matters

**Licensing Applications:** Variation to licence for Co-op. Minor changes. No comment. Loch Leven Brewery. No comment.

**Burleigh Holiday Park:** The Secretary emailed planning consultants Rapleys to check their attendance for the June meeting. They said they are still busy revising plans but would come to a future meeting.

**Scone Development:** A group calling themselves 'Scone Development' are unhappy at the way the application for 700 houses in Scone was dealt with. They are looking for a dossier of examples where others feel that PKC has departed from due process. It was agreed that the Secretary should ask for more information about who the email represents. It was agreed local examples that could be put forward to Scone Development or Scone CC are the Lathro Farm and

former Kinross High School sites because of the departure from allocated units in the LDP. Cllr Purves will send the secretary a copy of a letter sent by Scone CC to John Swinney MSP. He explained the current system where local authorities send a report to the Scottish Government regarding planning performance. This is akin to "marking their own homework and the Scottish Government ticking it".

**Pace Hill** (ref 17/00806/FLM): Although outwith the Kinross CC area, the secretary proposed objecting to this application on the grounds that the number of dwellings proposed (77) greatly exceeds the number laid down in the LDP (50), thus adding strain to local services, affecting the wider community. Agreed.

**Kinross Town Centre Regeneration:** The new puffin crossing is now operational. However, there is no red or green man shown opposite pedestrians waiting to cross. Cllr Robertson will enquire about this. At a meeting of the (new) Environment, Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee on 14 June, a proposal to extend the 20mph speed limit on Kinross High Street and adjoining roads will be considered. This would move the start of the 20mph limit from outside the Co-operative store on the High Street slightly further north to just before the roundabout at the junction with Station Road. A small stretch of Station Road on the approach to the roundabout would also be 20mph. Additional bollards for pedestrian safety are still to be introduced at the single carriageway section of the High Street. PKC Roads staff are still looking into the possibility of a controlled crossing on the High Street near the junction with Montgomery Street.

**New Primary School:** Cllr Bryson reported that parents will have an opportunity to see landscaping plans via the Parent Council. A second annual digital learning event took place recently, which was very successful. The extra funding for this obtained by former Cllr Dave Cuthbert is much appreciated. Cllr MacKenzie expressed concern that the User Group (on which he is the CC representative) has not met for well over a year. He will email Brian Reid about this.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence:** Approximately 40 emails had been received since the last meeting. Most had been forwarded to Cllrs and a summary provided. Some items mentioned were:

**A977 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS):** The CC had received an email regarding the location and design of VAS. Elected members are satisfied with proposals and the CC had nothing further to add.

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**20mph:** Mark Ruskell MSP has launched a consultation for a member's bill which proposes reducing the default speed limit on restricted roads from 30mph to 20mph. Deadline for comment is 7 August. Cllr Robertson has written again to Police Scotland regarding the Speedwatch scheme.

**Street names:** Elected members put forward names of the old Gallowhill Community as suggested street names for the Persimmon development. The requirement for names was recently reduced from seven to five.

**Kinross in Bloom:** Thank you letter received for grant from KCCNL charitable fund.

#### Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

##### Councillor Robertson:

**Bus services** have changed. There will be a more regular service benefiting residents at the south end of town.

**Toilets at Pier:** The plans have been drawn up and agreed by the stakeholders. SNH will be responsible for the facility. There are various sources of funding. All stakeholders have been very helpful and Cllr Robertson thanked the CC for making the suggestion.

**Action Partnership:** This year the sum will be £25000. Cllr Robertson wondered if there would be support for using some of the funds for a community bus service (a minibus). (See also Cllr Barnacle below.)

##### Councillor Watters:

**Planning:** Cllr Watters is still finding his feet as a new councillor. He referred to the controversy over the Development Management Committee meeting to determine a 700-house Scone development shortly after the local government election. He had walked out of the first meeting as he felt it was impossible to have digested the amount of paperwork involved in five days. He is keen to see if there are ways of improving the planning system.

##### Councillor Barnacle:

**Rural transport/Action Partnership:** Referring to Cllr Robertson's suggestion above, Cllr Barnacle said that rural transport is a big issue. A community bus travelling around the villages might be beneficial as long as it did not compromise the success of DRT1 and volunteer service. This is something all ward CCs could discuss.

**Public toilets:** Cllr Barnacle wondered when the Pier toilets would be on stream. Cllr Robertson hopes the planning application will go in soon. Cllr Barnacle has received complaints from a member of the public regarding the Kirkgate automated toilet frequently failing. He has investigated with PKC staff and the locking mechanism appears to fail randomly.

##### Councillor Purves:

**The new administration** at PKC is a partnership of Conservative, Lib Dem, Independent and Labour.

**Potholes:** The new administration has changed the trigger point for potholes being filled. Until recently a pothole had to be 60mm deep before it was filled, but now it is 40mm.

**Review:** There will be a review of the Council structure. Some committees have changed already. The chair asked if community campuses could be made more user-friendly for members of the public.

##### Other Business

**Ward Councillors:** Cllr Davies hopes the four councillors will work in partnership. Cllr MacKenzie proposed that the CC also writes to thank Joe Giacomazzi for his work as a councillor over the past five years. Agreed. Cllr Bryson hopes Kinross-shire is represented on any education committees. Cllr Purves is on the Lifelong Learning Committee.

**Website:** Cllr Jack reported that he had met with Pauline Watson to look at the invoicing of businesses for the Kinross CC website. He recommended new software which has been obtained.

**CC finances:** Cllr Jack reported that the Army Cadets have now repaid the CC for the wreath, with interest.

**Potholes:** Cllr Stewart reported potholes at Chance Inn.

**Overgrown hedges:** Cllr Colliar reported difficulty in negotiating the pavements on **Gallowhill Road** on his motability scooter due to overgrown hedges. Cllr Robertson will contact the relevant PKC officer and residents will be reminded of their responsibilities.

**Youth Club:** The Chair had been contacted by Fiona Brand who would like to address the CC regarding the setting up of a club for young people with special needs.

**The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 5 July 2017** at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

**Draft Agenda for Meeting on 5 July:** Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of Meeting of 7 June 2017. Police Report. New Youth Club. Planning Matters. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. New Primary School. Miscellaneous Correspondence. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors. AOCB.

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

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the June Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on Thursday 8 June 2017 were: Kevin Heneghan, Elyse Kirkham, Campbell Lawson, Craig Williams, Matthew Leach, Stuart McHardy, Caroline Flory, P&K Cllrs Willie Robertson and Mike Barnacle.

**Apologies** sent from P&K Cllrs C Purves and R Watters.

**Police Matters:** No police in attendance

**Minutes of last meeting:** The Chair and Secretary highlighted concerns raised by Stuart McHardy about the previous minutes. Stuart was unhappy that a comment made by Cllr Robertson and his subsequent apology were not noted in the minutes of the May meeting. He was also upset that questions raised by members of the public were not minuted and asked why. The Chair responded by saying that the minutes are not intended to be a verbatim account of the meeting, that they are more like an overview of what was discussed and that all community and elected councillors do have the opportunity to view and comment on the minutes when in draft form. Cllr Robertson agreed that minutes should not be a verbatim account of proceedings and feels that the MCC minutes are quite comprehensive. The previous minutes were then proposed by Matthew Leach and seconded by Campbell Lawson.

**Matters arising from the minutes:** The Secretary was given a note from Cllr Purves with a list of items addressed by Cllr Purves since the last meeting. These included:

- **Vehicle activated signs** planned for Burleigh Road and Perth Road: once installed the community may have the opportunity to look at other locations in Milnathort where similar signs would be of benefit.
- **Potholes:** The previous minimum depth set by the council was 60mm. The new administration at the council has changed this to 40mm.

**Defibrillator:** Kevin Heneghan has now identified a defibrillator and is ready to purchase it. The Kinross Colts are sending a cheque. The total includes the defibrillator, a wall mounted heated cabinet and any training needed. It will be located at Stuart and Smart's garage for 24-hour access and is compatible with the defibrillators used by the Scottish Ambulance Service.

Matthew Leach raised items from the previous minutes including:

**Vehicle activated signs:** Cllr Robertson stated that the engineers were now in place to carry out the works, that the signs had been ordered and he hoped they would be installed very soon. They will be vehicle activated and will show the

speed of the vehicle. Cllr Robertson thought that as well as Burleigh Road and Perth Road that similar signs should be considered for the crest of the hill on North Street and on Stirling Road.

**Road Safety:** Campbell Lawson and Matthew Leach are meeting Daryl McKeown from the Road Safety and Design Team at the council for a walk around Milnathort on 9 June to look at road calming measures. Matthew asked the public if there were any traffic hot spots that they would like to highlight. The road from Milnathort, through Tillywhally to Tillyrie was raised. Cllr Robertson would like it to be considered for a green route, therefore lowering the speed limit to 30 and 40mph. A local resident raised concerns about parking on Back Loan and Victoria Avenue. He had previously raised the same concern to the CC 12 months ago. Campbell Lawson stated that both these roads were now in a 20mph zone. Cllr Robertson thinks that Church Street should also be 20mph. The roads in question will be discussed with Daryl McKeown on 9 June. Cllr Robertson would like more policing of speeding. It was noted that the police were stopping cars on New Road last week.

### Planning Applications Submitted

17/00665/LBC Alterations to store at Former Auld Kirk, Old Perth Road and 17/00666/FLL Change of use and alterations to store to form 4no. dwelling houses at Former Auld Kirk, Old Perth Road.

17/00758/FLL Extension to house at 15 Mayfield Gardens.

17/00815/FLL Alts and extension to house at 5 Wester Loan.

17/00833/FLL Alterations to house at Blairview, Milnathort.

17/00806/FLM Erection of 77 no. dwelling houses, formation of landscaping, open spaces and community woodland, and associated works at land North of Linden Park Road, Milnathort, for Dundas Estates and Development Co. Ltd. Milnathort CC will be objecting to this planning application. This is the new/second planning application for Pace Hill. The previous application was for 80 dwelling houses. All comments are due to PKC Planning Department by 14 June 2017. Comments made on the previous planning application WILL NOT be carried forward.

A local resident from Linden Park Road disagrees with the assessment done that states there is no evidence of endangered species such as bats and red squirrels, as he has observed these very species in the area.

Residents are also concerned about the traffic implications. Traffic Scotland has stated they have no objections.

Cllr Robertson said that the council must use the new traffic model and that a traffic survey should consider Wester Loan, South Street, The Muirs and Springfield Road. Campbell Lawson and Matthew Leach to raise the issue with Daryl McKeown.

Cllr Barnacle spoke to Nick Brian, Interim Head of Planning and raised concerns that the planning application is for 50% more houses than that stated on the local plan. A discussion ensued about why the local plan is not being adhered to, and how infrastructure such as the bridge at the Town Hall, surrounding roads and educational facilities will accommodate this over-development. The S1 intake at Kinross High School for August is 179 – capacity for S1 is 180 so the school is already at capacity.

It appears that the developer is planning 210 parking spaces on the site including garage spaces.

Elyse Kirkham will obtain a copy of the Tree Preservation

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Order for the woodland on the boundary of the site. Campbell Lawson to ask Daryl McKeown for a copy of the engineer's report on the bridge in question. Cllr Barnacle suggested asking Daryl McKeown for a traffic count on North Street. It appears that the council will only be concerned with the weight restriction of the bridge, not the volume of traffic.

**Update on proposed development of a Holiday Park at Burleigh:** Rapleys have verbally confirmed that with the agreement of the council, they have scaled down the development in keeping with the area. There will, therefore, be no recreational facilities in the revised planning application. However, Rapleys will still be seeking planning for 80-90 lodges. That has not changed. Rapleys may attend CC meetings in August when they hope to submit the planning application. They wish to avoid July as they know many people will be away on holiday.

#### Planning Applications Approved by PKC:

17/00404/LBC and 17/00405/FLL Alterations and extension Orwell Church, Ba' Hill, Milnathort.

17/00452/FLL Erection of 2 no. dwelling houses, land 70m NE of East Netherton Farm, Milnathort, for Mr and Mrs J Drysdale.

17/00495/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 6 Linden Park Terrace.

17/00467/FLL Extension to ancillary accommodation, Cloverlea, Path of Condie, for Mr Jeff Baxter.

#### New matters and correspondence

Willie Robertson raised the issue of traffic still driving the wrong way on **Victoria Avenue**. It is also happening on Church Street. This is extremely dangerous.

It was also noted that traffic is not always stopping at the **zebra crossings** on South Street and New Road. Cllr Robertson advises that if this happens, a note of the car registration should be taken and reported to the police who will follow it up. Having been contacted regarding this matter, PC Spalding reported via email that he and a colleague had made high profile observations of the crossings and would continue to monitor the situation.

Stuart McHardy asked about changing the zebra crossings to puffin or pelican crossings. Cllr Robertson thinks that there is not the volume of people using the crossings to justify the upgrade. CCllrs Lawson and Leach to raise it with Daryl McKeown.

Elyse Kirkham mentioned that there should be more **collaboration** between the local CCs as so many of the recent developments impact all the surrounding communities. Cllr Barnacle to speak to David McKenzie about reinstating the Community Council Forum.

Stuart McHardy asked if a **bottle bank** could be located on or near Bridgefauld Road. Cllr Robertson said to try and find a location that everyone was happy with (as many people complain about the noise) and get back to him.

Stuart McHardy also raised the issue of new windows and doors for local **council owned homes**. There seems to be some contradicting information. Some residents are being surveyed for new windows and doors and others have been measured for new ones. Cllr Robertson to check with the council what the plan is.

Campbell Lawson asked about possible **sports funding**. Cllr Robertson suggested Perth and Kinross Sports Council Awards for Small Grants, the Kinross-shire Fund, the Newsletter fund and the Margaret and Arthur Thompson Trust.

Matthew Leach asked for an update on the upgrade of **junction 7**. Cllr Robertson said that this looks unlikely to happen but suggests writing to your MSP.

Matthew Leach commented on **dog fouling**. Campbell Lawson said that the dog warden had already provided a map with the bins and that Milnathort has enough dog bins. Although it was noted that some should be emptied more frequently. Offenders can be reported to the dog warden who will pay them a visit. Stuart McHardy asked that the public don't put dog waste in household bins as the council may refuse to empty it.

Caroline Flory was welcomed as a **new CC member**. Steven Young has resigned as Chair and Craig Williams (who was Vice Chair) has become the new Chair.

#### Comments/Questions from the floor

**SHIP:** A new initiative is planned for October called SHIP (Support, help, integration in Perthshire). It is for kids with additional support needs (ASN) providing youth clubs, play schemes and other activities. SHIP has funds to develop a youth club at Kinross High School for any child of any age with an ASN. Model involves the charity paying play leaders and recruiting and training 14 to 18 year olds to "buddy" the children, giving their parents a well-deserved break.

Four girls from Kinross High School recently won £3,000 for SHIP as part of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative. The plan is to provide activities 2-3 hours for 1 or 2 evenings per week. SHIP would love to hear from the parents of ASN young people in Kinross-shire, of all ages. They would also request anyone interested in becoming a volunteer to get in touch.

[See also article on page 60.]

**Repairs:** A resident noted that there was excess water on the road to Glenfarg and that there were two potholes also on the Glenfarg road. Cllr Robertson was aware of their location. Cllr Robertson is also aware of the broken steps outside the chip shop. Campbell Lawson mentioned the damaged wall at Jessie's Park.

#### PKC Councillors Comments

**Area Partnership fund:** Cllr Robertson explained that the fund that local initiatives could bid for has been increased from £10,000 to £25,000. He would like to apply to the fund (as well as to the Margaret and Arthur Thompson Trust) for a community bus service from Kinross Park and Ride, Glenlomond, Middleton, Glenfarg, Duncreavie, Milnathort and back to Kinross. This would not be in competition with the demand response initiative. The council would pay the vehicle tax, insurance and train the drivers. He also said that SHIP could possibly benefit from the bus service.

**Committee restructure:** Cllr Barnacle talked about the new Environmental, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on which all Kinross-shire Councillors sit.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC takes place on Thursday 10 August 2017 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.**

**Please note: there is no July meeting.**

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## Cleish & Blairadam CC

### News from the June Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 5 June 2017 were: CCLrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, H Somerville, F Principe-Gillespie, R Cairney and F Whalley; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson, C Purves and R Watters; Inspector K Chase and one member of the community.

**Apologies:** CCLr M Traylor.

**Welcome and introduction of new Councillors:** We welcomed both Callum Purves and Richard Watters as our two new elected P&K Councillors for Ward 8.

**Crime Prevention:** We thanked Inspector Kevin Chase for his attendance at the meeting. He explained how he was the immediate point of contact for South Perthshire, and was based in Crieff. We have local officers in Kinross who report to him. There were no crimes to report in Cleish over the past 4-5 weeks, with rural crime as a whole at low levels.

There is also a drive at present to recruit Special Constables from our area.

RK brought up the very concerning issue of speeding motorbikes on the B9097; many have been filmed travelling in excess of 100mph. Whilst this information has been passed on to both PKC and local Police, there has still be no action and it is still a huge problem. It is not just on Knockhill days, but any sunny evening or weekend. As a community, we feel strongly that a serious accident shouldn't be needed for this to be tackled.

Cllr Barnacle asked if Inspector Chase had been consulted at all about the recent Route Action Plan – he hadn't been. Inspector Chase advised us he will look into this matter further, and we will forward the video evidence we have.

There had also been suspicious vehicles by the gas station in Maryburgh; the local officers will look into this as well.

**Correspondence:** Planning Dept regarding Templeton Cottages; to be discussed later.

Georgie Lawrie: two possible funding sources for maintenance of paths are available. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting. There was discussion about a possible path from Cleish up to Sunnyside and across to Blairadam.

**Financial Update:** £134.22 in the account. Last year's accounts are to be signed off at the following AGM, submitted to PKC to allow this year's funds to be released.

**Internet security, email updates & actions:** The website has moved to a dedicated server that also allows individual email addresses for the CCLrs. These will go in the next newsletter as well as on the website.

A new and improved newsletter is now possible due in part to a folding and stapling machine that has been obtained (and fixed!). This will allow for more community engagement, with village hall info, local groups, field association, local events etc.

Cllr Barnacle has helped to provide a complete list of local residents to help with distribution. An evening to meet and thank the volunteers who deliver the newsletter was proposed.

### Planning

#### Approved Applications

Dwellinghouse and garage behind Templeton Cottages: some conditions have been applied, including the security lighting and the garage can only have that specific use.

Extension at 2 Blairfordell Farm Cottages.

Prior notification for an agricultural building at Lochran Farm. Riding arena at The Paphle, Cleish: a tree survey was completed and approved.

New Application: change of use of agricultural building to storage units. There have been no objections raised.

Westfield site is ongoing.

Burleigh Sands: Local Councillors reported that there have been no further developments since the public pre-application consultation.

It has been noted that there has been a further development at Greenacres; the boundary hedge has been removed in part. It was thought that this hedge was a previous planning condition and there is concern that more unauthorised development will soon take place.

**Village updates – Blairadam:** The entertainment licence at the Tabernacle Hall has been changed to end at midnight rather than 1am. Extensions can be applied for on an individual basis for an additional £60. This could have been as a result of previous noise complaints.

It was also pointed out that the speeding motorbikes are also present around Blairfordell.

**Village updates – Cleish:** Hall bookings; it may be possible to allow availability to be checked online in the nearish future. Best Kept village judging is on 20 July.

The road gullies have not been emptied recently; this is best reported by email to 'Clarence', as all reports are automatically logged and recorded.

### Other Business

Cllr Robertson reported on an initiative for possible funding for a circular route with a minibus, to allow local villages to have regular easy access to the central hub of Kinross. It was agreed that the demand service was excellent and it was agreed that any possible local service shouldn't lead to any reduction in this.

Potholes: This new administration has improved matters, in that potholes require repairing now when they are smaller. Boreland Road has deteriorated with the recent forestry vehicle activity. The possibility of a forestry grant to help repair damaged roads was being looked into by Cllr Dave Cuthbert. CCLr Fraser will write to Stuart D'All.

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## Fossoway & District CC

### News from the June Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 6 June 2017 were: CCllrs Cameron Brown, Angus Cheape, Jennifer Donachie, Trudy Duffy, Carol Farquhar and Graham Pye; P&K Cllr Callum Purves; and six Members of the Public (MoP).

**Apologies:** P&K Cllrs Mike Barnacle and Willie Robertson.

**Police report:** Unfortunately no Officer was able to be present at the meeting. There were no incidents to note in our area this month from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch.

**A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures:** There is now approved budget for Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) signs, with initial placements at sites where they had been previously promised. One such site in our area is on the A823 in Rumbling Bridge to the north of the Nursing Home. However, input to the CC's Facebook page has suggested different locations, and suggestions that speed cameras should be placed instead. CCllr Duffy proposed that we should try and meet with the new Roads Engineer and make sure that we know what he is planning and ensure that this agrees with the community's views. Cllr Purves reported that the Ward Councillors have also discussed the location of the VAS.

There will be speed checks in Rumbling Bridge, during term-time, to get a more accurate picture of the problem there.

MoP noted that vehicle speeds through Blairingone seem to be increasing and wonders what can be done about this. CCllr Duffy suggested that Cllr Barnacle and Daryl McKeown (PKC) be contacted about it.

**Crook of Devon and Drum Growing Together:** CCllr Duffy reported that the group has had a planting day, and started to improve Waulkmill Green. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Powmill in Bloom Group:** CCllr Farquhar reported that there will be a planting day on Sunday 12th. Members have approached PKC and Scottish Water to get some more areas of grass cut. Volunteers are always welcome for this group too. A local landowner present at the meeting requested that trimmings should not be thrown into his field. CCllr Farquhar undertook to make sure this doesn't happen again. However this does raise the issues that the Bloom Groups do need places to dispose of waste and obtain water. The group intends to post flyers to advertise the group's activities.

**Best Kept Village:** The judging will be held on 20 July. Both the villages above have entered the competition, although in separate categories due to their different sizes.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** CCllr Brown reported that the planning application for the car park at the church would have reactivated the permission for the memorial, but that application was refused. It's not clear what will happen as far as the permission now.

**LDP Public Consultation:** CCllr Duffy informed the meeting that the CC has submitted their recommendations to PKC. Cllr Barnacle intends to meet with PKC planners to discuss our proposal. Cllr Purves notes that there is a meeting between the local councillors and officers on 9 June to discuss the options.

**Poo Group:** CCllr Duffy informed the meeting that there is an increasing amount of local concern about this problem, however in the absence of any volunteers to implement some address this, then there is nothing much more to be done.

**Glen Devon Bridge:** This bridge has been substantially vandalised, but can only be repaired in accordance with listed building requirements. CCllr Duffy commented that we were promised that the bridge would be repaired by April but nothing has been done. With the coping stones missing the weather is causing the bridge more structural damage and will perhaps become unstable and cause the road to be closed. MoP reported that the bridge along the Naemoor Road is suffering a similar problem. Cllr Purves undertook to look into this. CCllr Brown suggested that the time has now come to put aside limitations with lime mortar and repair/strengthen the bridge with modern materials.

**Ivy Cottage, Powmill:** CCllr Farquhar reported that the owner, Scott Macmillan, has engaged an architect to redesign the building to make it more rentable and consulted two builders for estimates. The end result would be that the building would be available as affordable housing, although there is currently no timescale.

**Station Road Adoption:** A MoP reported that the work will commence on 19 June.

**Soul Survivor** is due to be held 5-9 August. Local residents have received advance notification of the event this year. CCllr Duffy will ensure the organisers know that any large vehicles must approach via Rumbling Bridge and not use the Naemoor Road bridge.

**Meetings Attended:** CCllr Farquhar attended a meeting of the Sports Hub. There is a plan to set up a Kinross Park Run with funding being sought. Future plans include Women & Girls Festival Week, a multi-sports day to advertise various sports, inclusive sport, Lads and Dads events, etc. The group is very enthusiastic with lots of ideas.

CCllr Cheape noted that the Kinross-shire fund had agreed at their 5 June meeting to make two grants, but neither was in our area.

**P&K Councillors' Reports: Callum Purves:** The council has formed a new administration comprised of Conservative, Labour and Lib-Dem members. There is a new combined Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of which all four local councillors are members, with Cllrs Barnacle and Purves as vice-convenors.

### Planning Matters

17/00737/FLL Siting of static caravan for use as staff accommodation for a temporary period at land 10m north of Lambhill, Blairingone. **Object** on grounds that there is no planning application for a house, and we see no need for such extensive accommodation for a security officer.

17/00790/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Craighead Cottage, Drum. No CC comment.

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17/00711/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 32 West Crook Way, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

17/00843/LBC Alterations at Solsgirth Lodge, Solsgirth, Dollar. No CC comment.

17/00894/PN Erection of agricultural building at West Broomhill, Station Road, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

17/00927/FLL Erection of 2 dwelling houses, land 100metres north-east of South Kilduff Farm, Fossoway. No CC comment.

**Correspondence:** All the correspondence was available for viewing: George Lawrie of TRACKS notified the CC of funding opportunities for core paths and about the "Big Fit Walk" which groups can hold in June. Councillor Duffy again hoped for volunteers to form a path group.

Mark Russell MSP has asked the CC for consultation on a proposal to implement 20mph throughout all built up areas. Although we think this is a good idea, we don't believe that it would be enforceable, and it would be better to concentrate on enforcing the current limits, together with carefully chosen locations for new 20mph limits.

Bus Route 23 has had its service reduced making it impossible for commuters to use.

Dollar and Muckhart residents can't get their 30 or 40 children to Kinross High School any more due to a reduction in bus services, so they are proposing to finance their own service, which could also pass through Crook of Devon and pick up passengers there. The CC strongly supports this initiative, but decries the fact that this needs to be done to make up for the lack of public transport. Councillor Purves noted that community transport has also been discussed at the Action Partnership.

**AOCB:** Discussion about the lack of broadband speeds in rural areas. Councillor Purves will investigate whether PKC has a policy about this, and what funding is available.

### 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, LDP Public Consultation, Glen Devon Bridge, Station Road Adoption.

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

**NOTE: No meeting in July.**

**The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 1 August 2017 at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall. All Welcome.**

### Fossoway and District CC Meetings 2017-18

**2017: 1 August**, Carnbo Village Hall. **5 September**, Fossoway Primary School. **3 October**, Blairingone Primary School. **7 November**, Fossoway Primary School. **5 December**, Blairingone Primary School.

**2018: 9 January**, Fossoway Primary School. **6 February**, Blairingone Primary School. **6 March**, Fossoway Primary School. **3 April**, Powmill Moubray Hall. **8 May** (AGM), Fossoway Primary School. **5 June**, Fossoway Primary School.

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## Portmoak Community Council

**Draft Minutes of a Meeting held to discuss business in private in accordance with para 11(h) of its Constitution, Monday 15 May 2017 at 8pm.** Note this meeting was held in three parts on:

- A. Monday 15 May at 8pm at Greenhead of Arnot. Attendance: Councillors: M Strang Steel (Chairman) B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer); R Cairncross (Secretary); S Forde; D Morris; A Robertson and T Smith;
- B. Monday 22 May at 2pm at Greenhead of Arnot. Attendance: Councillors: M Strang Steel (Chairman) B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer); R Cairncross (Secretary); D Morris; A Robertson and T Smith. Apologies: Councillor S Forde;
- C. Monday 29 May at 7pm at Portmoak Village Hall. Attendance: Councillors: M Strang Steel (Chairman); R Cairncross (Secretary); S Forde; A Robertson and T Smith. Apologies: Councillors B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer) and D Morris.

The CC's deliberations at these meetings were further informed by reports of CC representative meetings with:

- D. *Wendy MacPhedran (past Chair CC) and Alistair Smith (past Secretary CC)* held on Sunday 21 May 2.30pm at Greenhead of Arnot: Present Councillors: M Strang Steel (Chairman) and R Cairncross (Secretary).
- E. *John Stephen, Director A & J Stephen* held on Monday 22 May at 11.00pm at A & J Stephen Perth: present Councillors: M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary) and T Smith.
- F. *Peter Marshall and John Russell (Perth and Kinross Council)* held on Tuesday 23 May at 9am at Perth and Kinross Council, Perth: Present Councillors: M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), D Morris, and B Calderwood.
- G. *Supplementary Information.* The CC also took into account supplementary information supplied by the applicant to planning application 17/00680/IPL (erection of a dwelling house 50 metres south of 9 Bishop Terrace). The CC had been notified of the application on 2 May and had been advised that the general period for consultation expired on 19 May. The supplementary information became available to the Community Council on 22 May.

### Monday 15 May 2017 at 8pm at Greenhead of Arnot - Community Council (CC) Meeting:

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes.** The Minutes of 9 May were approved subject to the following amendment to 5.3.1 New Applications 17/00680/IPL *Land 50 Meters South of 9 Bishop Terrace Kinnesswood: Erection of a dwelling house and formation of an access track (In Principle)*. The sentence "This contract underpinned the Ballot on which the views of the community had been sought in May 2015." was replaced by the sentence "A ballot on the views of the community as to how the CC should react to this was held in May 2015."
2. **Review of the arrangements to take forward proposals for Stephen's Field.** The CC considered the new planning application 17/00680/IPL taking into account the 2008 contract it had with A & J Stephens, the result of the 2015 Ballot and comments made at the CC meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May. It was plain that the validity of the Ballot had been called into question. The application itself was sparse and lacked reference to any arrangement whereby transfer of the substantial part of the "Field" to the ownership of the CC would follow planning consent for a single house on the retained plot. The contract appeared capable of different interpretations in respect of what would trigger transfer of ownership of the larger part of the "Field" to the CC.

The CC noted that, if planning consent for this application was refused, it could explore ownership of the Field (either in total or in part) though a possible Compulsory Purchase Order or through a community buyout. They currently held no information that could sustain either approach.

The CC determined that, before taking a decision on how to respond to the planning application, it would seek to clarify how the contract should be interpreted.



*Action.* To seek clarity on the matters raised, the CC will seek meetings with A & J Stephen and with Perth and Kinross Council. A further meeting with Wendy MacPhedran (past Chair CC) and Alistair Smith (past Secretary CC) was thereafter also sought.

The meeting of the CC was adjourned and would be reconvened in the light of these meetings

**Monday 22 May at 2pm 2017 at Greenhead of Arnot - reconvened CC meeting:**

3. **Meeting with Wendy MacPhedran and Alistair Smith.** The Chairman reported on the meeting he and the secretary had had with Wendy MacPhedran (past Chair CC) and Alistair Smith (past Secretary CC) on 21 May.

The initial presentation to the CC dealing with the transfer of land from A & J Stephen to the CC in February 2006 was probably at Stephen's instigation. In that presentation it was made clear that Stephens wished to retain a part of the field. In June 2006 the CC, having decided that the offer of transfer should be pursued, sought by questionnaire the views of the community on how it wanted to manage the ground. The only endowment discussed with Stephens was the £5,000 which was the figure estimated by FWAG for putting the field in order and is included in the contract. There was a second questionnaire of the whole parish in April 2007. Out of 84 replies, 3 wanted to leave the field in Stephens ownership and the others wanted to have it transferred either to a charitable trust or to the CC. 12 of the 84 asked that the retained plot be included in the transfer. In July 2007 Stephens wrote to the CC explaining that they wanted to retain the plot for a possible house site. They accepted that the CC could object to anything they proposed. In early 2008 there were discussion as to whether Stephens would apply for 9 or 10 houses on H20 (Whitecraigs final phase). They opted for 9.

The CC had thought all along that the transfer was to be conditional only on planning for 9 houses on H20. It was admitted that at the time 10 houses on the retained plot (which is what the plain meaning of the contract is) slipped past them. They had had no contact with the planners throughout.

The CC had consistently made two assumptions: (i) that the condition was always meant to relate only to the development on H20 (Whitecraigs Phase 2) and (ii) that more than one house would/could not be built on the retained plot.

*Action.* Whether deliberate or not there appeared to have been errors in the contract. These were matters that now would be taken forward in discussions with A & J Stephen.

4. **Meeting with John Stephen.** The Chairman reported on the meeting he, the Secretary and CClr T Smith had had with John Stephen, Director A & J Stephen on 22 May.

John Stephen had stated that on advice he had received the 2008 contract between A & J Stephen and the CC was "dead." He acknowledged that the definition of the "Proposed Development" in the contract erroneously referred to ground to the northwest (the retained Plot), when it should have referred to the south west (Whitecraigs). John Stephen made plain that A & J Stephen will now honour the "thrust" of the contract by transferring to the CC the balance of Stephens field if its planning application in principle for a single house on the "Retained plot" was granted. The CC sought confirmation of that in writing and clarity on how such an undertaking could be underwritten in law.

John Stephen explained that, if the application is approved, it would be the intention of A & J Stephen to sell the plot to a known interested party either as it is, or more probably having built a house for him on it first. It had never been the intention of A & J Stephen nor had it ever been considered to build more than one house on the plot despite its size. A & J Stephen would accept a planning restriction preventing sub-division of the plot for more than one house.

John Stephen confirmed that if the application was refused it will simply hang on to the ground and in due course, which

might be 10 or 20 years away, apply for permission to develop the whole field. He explained that, looking at a map of Kinnesswood, it is logically the next area of expansion for the village.

The Chairman explained that, given that background, the Community Council would reserve its position over the effect of the 2008 contract. The understanding of the parties at the time was, as A & J Stephen acknowledged, that the suspensive condition only applied to the "Proposed Development" on Whitecraigs. The CC's position is that there is not one error in the definition of "proposed development" but two. Further to the error in orientation, A & J Stephen had lodged an application for the development of Whitecraigs in 2008 - some months before the contract with the CC was signed off for nine houses rather than ten. Its position had been further explained in the letter of 18 June 2009 from James Lochhead of A & J Stephen which stated that the majority of the hill land would be transferred to the CC after all necessary consents for 9 houses had been granted.

The Chairman asked if A & J Stephen would consider transferring the ground (less the retained plot) to the CC now. John Stephen confirmed that that that would be a Board decision. As the Board would meet the following week the Chairman asked for the matter to be put before the Board.

*Action.* The CC acknowledged that it had to await a response from A & J Stephen.

Three other matters were discussed.

*First*, the landscape plots in Whitecraigs. John Stephen reported that progress was being made towards these being handed over for maintenance to PKC, although that was not yet settled in respect of the plots in Whitecraigs phase one.

*Second*, ownership of the path along the golf course boundary. The CC regarded this as a liability and if A & J Stephen want to transfer that to the CC along with the Field there would have to be an increase in the endowment. John Stephen said that there might be a possibility of transferring it to PKC along with the other landscape plots.

*Third*, the matter of taking forward the Kinnesswood in Bloom project on a piece of land on the main road close to the golf club house in Kinnesswood which is owned A & J Stephen. Mr Stephen noted that there had been delays with the completion of a lease and said he would chase up the lawyers. He suggested that KIB contact him directly to ensure a timely and supportive response.

5. **The supporting statement to the planning application 17/00680/IPL.** This statement which had now been lodged with PKC and was considered. It contained material information but it had been lodged outwith the consultation period. At the meeting with the planners the CC representatives would ask that either the application be withdrawn and resubmitted or that it be readvertised for consultation when full information is available.

*Action.* To pursue matters concerning Stephen's Field raised in this meeting with the Perth and Kinross Council.

The meeting of the CC was adjourned and would be reconvened following the meeting with Perth and Kinross Council.

**Monday 29 May at 7.00pm 2017 at Portmoak Village Hall - reconvened CC meeting:**

6. **Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.** The Chairman drew counsellors' attention to the Code of Conduct which bound all community councillors. He referred to the Principle of "Objectivity" which stated: "*In all your decisions and opinions as a community councillor, you must endeavour to represent the overall views of your community, taking account of information which is provided to you or is publicly available, assessing its merit and gathering information as appropriate, whilst laying aside personal opinions or preferences.*"

7. **Meeting with Perth and Kinross Council.** The Chairman reported on the meeting he, the Secretary and CClr D Morris and B Calderwood had had with Perth and Kinross Council

(Peter Marshall and John Russell of the Environment Service - Planning) on 23 May.

The status of the planning application in light of the late submission of significant material information by A & J Stephen was reviewed. CC representatives reported that the supplementary information to application 17/00680/IPL, submitted by the agent of A & J Stephens - EMAC Planning LLP, had only come to the notice of the CC on 22 May after the statutory period for consultation had closed. This information was critical to the planning application. PKC acknowledged that it had also been advised of this late submission at the same time the CC had learned of it. It was acknowledged that the information was highly relevant to the agreement that A & J Stephen were intent on pursuing and that there were flaws in it - not least that no site for the proposed single house on the "Retained plot" had been shown. This was relevant as the argument for granting consent turned on application of the Council's Housing in the Countryside policy; in particular provision for consent to be granted under accepted and identified "Building Groups." PKC acknowledged that there were problems with the application and would, further to discussion with A & J Stephen, consider what action to take and advise the CC accordingly.

In general discussion the possibility of PKC leading a Compulsory Purchaser Order for the entire Field was raised but, in light of the circumstances and the criteria likely to be applied, this was thought to be highly unlikely. Whether or not a community buyout for the Retained plot could progress would depend in the first instance on whether such an approach was deemed admissible by Scottish Ministers and whether in due course funding could be found.

**Action.** The CC agreed that no action would be taken pending a response from both A & J Stephen and Perth and Kinross Council to the matters raised.

8. **Planning:**

New applications:

17/00756/FLL Land 20 metres east of Carraigen Leslie.  
Erection of a dwelling house. No Comment.

17/00505/ADV. Poet's House, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood, Kinross. Display of sign. No comment.

(16/00680/FLL) (Removal of Condition 2 - visibility splays).

Request to CC from PKC to consider removal of its objection to the removal of condition 2 in respect of the consent already granted for application (14/01482/FLL): the erection of a dwelling house at 50 metres SE of Moucums View, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell. Matter deferred to Council meeting on 13 June.

9. **AOCB:** None.

10. **Date of next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 13 June. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

## News from the June Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 13 June 2017 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chair), B Calderwood, R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde, D Morris, A Robertson, and T Smith; Ward Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters and 19 members of the public. The Chairman warmly welcomed a new community councillor: Andrew Muszynski. In referring to the documentation that would shortly be sent to him from PKC he signalled out the importance of the Code of Conduct for Community Councillors referring in particular to the requirement for objectivity.

**Apologies:** Police Scotland, PC D Stapleton.

**Westfield Opencast Site - Restoration and Regeneration Project (Fife 16/03661/EIA).** Presentation by applicant Hargreaves Services (Westfield) Ltd and their agent Axis Planning. Implications for B9097 designated as sole access route to site - including consequential increased HGV usage. The Chairman welcomed Mr Nick Roberts of Axis Planning and Mr Phil Rayson of Hargreaves Services (Westfield) Ltd.

**Key points from Hargreaves/Axis Presentation:**

This was a complex project with more than 30 specialists from more than dozen disciplines working on it.

Apology that the CC had not been directly consulted (as it should have been) in the Pre-Application consultation last year.

A wish now to consult with and to respond to comments on matters raised by the CC.

This had been one of the largest open-cast coal mine sites in Europe. Coal mining ceased in 1998. Since then there had been various owners with Hargreaves purchasing it in 2012. When completed it will be a complex and large development. The site covers 428ha.

In addition to the waste processing there will be glasshouses and solar panels and a number of autonomous industrial units. This is positive for the economy and employment. Under the Fife Local Plan it could include category 6 industries which would add to HGVs. Such industries are not part of the current Plan.

The B9097 road network has the capacity to accommodate this. Fife Council has stated this is the only acceptable route into the site specifically for HGVs. It would not contribute to road improvements in the PKC area.

There are only 10 residences along the route.

They have quoted a worst case scenario for HGVs. There is no guarantee that this will be attained.

There is already a biomass boiler facility on site operated by Melton Renewable Energy UK and planning permission for a further biomass boiler facility onsite although Hargreaves doubt if it will ever be built as the planning permission runs out later this year and the lease in two years' time. While these are part of the overall plan, they are not the responsibility of Hargreaves. Allowances, however, have been made for them in the traffic calculations.

They are content that SNH and SEPA are happy with their plans.

They recognise the CC is concerned with waste, hours of transit of HGVs, rail contribution to transport and provisions for walking and cycling.

The waste facility will cover only 10ha of the 428ha.

Because of the diversity of goods carried it is not possible to limit tonnage carried though it could be possible to limit numbers of vehicles.



The maximum amount of waste that the site could process is 350,000 tons; a more likely amount to be processed is 250,000 tons.

A restriction on the hours for HGV transits to 0600am to 07.00pm would be acceptable.

The scheme includes substantial environmental and recreational proposals including the making of paths within the development area. The carrying out of these proposals would commence as soon as the foundations for the waste disposal plant were commenced.

Rail has never been planned as means of transporting waste. The Scottish rail infrastructure is not suitable. Network Rail would not support the opening of the rail link without a substantial customer with a specific need for a rail link. Hargreaves has been in discussion with two such organisations.

HGV usage (numbers) is thought to be as a worst case scenario:

- Waste 109 in and 109 out
- Employed units 109 in and 110 out
- Ash 32 in and 32 out
- Other 4 in and 4 out
- **TOTAL 254 in and 255 out**

HGVs will have a 20 tonne payload at least but no upper limit on HGV waste carried was quoted.

This is a balance: some disadvantages (mainly along the B9097) against many economic and employment advantages.

#### Key Points raised in Discussion

What is the HGV contribution that is not due to waste? Hargreaves stated that once the go ahead is achieved for the waste processing plant that would in turn trigger immediate development of the rest of the site with an investment in solar panels, glasshouses etc. and of course attracting other industries to the service plots. There was a worst case scenario with 510 HGVs and of that some 300 may come from other non-waste processing. However there would be no control of tenant HGV usage so the so long term HGV estimates would be uncertain.

Where will the waste come from? Hargreaves estimated that 50% will come from Fife and 50% from the "market" which could mean across Scotland – PKC may be a customer!

There is conflicting data in respect of the current "baseline" usage of HGVs along the B9097. Hargreaves had not seen the PKC comprehensive PKC data and disputed the PKC information that was available in the 2016 B9097 Action Plan where the number of HGVs was believed to be in the order of 50 per day. Hargreaves thought that too low. It could be that what Hargreaves refers to as an HGV (everything over 3.5 tonnes) was not what PKC had applied when identifying an HGV. In their response to PKC Hargreaves had quoted from their own Environment Statement of 2016 that, without the proposed development, there would be 1,032 HGVs per 12-hour day. Hargreaves agreed that this matter needed to be resolved and would be willing to do that in discussions with Fife Council, PKC and Portmoak CC. Hargreaves also confirmed that HGVs transferring waste would have a payload of not less than 20 tonnes and would probably be articulated. Hargreaves maintained that the measured impact on vibration, noise and pollution for those living along the B9097 when the scheme was fully implemented would be minimal. The CC believed that that would be a judgement conditioned by what is the agreed baseline.

The CC believed that the volume of traffic would be intimidating in itself and would make it unattractive for various activities. Farms with land on both sides of the road would have increased difficulty both in relation to cattle movements and farm vehicle use across and along sections of the B9097. There were also concerns that those using the Heritage Trail which closely followed the B9097 for some distance would be much more aware of traffic noise. The B9097 was already not pedestrian or cyclist friendly due to present traffic levels and speeds. The substantial increase in traffic, notably HGVs, would make their position untenable indicating a need for off-road path provision for non-motorised users. This was an important tourist area with facilities at RSPB and at Findatie which should be safeguarded. Hargreaves agreed to discuss further what might be done to mitigate the impact of increased traffic. It intended to prepare a "green travel plan" but this would not include off-site provision or greenways for pedestrians and cyclists.

Hargreaves confirmed that SNH and SEPA were content that there would be no adverse impact on the natural environment if the full scheme were to be implemented, as the anticipated noise levels and air quality would be acceptable in accordance with national guidelines.

Would the Scottish Government be prepared to support the opening on the railhead into the site? Hargreaves thought not. Network Rail could itself provide funding but would not do so if there was not a credible customer to justify the investment.

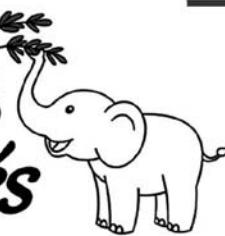
CLlr M Barnacle confirmed that PKC were preparing a further response to the dismissal by Hargreaves of the PKC's original objection.

A resident living by the road believed that that the approach to estimating impact by extrapolating it from peak hour samples was flawed.

A resident questioned whether there had been sufficient investigation into alternative routes into the site. Further, in a previous inquiry to a similar proposal the Reporter had determined that a proportion of waste had to go by rail. Hargreaves confirmed that the B9097 was the route advocated by Fife Council as the sole route into the site for HGVs and that, further, rail was not was not an appropriate means to transport waste. The inquiry had been into a proposal for landfill, and was different.

The question of establishing a "community fund" to help mitigate the impact of traffic along the B9097 was raised. It could be akin to many such funds across Scotland that have

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been established as a consequence of a range of renewable energy endeavours. Hargreaves confirmed that there were no plans for this but that the matter could be explored.

In summing up Hargreaves stated that the funds for this development were limited and that as a consequence alternatives to the scheme presented were also limited. It would be a balance: on the one hand the considerable economic and employment benefits versus the "disbenefits" for those who use or live by the B9097. In response the Chairman indicated that we looked forward to further dialogue on the matters raised.

The Chairman warmly thanked both Mr Roberts and Mr Rayson.

**Approval of Previous minutes:** The Minutes of the Business Meeting held in private on 15 May 2017 in accordance with Para 11(h) of its constitution were approved.

**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

*Meeting with John Stephen, Supporting Statement to planning application 17/00680IPL and Meeting with Perth and Kinross Council.*

The CC noted that 58 letters of objection had been submitted. It was also noted that a Supporting Statement from A & J Stephen providing supplementary information had been and emailed to the CC Chairman just hours before the deadline for submissions from the general public on 19 May. CC members were only circulated with this information on 22 May. This Supporting Statement made reference to Local Plan policies and was potentially of significance in the determination of the planning application. This unusual action by the developer had been discussed at the meeting between the CC and PKC on 23 May with conclusions reported in the minutes of the CC's private business meeting of 29 May. PKC had received the Supporting Statement at the same time as the CC and it had not as yet appeared on the PKC website. The CC had agreed that no action would be taken pending a response from both A & J Stephen and Perth and Kinross Council to a number of matters raised including that of the Supporting Statement. No response had as yet been received from either party.

The CC noted that, despite the matter being raised by the CC with John Stephen, delay in finalising the lease of land to Kinnesswood in Bloom continued.

The CC noted concerns of a resident as to the accuracy of the adopted Minute of the CC meeting of 9 May. The resident was invited to contact the Chairman so that the matter could be explored.

**Recycling provision, Kinnesswood.** The proposal to site the recycling facility behind the bus shelter remained to be confirmed. Cllr Barnacle would take the matter forward.

**Police report:** A written report from PC D Stapleton told of car number plates removed from a vehicle in Scotlandwell and of a road traffic collision at the airfield. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 11 May, 18 May, 25 May, 1 June and 7 June were noted.

**Treasurer's report** for the months of April and May 2017. The balance at the month ending 31 May: was £196.97 in the General Account; and £695.73 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £892.70.

**Planning - New applications:** 17/00658/FLL Land 100m north of 3 Middleburn Cottages, Cardenden. Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian centre (in retrospect). The CC would record no objection but would observe that there appeared to have been no application for the stable buildings which had apparently been put up as part of the change of use.

**Planning - Progress with Developments:**

*Remove condition 2 (visibility splays) (14/01482/FLL) the erection of a dwelling house at 50 metres SE of Moucums View, Leslie, Road Scotlandwell and (16/00680/FLL).* The CC noted that these proposals now had the full support from the PKC Transport Department. Accordingly it agreed to withdraw its objection.

*Former Lomond Inn: proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwelling houses (16/03661/CON).* No Progress. *Development at Glenlomond – proposals to build 13 houses (16/00751/FLL).* No progress.

**Roads report:** CCllr Calderwood reported that an updated Roads Report would follow shortly. There was concern at the quality and standard of recent resurfacing to the B9097. The matter would be pursued by Cllr Robertson. The CC note that PKC were reviewing arrangements to trim growth at road junctions where it was plain that it was a safety hazard.

**Paths:** CCllr Smith reported that Monday evening "turn-outs" had been encouraging and considerable work had been achieved. School children from Kinross had recently been invited to be involved in different activities - including cutting bracken - and the Greenspace Ranger had provided replacement marker posts for the Michael Bruce Way.

**PKC Ward Cllr Reports:**

*Cllr Robertson* raised the matter of seeking an embargo from PKC on all further large scale housing developments across Milnathort and Kinross until Junction 7 had been fully upgraded to a four-way junction. The CC agreed to write in support of this proposal.

*Cllr Barnacle* reported that the "Tay Cities Deal" could provide funding for the upgrade of Junction 7 and that there would be little affordable housing in rural areas in the next 10 years. *Cllr Purves* reported that the new administration had revised down the depth of a recognised pothole requiring attention from 60mm to 40mm.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 11 July 2017 in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.**

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

- on the notice board in the village hall
- in a file in Kinnesswood Village Shop
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### CLOCK & WATCH REPAIRS

All kinds of clock and watch repairs are continuing to be provided by Tudor House Antiques repairer, Fred Turvey. He was the main repairer and servicer for Tudor House Antiques, Milnathort for over 20 years.

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# Club & Community Group News



## Boys Brigade

With the indoor session now over, our Company Section is preparing for the annual summer camp. This will be held in Swinton, Yorkshire over the first week of July. A full programme has been planned with visits and activities based around the many popular tourist attractions that York and its surrounding area has to offer.

Our marquee tent is again in demand over the summer months and can be hired for any length of time on any grass surface within the local area for £200 per occasion. This includes delivery, erection, dismantling and removal. Contact Company Captain David Munro on 01577 862126 to make a booking.



*Marquee for hire*

Four boys were awarded their Queen's Badge this session with four more currently working towards this, the highest award in the BB. The Queen's Badge demands that members carry out volunteering within their Company or Church as well as volunteering in the local community (minimum 30 hours each). Members must also develop an interest (skill, physical or expedition, any two from the three).

Our new session resumes on **Friday 8 September** at Kinross Church Centre. Times are as follows: Anchor Section (for boys and girls in primaries 1, 2 and 3) meet from 6pm to 7.15pm; Junior Section (for boys and girls in primaries 4, 6 and 6) meet from 7pm to 9pm; Company Section (for boys and girls from primary 7 to age 18) meet from 7pm to 10pm.

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**Annual General Meeting:** At the AGM in April, the following were re-elected: Chairman, Alistair Smith; Treasurer, Ken Miles; Secretary, Eileen Thomas. After the annual reports, Neil Mitchell, Regional Manager of Scottish Natural Heritage, gave a very interesting illustrated talk about SNH's work at Loch Leven and its plans for the future.

**Best Kept Village Competition:** The Trust organises this competition every year. Judging takes place in July.

**Kinross Show:** The Trust will have a stand at the Kinross Show. Please come and visit us there on 12 August.

## Kinross & District Men's Shed

**First fact of the month; Men's Sheds are acknowledged to be helping to improve men's health and well-being!**

We continue to meet every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon at the Community Campus in Kinross. Please come along and join us. Ask at the reception desk which room we are in as this sometimes changes. Look for our Men's Shed sign when you come in.

We have had new members join us recently and they were warmly welcomed.

We now have a fancy coffee expresso maker (donated) to entice you to come along and enjoy a free coffee and biscuit and maybe even on occasion a cake!

We offer a range of topics for discussion. Recently we had a creative writing session and, on Saturday 17 June, the topic was Home Electrical Systems and Safety.

In the coming weeks we shall be discussing Basic Vehicle Maintenance (non practical), a visit to another shed, drones and a drum workshop.

If there are any topics you would like us to arrange we are happy to do so, just come along or get in touch and let us know.

Our monthly committee meeting on 14 June was well attended and covered quite a few things including funding, training, premises and hopefully we shall soon have a new website, so watch this space!

We also have a new chairman, Glen Douglas, replacing Adam Nosal. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Adam most sincerely for his huge efforts in helping us get this far. New work commitments have forced Adam to take a step back.

One of our shedders has also just completed a tough training programme on the use of the Community Campus technical equipment. This puts us a step forward to gaining access to this valuable community resource.

We shall have a stall at the Kinross Show in August at Vane Farm, so come along and meet us. We hope to have a tombola with a difference! We shall be offering second hand tools and equipment as our tombola prices. All donations gratefully accepted, so please raid your sheds for unwanted or unused tools and help us pass these on to give them a new lease of life!

**Second fact of the month; all men suffer, to varying degrees, from CTAS (compulsive tool acquisition syndrome)!**

Ladies, you can help your man recover from CTAS by donating all his unused tools!

## Circle Dancing

Both classes in Kinross have been learning lots of new and varied dances this term. All have been enjoyed and danced with enthusiasm. We are now taking a break for the summer and classes will resume on **Tuesday 22 August** at the Millbridge Hall in Kinross at 10.30am and again on **Wednesday 23 August** in the dance studio, Junction Road, Kinross at 10am. Circle dancing is great fun, and open to all ages. If you have not yet tried circle dancing, please come along and give it a try. Your first session is free. Alternatively, if you would like more information, please phone Lynne on 01259 742173.

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June saw many volunteers taking a well-earned holiday break but, as usual, the rest rallied to the call and our rota was filled. Thanks to both Gillian Thomson (rota organiser) and her volunteers for ensuring we opened as usual.

This month will also see us saying 'cheerio' to Ailsa Brown who has covered over one hundred hours of volunteering, as part of her Duke of Edinburgh and Saltire awards. She has been a great asset and was warmly welcomed by our Saturday regulars. We wish her every good fortune in her university studies. For any sixteen plus individual working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award or such achievement, working in our coffee shop can offer opportunities to meet their criteria. An enthusiastic reception awaits and our contact details are below.

**Project:** Our project for July is Forever Angels Baby Home in Tanzania, which provides interim care for orphaned and abandoned children. Founded in 2006, the focus is on reuniting the children with their relatives. To date, 80% of the children have either been reunited with family members or have found new adoptive parents. Forever Angels works closely with at risk families, providing nutrition and education. They have specialised equipment for children with special educational needs and staff are specifically trained to work with these children on a daily basis, one to one, which includes providing physiotherapy in the purpose built sensory room.

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

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

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

## Kinross-shire Day Centre

Isn't the weather great at the moment? Although I wouldn't put the umbrellas away just yet!

We have had another fantastic month at the Day Centre. We have enjoyed a few afternoon trips to Aberdour beach with a wee ice cream on the way home. We also had a boat trip on the Firth of Forth, getting all the information on the new "Queensferry Bridge" followed by tea and scones. The scenery was fantastic; we really do live in a beautiful country. Our indoor curling is proving very popular at the moment as is the balance and strength classes.

Our barge trips from Ratho are still going every month, rain or shine, and this month they had the great pleasure of the "Tuesday Crew + One", who had every one dancing and singing along the canal! What more can you ask for?

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

## Dobbies Community Champion

On **Sunday 2 July** the Little Seedlings club will be learning about roses, meeting at the allotments behind the store at 11am. The August meeting is on **Sunday 6 August**. There will also be an extra holiday session in the store on the afternoon of **Wednesday 9 August**. Everyone is welcome and there will be more details in next month's newsletter. Please book for these events online at [www.dobbies.com](http://www.dobbies.com) under events at the Kinross store.

Unfortunately due to illness of their fundraiser, Seamab School have not been able to continue working with us in our Local Charity partnership. For the rest of the summer, we have asked the Kinross Volunteer Group, Rural Outreach scheme to join us for some collections in store and they will also receive the money collected from the 5p charge for carrier bags. The group are well known locally as 'the volunteer drivers', and have worked with us before. We are grateful to our customers for your generosity to all the charities who make collections in the store.

For any information about our community involvement, please contact Amanda James, Community Champion, at the store by phone on 01577 863327 or via email at: [community.kinross@dobbies.com](mailto:community.kinross@dobbies.com).

## Kinross in Bloom

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June is always a busy month for us at Kinross in Bloom and this year would have been no different, had it not been for Chairman Derek announcing his resignation as of now. This came as a surprise, although he did mention it away back last Autumn. However, with sleeves up for the rest of us, plus much help from new member Graham Barnett, and extra help from Mike and Helen Lowry, all our hanging baskets were planted up. Thank you to Kinross Rugby Club for help in hanging the baskets around town.

Help also came from Kinross High School pupils on their Community Volunteer Week. They planted out our planters at the health centre, the park and ride, the church centre and tidied at the fountain, so within a week most of our tasks were complete.

A most crucial part of this operation is the continual need for watering. You will no doubt have seen our watering buggy about town carrying out this essential duty, driven by one of our several volunteer drivers, whom we could not do without. We thank them most profusely.

Things quieten down now that all the hard work is done, but our small group still needs extra hands on our committee to keep Kinross blooming, so if you have an hour or two to spare and would like to help, please don't hesitate. We will be very pleased to see you. Phone Iain on 01577 208110 or Aileen on 01577 861477.

We congratulate the winners of our 200 Club June draw who are:

- |                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. No 34 Mrs Alison Lockhart | 2. No 28 Mrs Clare Hill |
| 3. No 19 Mrs Kate Francis    | 4. No 7 Teresa Bowstead |

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### May Draw

- |     |       |                              |
|-----|-------|------------------------------|
| 1st | No 49 | Alison Todd, Kinnesswood.    |
| 2nd | No 54 | Maureen Miller, Kinnesswood. |
| 3rd | No 30 | David Steven, Kinnesswood.   |



## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Get out for a regular walk. Explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you're new or returning to walking, or an experienced walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

### Weekend Walks

**Saturday 8 July: East and West Lomond, 7 miles.**

An 'out and back' walk taking in both summits of Lomond Hills.

**Sunday 23 July: Elie to Anstruther, 6 miles.**

Easy walk along Fife Coastal Path via St Monans and Pittenweem. Fish and chips or packed lunch.

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 4 July: Blairhill, Rumbling Bridge and Crook of Devon** (previously cancelled due to bad weather).

A 'lollipop' walk around Blairhill area, then through the gorge, past the new weir and along the River Devon.

**Tuesday 18 July: Holl Reservoir.**

A walk in the Lomond Hills with good views.

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

## Kinross Garden Group

Our June outing took us to St Andrews for lunch and then to Willowhill Garden at Forgan.

Although wet, we had a walk round the garden and enjoyed the usual tea with plenty of chat.

The next outing is on **Thursday 13 July** when we will be going to Carolside at Earlstoun and hoping for the weather to be a bit better. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger 01577 863785.



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## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



On Sunday 4 June, 31 members and friends travelled to Dumfries House, Ayrshire. Our hosts provided excellent coffee, tea and shortbread on arrival and excellent guides to provide us with details about the house. We were told about the timely rescue by the heir to the throne as the furniture was almost en route to London for auction. The house has been extensively renovated and the furnishings and decor were beautiful. Even the weather was good to us and we enjoyed lovely sunshine all day.

Our AGM was held, as ever, in our traditional venue at Moira and Alistair's lovely home. The chairman's review covered all our meetings since September 2016 to date and the financial report was agreed. Two committee members were re-elected with Ian agreeing to continue as chairman and Gwyn as secretary/programme convenor. Marjory will replace Elsa who was presented with a lovely white lily. Members were advised of plans for next session's programme and hostesses and helpers arranged. We welcomed three new members and the return of Fiona. A small turnout, but all the more strawberries and cream for the rest of us!

Our first meeting of the new September 2017 to June 2018 session is to be a trip to view the renovation work at Penicuik House on **Sunday 3 September**. Please will members who were not able to attend the AGM let Ian or Gwyn know if they will be attending the September meeting so that we can arrange transport.

## 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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## Our Portmoak

Our Portmoak's **FREE** events programme for the summer is chock full of activities. Our aim is to celebrate the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology through events designed to share Portmoak's unique history, and to uncover new stories along the way. All Our Portmoak events must be pre-booked via email ([ourportmoak@kinrossmuseum.org.uk](mailto:ourportmoak@kinrossmuseum.org.uk)), our Facebook page, or phone. See our web page at [www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk](http://www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk) for full event details, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, or call on 07738 492193 or 07939 067713.

### Archaeology

Try your hand at archaeology at two of Portmoak's most fascinating locations. No prior experience is necessary.

#### Dig Old Portmoak Chapel,

**Sat 29 and Sun 30 July**

The Chapel was home to early Culdee monks. The lands here and on nearby St Serf's island were gifted to the monks by Macbeth and his wife Gruoch in the 11th century.

The history of the Chapel site and its relationship to St Serf's is relatively unknown; a recent geophysical survey suggests that the site is larger than was

originally thought. This is your chance to be part of the team that uncovers the story of Old Portmoak Chapel.

#### Dig Dunmore Fort,

**Sat 12 August and Sun 13 August**

Dunmore (meaning Big Hill) is the site of one of many hillforts scattered across the Lomonds. Our dig will investigate this fort walled settlement. (This dig is now fully booked with a waiting list in operation.)

#### Walks and Visits

##### Michael Bruce Way, Sun 9 July

David Munro will lead a guided walk along the Michael Bruce Way to mark the 250th anniversary of the death of Michael Bruce, "the Gentle Poet of Lochleven". The walk is organised in association with the Michael Bruce Trust.

##### Visit Old Portmoak Chapel,

**Sat 22 and Sun 23 July**

Learn about the monks who lived here and their royal benefactors. We will share the findings of our recent geophysical survey of the site. The visit is the perfect opportunity to learn about the Chapel prior to our archaeological dig the following weekend.

##### St Serf's Island Historic Island,

**Sat 19 and Sun 20 August**

This is an extremely

rare opportunity

to visit St Serf's

island, now an

internationally recognised site for nesting birds under the management of Scottish Natural Heritage. During the trip you will hear the stories of past lives on the Island and we will share the results of recent analysis of finds from an archaeological dig on the Island in 2011/2012.

Thanks to SNH for facilitating, and partnering us in, this event.

### Other Events

#### Portmoak Churchyard Survey,

**Sat 15 and Sun 16 July**

Using the latest GPS technology, you will create a record of the fascinating and historic gravestones and burial monuments in the old churchyard at Portmoak Parish Church.

It won't all be work as stories of the past residents of Portmoak will be revealed throughout the day. Your efforts will help to create an important and enduring record of the people of Portmoak Parish.

#### Portmoak Moss Time Travelling

**(Tales of the Peatbog),**

**Sunday 23 July**

We are very fortunate to have an ancient peatbog in the Moss at Scotlandwell. On National Bog Day Andrew McBride, Peatland Action Manager for Scottish Natural Heritage, will drill a core sample of the bog and tell the story of how the bog has changed and been used throughout history.

Plenty of the Moss's amazing diversity of flora and fauna will be on show too.

Our Portmoak is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland. See facing page for calendar of events.



Peat casting, Portmoak Moss Courtesy of Kinross (Marshall) Museum



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Join us to celebrate Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

All Our Portmoak events are FREE.

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

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



Date	Day	Key	Event	Location / Notes
9 Jul	Sun	❷	Walk Kinross-shire's Michael Bruce Way	In association with The Michael Bruce Trust
15-16 Jul	Sat-Sun	❸	Portmoak Churchyard Survey	Portmoak Parish Church
22-23 Jul	Sat-Sun	❷	Visit Old Portmoak Chapel	Scottish Gliding Centre
23 Jul	Sun	❸	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 (fully booked)
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
5 Oct	Thu	❹	Live Music and Prose Evening	The Balgedie Toll Tavern
28 Oct	Sat	❺	Celebration Day & Ceilidh	Portmoak Hall

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

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

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## Portmoak Primary School

The Summer term has been a busy and productive one at Portmoak Primary

### Primary 7 Rotary Quiz

On 26 April our Primary 7 Rotary Quiz Team went to the Rotary Quiz Area Finals at Balwearie High School in Kirkcaldy. The team performed extremely well getting full marks in 6 of the 10 rounds and finishing in 7th place overall. Well done Calum, Finlay, Sophie and Callum.

### Fir Park Ski Trip

After calling off our planned day at Glenshee twice due to a lack of snow this season, we decided to change venue for our annual ski day. On 21<sup>st</sup> April some of our Primary 4 – 7 Pupils enjoyed a successful trip to FirPark dry ski slope in Tillicoultry. All the skiers were praised for listening, attitude, effort and behaviour.

### P1/2 and P2/3 Trip to St. Andrews

On 3 May our two youngest classes went on a Gruffalo hunt in St Andrews Botanic Garden. They then had a lovely visit to the beach. A great day out was had by all and staff were very pleased with the children's attitude and behaviour on this trip. Thanks to all who helped on the day and to the other parents who volunteered.

### P5/6 and P6/7 Trip to Deep Sea World

On 4 May our two oldest classes had a visit to Deep Sea World. This was a very enjoyable day and again staff were very happy with our pupils when they were out and about. Thank you to helpers for this day also.

### Residential Trips

Our Primary 6 have completed their John Muir Award based on some of the work on carried out on their residential at Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre which they thoroughly enjoyed and which was helped by the fantastic weather. Our Primary 7 had great fun meeting their High School classmates on their residential trip at Dalguise.

### Sponsored Walk

On 15 June our Primary 1-3 children did a sponsored walk to Kilmagadwood in aid of new SmartPanels and our P4-7 children tackled Bishop Hill and got all the way to the summit. The children really enjoyed their walk despite the rain shower.

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

Louise Gordon  
Headteacher

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## Kinross & District Rotary Club



With no official speaker at our meeting on 22 May, the members took turns to relate tales of embarrassing moments, holiday experiences and some humorous moments from the past. President elect George Lawrie advised that he had recently been appointed Chairman of the Royal Highland Educational Trust. The Trust aims to explain the importance of farming and agriculture to 5 - 14 year olds by getting them out on farms or giving presentations in the classrooms. Last year the Trust made contact with 65,000 children.

Alisdair Stewart from Kinross Aerospace updated our meeting on 28 May of the progress being made to establish an aviation, astronomy and space flight science centre in Kinross. Alisdair told us that two possible sites had been identified and that once the centre was established they were hoping to attract 100,000 visitors per year. The family-based centre would include displays featuring the story of flight, astronomy, space exploration, a 150-seat planetarium, lecture theatre, restaurant and retail area. To enable the project to progress, a Community Share Offer was launched on 8 May with a target sum of £50,000. A key element of the share offer is the "build-a-plane" project for Kinross High School students who will have a chance to help build a Eurofox kit plane. For further details, see [www.aerospacekinross.com](http://www.aerospacekinross.com).

One of our members, Neil Maclure, attended the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland as one of the Commissioners from the Perth Presbytery. Completely by chance, Neil, who is Session Clerk at Cleish Parish Church, found himself sitting next to the husband of our Rotary UK President, Eve Conway. Eve and Neil met up later and both attended the reception held at Holyrood Palace hosted by Princess Anne.

A group of 28 members and their partners travelled to the Pitlochry Theatre on 2 June to have dinner and to attend Cole Porter's musical, High Society.

At our annual Assembly Meeting on 5 June, President elect George Lawrie outlined his plans for the club for the new Rotary year that starts on 1 July. The convenors of the various committees also presented their proposals. Present at the meeting was the District Assistant Governor, John Holme, who commended the club for what had been achieved in the current year and wished the club a successful future.

**Meetings:** We meet most Mondays at the Kirkland's Hotel, Kinross at 6.30pm. On the third week of each month the Monday meeting is replaced by a Tuesday breakfast meeting at 7.30am, also at the Kirkland's 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](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com) to find out more.

**Date for the diary: Sunday 3 September**, Great Escape Boat Race at Kirkgate Park, Kinross.

## Networking for community organisations event

Forty people representing around 22 community groups and organisations attended this event on 26 April.

It was organised by the Resource and Volunteer sub group of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.

### Table top discussions

These gave an opportunity to talk about:

- **Funding** – identify available funding from the Big Lottery Fund;
- **Networking** – learn what others do in the area and identify ways of networking;
- **Training** – explore what training is required for community groups;
- **Communications and volunteer point** – establish common ground about how we can work together, make connections and share information effectively;
- **Community resources** – what resources are available? What can people share? How can we work together better?

### Feedback

The discussion tables concluded:

**Networking:** Future networking opportunities would be beneficial, perhaps with different format, styles and venues.

**Training:** Attendees would welcome updates and information on new and existing legislation that affects their groups such as data protection, child protection, managing volunteers and PVG.

**Communications and volunteer point:** This raised a lot of good points around the need for sharing information and ensuring information was being distributed effectively.

### Follow up

Here is what we plan to do:

- Organise another face to face networking opportunity, which will be at the Milnathort and Kinross Allotments in mid-September.
- Organise training opportunities such as PVG and managing volunteers, which will be October.
- The Volunteer Information Point (VIP) to be redeveloped and relaunched. This will be managed by the Friends of Loch Leven Library. Perhaps develop a Facebook page for the VIP.
- Work with Community Learning and Development Group to plan and organise the Better Place to Live Fair on 3 March 2018 at the campus. This is a great opportunity for networking and showcasing what Kinross-shire has to offer.

### Appreciation

The Resource sub group would like to thank: everyone who offered their time and support to plan and manage the session; the participants and all those whose involvement made the event the success that it was.

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

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

## Kinnesswood in Bloom

Work continues to improve the Michael Bruce Garden in advance of the 250th commemoration event on **Saturday 1 July**. New plants provided by Dobbies are now in place. Extra funding was available from PKC this year for special projects, so a new bench has been purchased for the garden. It is made of recycled plastic, so is low maintenance. We are aware that many walking groups use the garden as a rest stop and sometimes to eat their packed lunch so this will provide much needed extra seating. The interpretation panel is nearly ready and should be installed soon. An exciting event took place on Sunday 18 June when there was a 'muckle dig' in the garden. We'll reveal what was found next month. Kinnesswood in Bloom was delighted to welcome pupils from secondary 1 and 2 from Kinross High School for three days at the end of May. They also helped the local Paths Group with cutting back ferns. Many tasks were completed in the school grounds; cutting back trees and bushes, clearing the pond, painting raised beds and weeding raised beds. A great deal was accomplished and some even made a start at dressing the golfers/gardeners, doing work at the Picture Garden and spreading bark. Thank you very much for your efforts.



*Some of the volunteers from Kinross High School*

Sponsorship letters have been delivered through doors of Kinnesswood residents in June. The money raised is much appreciated. It is our main fundraiser of the year and helps us with plants, compost, paint and new tubs which enhance the village of Kinnesswood; 'Best Small Village in Scotland' last year.

Birds and bees continue to be produced and our gardeners/golfers are newly dressed for the new season. There will be a local quiz for families, taking them round the village gardens. Judging of the Best Kept Village takes place on the week beginning 17 July. The Beautiful Scotland judging will be on the week beginning 7 August.

Our next meeting will be on the **Thursday 6 July** at 7.30pm at the Well Country Inn.

### Club Correspondents

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

## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Healthy Minestrone Soup

July is the time to use up extra garden vegetables or buy them from the supermarket when they are cheap.

#### Ingredients

- 1 tblsp olive oil
- 200g streaky bacon, finely chopped
- 2 large carrots, peeled and roughly chopped
- 2 onions, roughly chopped
- 2 celery stalks, roughly chopped
- 2 potatoes, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 0.75 litres vegetable stock
- Handful of fresh herbs, rosemary, bay leaf and thyme
- 3 courgettes, trimmed and roughly chopped
- 1 large handful of small pasta shapes

To serve:

- Handful of chopped parsley
- 100g finely grated parmesan

#### Method

Heat oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add the bacon and fry for 2 to 3 minutes. Add the carrots, celery and onions and fry for 4 to 5 minutes. Add potatoes and fry for 4 to 5 minutes until softened.

Stir in tomato puree and cook for 1 minute then add tomatoes, herbs and stock and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Add the courgettes and pasta and return to boil, cover and simmer for 5 to 8 minutes.

Serve in bowls and sprinkle over parsley and parmesan.

## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

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

There are no Away Days in July.

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

#### Friday Walkers

- 14 July** Hopetoun Monument from the Deer Centre.
- 28 July** Along the Union Canal at Linlithgow and back by River Almond.

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

#### Friday Hill Walkers

- 7 July** Loch Ordie (no bus) Anne & Kate 8.30am
- 21 July** Braefordie Jock 8.30am

Contact Pauline Watson, telephone 01577 862865.

#### Activities

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

**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-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk

**Balbedie Aeromodelling Club at Kinross Farmers' Market!**



The next Farmers' Market is **Saturday 22 July** from 9am until 1pm in the High Street at the old Town Hall. The Balbedie Aeromodelling Club will display their model aeroplanes and there will be a great variety of market stalls with local produce.

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. Kinross Farmers' Market is supported by:



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

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

A few exciting events and concerts are already lined up for this year's festival. Scotland's National Poet Liz Lochhead will perform with the Hazey Janes on Friday 3 November 8pm at the campus. Other events are Lights Out By Nine (4 Nov), Comedy with Billy Kirkwood (10 Nov), Messiah in a Day (12 Nov), All Dance event (17 Nov), Choirs Together (19 Nov) and the Festive Street market/Light Up Kinross event is on Saturday 25 Nov. Tickets are available at Macbeth Currie Estate Agent's, The Shire in Milnathort and [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk) For more information about KLEO events, go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk) or e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)

## S.H.I.P.

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S.H.I.P. is a charity that runs weekly youth clubs during school term time for young people with Additional Support Needs.

S.H.I.P. is hoping to offer this service in Kinross-shire at the community campus for young people aged 5-18 years.

S.H.I.P. clubs are run by experienced Play Leaders and supported by trained volunteers across Perth City and in rural outreach locations. Kinross-shire is a new area, but as the local response has been so encouraging, S.H.I.P. has received funding to establish and run a staffed youth club.

There will be a wide range of exciting activities to choose from, which will be planned around the needs of the young people, and provide them with opportunities to make friends and have lots of fun.

Activities offered at other sites include rock climbing, cooking, arts & crafts, chess and visits from community groups. We want to make sure the club we provide is what you and your family needs, so please do get in touch.

S.H.I.P. youth clubs provide volunteering opportunities within the community for young people over the age of 14 and adults.

The charity will be looking to employ two qualified play leaders and to recruit volunteers in the ratio of 1-2 per child attending the club.

The expected start date is October 2017.

(See also notice below.)

## Loch Leven Youth Club

For children and young people with additional support needs

S.H.I.P. is a charity that runs weekly youth clubs during school term time for young people with Additional Support Needs. S.H.I.P. is hoping to offer this service in Kinross-shire at Loch Leven Community Campus.

If you would like to find out more about the Loch Leven Youth Club, please get in touch.

We would love to hear from you!

Email: [manager@ship-perthshire.co.uk](mailto:manager@ship-perthshire.co.uk)  
Phone: 07713565120  
Drop in: Folly (Friend of Loch Leven Youth) Cafe at the campus, term time Thursday 10am-12 noon. Interested parents and carers welcome.

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## Friends of Loch Leven Community Library

**Calling all 8 to 12 year olds; are you up for a challenge?**

Come along to our exciting Table-top Challenge afternoons this month! The faster and more skilful you are, the more points you will collect for each challenge you complete. There's a mystery prize for the player with the highest number of points on the day and, what's more, it's completely free to enter! The challenges will take place at Loch Leven Community Library on **Saturday 8 July** and **Saturday 22 July from 1.30pm to 3.30pm**. Places are limited so you will need to email [ciacleaning@live.co.uk](mailto:ciacleaning@live.co.uk) to book a slot. Let us know which Saturday you want to come along (or if you would like to come to both). We expect this to be very popular so don't delay – first come first served – ready, steady, GO!

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### Thank you!

A huge thank you to all who chatted with us and took the time to complete our questionnaire at the Kinross Farmers' Market in May. You gave us lots of great suggestions and ideas for future events – watch this space!



*FOLLCL had a stall at the May Farmers' Market*

A big vote of appreciation to the fabulous St. Serf's Singers who hosted a Friends and Family concert on 4 June. The audience were treated to a highly entertaining afternoon of singing of the highest quality, and the group raised a grand total of £221.60 for FOLLCL. Thank you, St. Serf's Singers!

### About Us

**FOLLCL** is a group of independent volunteers who staff Loch Leven Community Library on Saturday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm and on Mondays from 10am to 1pm. For further information, please contact Richard Scott on 07 999 510 500 or find us on Facebook.



## Kinross and District Art Club

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

Art club members become weather watchers during the summer months, when we hope for a sunny day or even a break in the torrential rain, so that we can enjoy painting outdoors in the beautiful landscape that surrounds us. Tuesday 13 June brought near perfect conditions for our outdoor painting day at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven Reserve, organised by the club's outdoor painting co-ordinator John Tydeman.

We were welcomed by the Reserve's Visitor Experience Officer, Alice O'Rourke, who had also set up a workshop area on the patio for members of the public to have a go at painting in watercolours.



*Club Members Heather Farquhar and Alison Harrison talk about their paintings with Alice O'Rourke and a visitor to the reserve*

Members set up their sketchbooks, palettes and brushes at various points around the reserve and enjoyed painting the delightful scenery, wildlife and plants around them. Members of the public were invited to engage the artists in conversation about their work as one gentleman is seen doing in the photo. Apologies for not getting his contact details, but if he would like to get in touch (07702 572664) we'd be delighted to send him an invitation to our September exhibition.

We anticipate having several paintings in our annual exhibition resulting from this very successful day. A small exhibition of our paintings is also on show in the cafe area of the reserve which includes some excellent wildlife paintings. If you are interested in joining the club or finding out more about us, see our website.



## Community share offer now includes stars!



Aero Space Kinross is reaching for the stars as it announces its Star Offer.

The Star Offer is an exciting way to become part of the community share project, starting with a pledge of only £10 for the purchase of a blank star plus one free admission, rising to a pledge of £100 for a *named* star and 12 free adult/concession visits.

Chairman of ASK, Alisdair Stewart, said: "We really want to widen our reach and community engagement through OUR BIG ASK with something fun. In essence, the Star Offer will give people a way to pledge smaller amounts of money and become involved in Aero Space Kinross at the very start without necessarily becoming a full investor.

"It will also give an additional reason for families and friends to visit our space flight and aviation centre in due course, as they will be able to point to their 'stars' in the galaxy on the wall in the entrance foyer each time they come. It can also be a novel way of marking a big birthday, a means of remembering someone special, or just a bit of fun."

The ASK community share offer was launched in April by TV presenter Carol Vorderman, with friends of ASK lending their support with their video "countdown" messages. The offer then got off to a flying start on 8 May. It has already attracted pledges worth £38,000, but the ASK team are now focused on reaching the minimum target of £50,000. So, the challenge they now face is to find backers for the remaining £12k.

The ASK project has been created to inspire future generations into flight related, STEM careers and leisure flying pursuits that will act as a feeder for both the aerospace industry and educational or training establishments in the Perth and Kinross-shire area and across Scotland. It will also be a knowledge hub, an exciting visitor attraction and an event venue to be enjoyed by the local community and all visitors. OUR BIG ASK will also enable a "build-a-plane" project in which local Kinross school kids 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.

The Community Share Offer has been developed with support and guidance from Community Shares Scotland.

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

Watch the video on the ASK website for more information.

**The Community Share Offer runs until 30 June 2017, or when the maximum target is reached.**

**OUR BIG ASK**  
**STAR OFFER** ★★★

Want to add a star to our galaxy? Then make a Star Offer pledge to buy a star and get free admission(s) to the Aero Space Kinross venue when it opens as follows...

Pledge	Number of Free Visits (adult or concession)
£10	1
£25	3
£50	6
£75	9
£100	12

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## Lauriston nursery children visit school site

The preschool children from Lauriston Nursery were recently invited to the site of the new Kinross Primary School, currently being built by Robertson Construction.

The children were thrilled to be allowed the chance to see what their new school will be like. They were greeted by the site manager, who explained the importance of safety on the site, and then they were taken on a tour to see where their new gym hall and classrooms would be.

The children were impressed that the roof windows will open in the event of a fire to let out the smoke. We thought that

was a good design.

We spoke to builders on the job and had lots of questions for them. The children were inspired by their experience and were buzzing all the way back to Lauriston, where they began drawing up their own plans for buildings they could make when they are older.

We had a fabulous experience and would like to say a big "Thank You" to all at Robertson construction who made it possible.



*Lauriston children inspect the buildings under construction*



*Planning for the future!*





## Kinross Museum

To mark the 450th anniversary of the imprisonment of Mary, Queen of Scots in Loch Leven Castle in 1567-68, a new exhibition will be on display from July entitled *Loch Leven's Royal Prisoner*. If you would like to support the Museum by taking out a Friend's subscription, you will receive an invitation to the launch of this new exhibition and other events as well as a newsletter.

Volunteers will be continuing the survey of memorial stones in Kinross Parish Kirkyard and for those interested in archaeology there are plenty of *Our Portmoak* project activities to get involved with. As part of this programme of events, Museum Trust Chairman David Munro will also, on 9 July, be leading a walk round the Michael Bruce



Mary Stuart by Farino, 1855

Way in commemoration of the poet Michael Bruce who died 250 years ago in July 1767. (See page 53.)



## Portmoak Paths Group

The Paths Group was set up to do some essential maintenance during the summer months on the footpaths around Portmoak. We meet on Monday evenings from 7pm to 8pm and are always looking for volunteers to lend a hand. No experience or special tools are needed – we do everything from light trimming to heavier spade work and strimming. We focus our efforts on the hill section of the Michael Bruce Way (MBW), the Dryside Way from Easter Balgedie as well as other sections of the MBW. These are very popular paths for walkers, dog walkers and runners, so it's important that we maintain them for the benefit of all.

If you'd like to do your bit to help, then come along any Monday evening at 7pm. We meet at the car park next to Portmoak School, Kinnesswood.

For more information, contact Tom Smith 01592 841160.



Volunteers helping to keep paths maintained in Portmoak

## Kinross & District Inner Wheel

Our June meeting took the form of a Birthday Party - it's 35 years since the official charter of our club. We took the opportunity to invite some guests, members from neighbouring Inner Wheel clubs and also the wives of some of our local Rotarians who are not members of Inner Wheel. A happy party of thirty-five sat down to a delicious meal provided by the Boathouse followed by birthday cake baked by one of our members.

After our meal we were entertained by Cantamus, a singing group from North Fife who gave us a short recital of songs from musicals which was very much appreciated by all present. (Like Inner Wheel, Cantamus also raises money for charity, with a wonderful total of over £30,000 donated to fifty different charities over the last few years - an amazing success.)

We're now looking forward to a restful summer with hopefully some better weather to come and to our outing in August to Pitlochry Theatre.



President Doreen Blanche hands over the chain of office to new President Christine Maclure

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## Kinross Beavers

On Friday 19 May our eight new beavers were invested into the colony. Welcome to Innes, Andrew, Darach, Rory, Jamie, Douglas, Noah and Sean. The same evening also saw us say good bye to eight beavers who were moving onto Cubs. All the best to Gregor F, Lucas, Charlie S, Percy, Gregor M, Leo, Cameron M and Harry!

Also this month, Harry and Charlie S were presented with their Bronze Award after successfully achieving all six challenge badges and four stage/activity badges. Well done, boys!

As some of our existing lodge leaders have moved onto Cubs, three beavers were promoted to be lodge leaders. Congratulations to Isla, Ewan and Cameron D!

We have been out and about this term doing a variety of activities including den building and pond dipping. On Friday 26 May we visited Tesco on Crieff Road in Perth for a 'Farm to



Harry and Charlie with their Bronze Awards

Fork trail'. The beavers got to learn about the different areas of the shop including the cheese counter, fresh meat, fruit and veg and the bakery. They also got to try a variety of different food and write down what they thought of it.

The beavers have also recently taken part in the district sports day which took place at the George Duncan Athletics Arena at Perth Grammar School. The beavers took part in six events; 60m, 200m, long jump, standing long jump, shot putt and javelin. They performed well, finishing in second place; one point behind first place!

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 by email on [kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk).



New Beavers

## Kinross High School

The school held its annual sports day on 13 June. The sports day champions for each age group are listed at right.



### Sports Day House Champion

1. Benarty (419 pts). 2. Ochil (410 pts). 3. Lomond (360 pts).

### Sports Day Champions

	Boy	Girl
Group A	Jack Davidson	Holly McLachlan
Group B	Elliot Wilkins	Isla Steel
Group C	Struan Bennet	Lily Roy



l to r: Logan Bexfield, Craig McLaughlin, Josh Doyle



l to r: Ola Stanton, Hannah Dow, Eleanor Baughan



## Kinross Primary School

### School scoops digital award and leads the way in digital teaching and learning

Kinross Primary has gained national 'Digital School' status for excellence in digital technology in teaching and learning. Kinross is the first school in Perth and Kinross to gain this award, which is recognised by Education Scotland. The Digital Schools Award is designed to promote, encourage and reward schools that make the best use of digital technology in the classroom.

Kinross Primary demonstrated, among other things, the presence of a whole school digital strategy, evidence of how digital technology is being used to enhance learning and a commitment to ongoing professional learning for teachers. The report commended the school for 'the dedication, enthusiasm and abilities of the Digital Leaders from P6 & P5; the enthusiasm observed across the school community for digital learning, inspired by the communication means used by the school to reach parents and carers as well as staff and pupils.'

*Kinross Primary pupils - inspired by all things digital!*



Pauline Smith, Headteacher said; 'I am truly delighted and proud of the staff and learners' commitment to digital learning over the last two years. This award marks a new beginning for our school as the opportunities for our learners in digital technology will be enhanced by the amazing new building we are moving into later this year'.



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## Kinross Golf Club

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### Gents Open

Kinross Golf Club hosted their Gents Open on Sunday 4 June. Congratulations to all the prize winners listed below, and thanks to all who took part and helped make the day a huge success.

**Scratch:-** 1st D Ewen, Kinross, 70 BIH, £180; 2nd R Campbell, Kinross, 71, £130; 3rd T White, Kinross, 73, £90; 4th M Burnett, Harburn, 74 BIH, £70.

**0 – 9 Handicap:-** 1st S Butcher, Kinross, 70 – 2 68, £180; 2nd S Robertson, Kinross, 77 – 8 69, £130; 3rd D Lyall, Kinross, 80 – 2 72, BIH £90; 4th G Dymock, Harburn, 76 – 4 72 BIH, £70.

**10 – 28 Handicap:-** 1st G I Smith, Kinross, 81 – 12 69, £180; 2nd R Houston, Kinross, 86 – 16 70 BIH, £130; 3rd R Sievwright, Kinross, 84 – 14 70, BIH £90; 4th A Hood, Kinross, 87 – 17 70, £70.

**Nearest the Pin:-** 3rd A Lockhart, Kinross, £15; 11th A Simpson, Kinross, £15; 13th E Wood, Kinross, £15; 16th L Grindrod, Kinross, £15.

**2's Sweep - £17.50 per 2:-** A Lockhart Kinross x2; G Arthur Kinross; T Wardrope Kinross; A McKay Pitreavie; S J Hynd Kinross; D Ewen Kinross x2; D Sharman Kinross; A Farrell Ballybunion; G Dymock Harburn; E Wood Kinross; R Birrell Bridge of Allan.

### Hole in one

Kinross golfer Jim Wardrope hit his first hole-in-one on the 13th on the Bruce in the Summer League Round three last month.

### Stroyan Trophy

Perth and Kinross County's oldest trophy, the Stroyan, has been retained by Kinross for another year after Andy Jackson and Scott Michie saw off the select field at Strathtay with a gross 67 to win by 3 from Crieff.

### Perth and Kinross County Junior Scratch League

The Junior Scratch league team of Ciar Chalmers, George Smith and Logan Bexfield had a win over Muckhart blue team 3-0 on Sunday 11 June in a match played at Kinross.

### Millennium Cup

28 gents, ladies and juniors paired up on Friday 9 June and took part in the club's annual Pinehurst battling it out for the Millennium Cup. After the golf, sandwiches and refreshments were laid on in the clubhouse and a very sociable evening was had by all.

In first place was Audrey Thomson and her partner Tom Graham with a net 61.5. Runners-up were Alexis Crawford and her partner George I Smith with a net 63.

### Ladies Away Day

Each year Kinross ladies organise an 'Away Day'. This year it was the Crail Golfing Society's Ladies Open on 10 June. The ladies were lucky with the weather; it started off overcast and windy then half way round the sun came out and the stunning coastal views really could be appreciated. Heather Gough was the trophy winner with a net 73, as well as winning 1st scratch in the bronze section of the open competition. Congratulations to Heather!



*Ladies who attended the 'Away Day'*

### Seve Ballesteros Legends Tournament

The Seve Ballesteros charity golf day will be held on the Bruce course on **Friday 28 July**. Funds raised will go to the Seve Ballesteros Foundation set up in partnership with Cancer Research UK for dedicated brain cancer research.

Lyn and Laura from the bar will also be doing a sponsored tandem skydive to raise funds. Good luck, girls! If you would like to check on late entries or donate a prize for auction or raffle, please contact social convenor Stephen Hynd on 07799016661.

### Ladies Senior Open Greensomes

The date for the 2017 Ladies Senior Open Greensomes is **Thursday 13 July**. The competition will be played over the Montgomery course and the entry fee is £12 per pair. To enter, you can download an application form from the website [golfempire.co.uk](http://golfempire.co.uk) or email [office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk).

### Junior Open

The date for the 2017 Junior Open is **Tuesday 18 July**. The entry fee is £5. To enter, you can download an application form from the website [golfempire.co.uk](http://golfempire.co.uk) or email [office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk).

### Further Information

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### Sending photographs to the Newsletter

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## Primary county sports competitors

A Kinross cluster primary schools athletics event took place on 1 June at the George Duncan Sports Arena in Perth.

The following pupils came first in the events shown and will represent the Kinross cluster at the Perth and Kinross Primary School Athletics Championships (County Sports) on 22 June.

	<b>P6 Girls</b>	<b>P6 Boys</b>	<b>P7 Girls</b>	<b>P7 Boys</b>
<b>80m</b>	Lucy Allison (Arngask)	Kieran Todd (Arngask)	Niamh Brown (Portmoak)	Fergus MacGilp (Kinross)
<b>200m</b>	Maisie Price (Arngask)	Andrew Todd & Lewis Combe 1st= (Kinross)	Maia Clark (Kinross)	Fergus MacGilp (Kinross)
<b>800m</b>	Jessica Freck (Milnathort)	Andrew Todd (Kinross)	Molly Winge (Portmoak)	Luke Volland (Fossoway)
<b>L Jump</b>	Maisie Price (Arngask)	Andrew Todd (Kinross)	Maia Clark (Kinross)	Fergus MacGilp (Kinross)
<b>Shott</b>	Abigail Mann (Kinross)	Kieran Todd (Arngask)	Niamh Brown (Portmoak)	Angus Hunter (Fossoway)
<b>Discus</b>	Amy Smith (Fossoway)	Vito Hogan (Arngask)	Kelsey Robertson (Portmoak)	Angus Hunter (Fossoway)

## Kinross Colts

The club continues to grow with the recent addition of our 2009-2011 girls team. We also have a 2006-2008 girls team starting training sessions in August.

Whilst our younger teams are enjoying their 5-a-side and 7-a-side fixtures through the summer, our older teams have reached the end of their seasons.

Well done to our 2002 team who finished runners-up in the league and gained promotion to division one as well as reaching the semi-finals of the Fife Cup.

Our 2003 team improved as the season progressed and finished a respectable seventh in their league.

Our 2004 team reached the final of the Fife Development Challenge Cup, losing out to Glenrothes Athletic in a great game at Kelty Hearts ground.

Good luck to both of our 2005 teams who move from 7s to 11-a-side in August.



## Kinross Tennis Club

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

### League update

The Tennis Tayside leagues are in full swing with mixed results for our competing teams.

The ladies have had a few close but no cigar moments. Results include narrow defeats to Scone, Broughty Ferry and St Andrews then a draw with Kinnoull (who then unfortunately withdrew from the league so the result was void!). Two tough fixtures to go to see if we can keep our place in Division One. The gents, on the other hand, are faring decidedly better in the 4-player league, having won 5 games out of 5 as we go to press; of course, we expected nothing less as defending champions!

Perth and District ladies and gents leagues will start in July, and the Henderson Vase mixed leagues too. All budding competitors are encouraged to the fore!

### Adult Coaching

There is a bit of a buzz in adult sessions thanks to Margaret's organisational skills and also the quality of the sessions led by coach Daniel Reed. He is bringing a bit of pizzazz to proceedings with improvements in fitness, playing skills and increased enjoyment becoming quite visible. **Tuesday evenings** for Cardio Tennis at 6pm; fitness for all abilities with a tennis racket in your hand. You don't have to be Andy Murray to enjoy this! Followed by coaching for intermediate/advanced players at 7pm and beginners/improvers at 8pm. We also have a beginners class on **Friday afternoons** at 2pm. Enquiries to Margaret at [kinrossstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossstennis@gmail.com)

### Junior Coaching

The summer term block has just completed and Alessia and Andrew have worked hard to delivery fun sessions to all participants. However, fear not, our **Summer Tennis Camps** will keep all the juniors skills brushed up and get them out from under mum's feet for a few hours too! There are two camps planned for **weeks commencing 10 July and 31 July** (note change of date for the second camp). Ages 4 to 7 from 9am to 10.30am daily and ages 8 to 16 from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The coach for these camps will be Daniel Reed of DAR Tennis and, with his Spanish style of coaching and lots of



experience, will be sure to bring a refreshing take on junior tennis, which we hope all participants will enjoy. Numbers are limited and spaces will fill up fast. The autumn term block of coaching will then follow. Details and further information can be obtained from Siobhan at [kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com)

### Other information and dates for your diary

Adults – a date for your diaries – our next social tournament is on the afternoon of **Sunday 23 July**. Let's hope for another dry day and some relaxed, but competitive, social tennis. Meanwhile keep practising at the club sessions on Wednesdays at 6.30pm, Thursdays at 1.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am. 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 [kinrossstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossstennis@gmail.com). Visitors are also welcome with keys available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.

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## Kinross Otters

It has been a very busy few weeks indeed for the Otters with a number of league and open events taking place all over Scotland.

The first division meet at Montrose saw us taking home points in almost all races but we were, as usual, penalised for our lack of older boys. This was very disappointing for the swimmers who participated, especially as so many of them are new to the club. Liam Slater was our only 15+ boy who attended and we are grateful to him for his team spirit.

We'd love to hear from any former Otters or boys aged 13 and over who perhaps now take part in another sport. Swimming is a fantastic low impact, high cardio discipline that can really boost your fitness and stamina, improving your performance in your chosen sport. If you'd like to have a go or come back to us, please contact us through our Facebook page or website. There are no upper age limits in swimming meets so it really is only a matter of time before our only men, poolside helper Bob Cumming and Head Coach Simon are drafted in to get their trunks on!

Another special mention should go to Mhairi Boyle who took a few hours off studying for her first year medical school exams to take the train down from Aberdeen to Montrose to help us field a full 15+ Girls team. Thanks, Mhairi, and good luck in the exams!

We saw a great number of excellent PBs across all age groups, with Angus Ewen clocking up a 10-second improvement in his 50m freestyle and several others improving on their times.

It was a similar story at the first division in Forfar where we took a clutch of PBs at their fantastic brand new facility.

The great results continued at the Dundee City Aquatics 'Stars of the Future' meet in early June where we saw 18 swimmers gaining PBs and a fantastic clutch of medals.

Everyone gave their best at this event but special mention goes to Ben Smallwood who medalled in four of his five individual events and who was awarded overall best boy. Well done, Ben!

Other swimmers of note were: Murray Pritchard for a top three finish in all five individuals; top five in five events for Emily Cumming; two bronzes for Struan Bennet and another for Stuart Pritchard in the 100m back. The squad relay of Zoë Neave, Ben Smallwood, Emily Cumming, Cailean Thomson, Freya Nisbet and Murray Pritchard finished in bronze medal position after a nail-biting race with just a few hundredths in it!



In other news, four otters represented Kinross Primary School at the Scottish Schools Relay Championships at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh on 7 June. Ruaridh Sturgess, Innes Rankin, Benji Alexander and Cailean Thomson had a strong swim, finishing in the middle of the table in ninth position from a total of 18. They smashed their qualifying time by ten seconds and did their school and Otters proud. Congratulations, boys.

The InCAS (Inverkeithing Competitive Amateur Swimmers) meeting in May saw Ben Smallwood again collecting two silver medals in the 200m fly and the 400 IM. Several of Ben's team mates racked up PBs including a whopping six seconds for Cailean Thomson in his 200m IM. Well done to all.



*Dundee City Aquatics Stars of the Future medal winners: left to right, Struan Bennet, Cailean Thomson, Freya Nisbet, Zoe Neave, Emily Cumming, Stuart Pritchard, Ben Smallwood and Murray Pritchard*

Always keen to keep the Otters moving forward, our poolside helper and proud Otter parent Bob Cumming recently undertook a club development project in order to help us improve and grow. As a professional researcher, we knew we were in safe hands and the resulting report has given us some great feedback which we will use in our development programme. We are indebted to Bob and all the parents, Otters and volunteers (past and present) who took part in the project.

Otters training sessions are pared back during the summer break but we're looking forward to seeing them all more regularly in August and ready for another great season. Happy summer, everyone!



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## Kinross Road Runners

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As we go to press, preparations are well underway for our second Club Race of the year - the Milnathort Dash, which takes place on Thursday 29 June. It's a busy time of year for championship and other races, with many club runners competing in events across Scotland.



*Kinross Road Runners at Templeton Trail Race*

We've had a very good turnout for club training over the past month and it's great to see new faces. Our summer training programme continues. On 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. On Wednesday evenings it's a varied programme of trail runs – some more hilly than others!

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.

### Programme for July

Sun 2nd	Informal run
Tue 4th	2-mile Time Trial + hot choc and kit sale afterwards in garage
Wed 5th	BRIG BASH, Bridge of Earn
Sun 9th	Informal run
Tue 11th	8 x 400m at Kirkgate Park
Wed 12th	Strathmiglo or Maddie Moss Hill Race
Sun 16th	Informal run
Tue 18th	Pyramid reps at Kirkgate Park
Wed 19th	Newburgh 4.23 Trail race
Sun 23rd	Informal run
Tue 25th	5 x 1k at Kirkgate Park
Wed 28th	John Knox's Pulpit
Sun 30th	Informal run

### August

Tue 1st	2-mile Time Trial + hot choc and kit sale afterwards in garage
Wed 2nd	Castlehill Reservoir

## Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling season is well underway. The opening day on Sunday 15 April was attended by all the members and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Our first friendly was on 29 April against Bridge of Earn at Kinross. We came second! A friendly against Glenfarg was due on 11 May but unfortunately had to be cancelled by Glenfarg. The Falkland friendly on 20 May was rained off!

Scottish and County competitions are well underway now.

In the Ladies section, **Anne Bell** and **Sheila Rennie** were knocked out in the semi-final of the Ladies Pairs (County) by our neighbours from Orwell. However, our Ladies Over 55 rink (**Anne Bell, Christine Matthews, Janet Mitchell** and **Sheila Rennie**) are through to the final on 28 May at Tulliallan B Club. The Ladies Triples (County) are through to the final, to be played on 21 May at Tulliallan B Club. That's **Jenny Nelson, Jean Cousar** and **Janet Mitchell**.

The Men's Country Triple of **Bob Moffat, Paul Grant** and **George Rennie** are still in the next round, to be played in July, and **George Rennie** is still in the Senior S/hand (County). More friendly games to come during July and August are against Carnbo, Dollar, Falkland, Orwell, Glenfarg and Menstrie. We also have our internal competitions to be played, so let's have a lot more sunshine for July, August and September.

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**Charity partnership with CHAS:** Kinross cycling club has a longstanding charity partnership with CHAS (Children's Hospice Association Scotland), and each year we donate a significant sum from the proceeds raised by our Kinross Sportive to support this local and unique charity. The photograph shows chairman of the sportive committee, Jeff Wall, donating a cheque for £6210 to CHAS following this year's event. We are delighted to have been able to support CHAS to the tune of over £60,000 since our inaugural sportive.



Jeff Wall (right) hands over a cheque for £6,210 to CHAS

**Family fun day donation to Fife Cat Shelter:** Co-chair of KCC, Jane Timperley and her son Rory were recently able to visit Fife Cat Shelter to hand over a cheque for £100. This money was raised by children and their families as part of our annual family fun cycle challenge around Loch Leven.

### Forthcoming events

**Friday 28 July:** We are pleased to be working in collaboration with Scottish Natural Heritage. We are holding a **CYCLE SAFARI** which will depart from the SNH office at the pier

at 10am on **28 July**. Children will get a chance to explore the trail on their bike with pond dipping, bird and nature watching and a picnic along the way. Places are limited, so please register by emailing [neil.mitchell@snh.gov.uk](mailto:neil.mitchell@snh.gov.uk). Children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring a picnic and adequate clothing for the day. It promises to be a great school holiday day out for the kids.

**Thursday evening Time Trial series:** We are roughly half way through our evening time trial series and there is still all to play for. These Thursday evening events are a welcoming introduction to the art of time trialling and the events are part of our Grand Prix series, with a fine array of trophies to compete for. All club members welcome. Details on the website.

**Club rides:** Our usual weekend rides continue throughout the summer. The Saturday Social ride and the Bun Run both depart the campus on a Saturday morning at 0930, and the Sunday Club Run departs the campus at 0900 on Sunday mornings. Details on our website.



Jane and Rory meet the cats at Fife Cat Shelter and hand over a cheque for £100

## Kinross Netball Club

Well we've had loads of fun at our training sessions recently; check out our Facebook page for some video clips.



If you do fancy coming along to one of our fun 'Bounce Back to Netball' sessions, come along on a Friday from 7pm to 8pm in the large games hall at the campus. We are planning on having a wee break in July so check our Facebook page for up to date news on our sessions.

We had two teams entered into the Bounceback Summer Festival in Dundee. Both teams did really well and had a great day. We also entered a team into the Play on the Pitch tournament in Kilmarnock. This is the second year we've entered and, unfortunately, we didn't quite make it to the final this year. However, it was a great day and big thanks to the Stewarton Ladies who put in a huge amount to organise the charity event.

### Dates for the diary

On **Sunday 3 September** we're hosting our own charity fun tournament to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. Please get

in touch if you're interested in putting in a team or joining one of ours.

If you want to contact us, please do so either through our Facebook page or email us at [kinrossnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:kinrossnetball@hotmail.com)



The Bounceback festival in Dundee



## Kinross Rugby Club

### Mini Section

The season 2016-17 has drawn to a short summer close, but it was another successful one for the Minis section at Kinross RFC. We currently have 87 registered players from Primary 1 to Primary 7, with full squads at each age group. Our away fixtures took us from Stonehaven to Melrose to Milngavie, as well as competing in tournaments at Currie, Edinburgh Accies and Murrayfield Wanderers, Linlithgow, Boroughmuir, Dundee and Madras. In addition, we hosted clubs from across Scotland.

Our P3s had their first taste of competitive rugby, and came away with the 'plate' accolade at the Currie Tournament. The P4s revelled in their first season of contact rugby. The P5s were by far the most improved squad this year, eventually picking up the silverware at the West of Scotland and Murrayfield Wanderers tournaments late in the season. The P6s unfortunately struggled for a full squad on some occasions, but were happy to play on, having to borrow players from other clubs if the need arose. If this is the future of Kinross Rugby Football Club, then the future is bright!



P3s at Currie

The end of season **awards day** took place on 20 May. Despite being a tad damp, there was a great turnout for the fun and games, BBQ and awards presentations.... not forgetting the traditional Parents v Kids games. The awards given were:

**P3:** Player of the Year, Ruairaidh Barnett; Most Improved Player, Will Goudie; Outstanding Contribution, Tom Normile.

**P4:** Player of the Year, Thomas Pritchard; Most Improved Players, Grant Allan and Lennox Ferguson-Walker.

**P5:** Player of the Year, Tom Smith; Most Improved Player, Joshua Horsman; Outstanding Contributions, Finn Charity and Christie Alexander.

**P6:** Player of the Year, Kieran Todd; Most Improved Player, Jacob Mellis; Outstanding Contribution, Angus Bain.

**P7:** All players received a plaque in recognition of their contribution to the club over various years since commencing.

The Dr Derek Anderson Award was given to Martin Scott for his outstanding contribution to the youth section of the rugby club as a parent, coach and youth convenor.

The club would like to thank all parents who give up their weekends to coach, provide catering and generally help out. Without them, none of this would happen.

The minis section training resumes in August. Boys and girls in P1 to P7 (must be aged 5 or over) are welcome. We look forward to seeing you!



Kinross Rugby Club end of season awards

### Primary 7 achievements

The end of the recent season in May marked the end of an era for the current P7 squad, the majority of whom have played together as a team since P3. Some have played together since P2 and one player even from P1.

As a team, they have achieved some magnificent results, overcoming some tough matches along the way.

Having played as a team competitively since P3, they have had five seasons together. During that period they have played both friendly matches and a vast number of tournaments, usually in the region of some 50 to 60 or so matches per year (around 270 matches in total).

The team has won most of its matches, amounting to some 43 hours of rugby played without a loss.

Their achievements are particularly impressive when you consider that the squad has always only had enough for one team and a few subs (14 players at peak). A lot of teams which Kinross play against have two squads to pick from over 30 players.

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## Kinross Rugby Club continued...

Along the way the boys have played some 55 different teams across Scotland and have enjoyed success at many tournaments, winning 27 of them. One particular highlight was the recent P7 tournament at BT Murrayfield, where the best eight teams from the East of Scotland played each other in a final.

Coaches Martin Scott and Simon Morton are extremely proud of these remarkable achievements, and agreed they have been a pleasure to watch and are a credit to their parents, coaches and the youth section of Kinross RFC.



*The P7 team: Ramsay Scott, Angus Hunter, Jamie Morton, Jamie Smith, Thomas Charity, Lewis Dall, Luke Volland, James Wilson, Lewis Seath, Euan Thomas, Charlie McCaffrey, Blair Laing and Alexander MacDonald Menzies*

## Midi Section

The Midis section at Kinross continues to grow. The players had another fun season with more new faces and new opposition. This season the 30 registered boys played against Strathmore, Kirkcaldy, Livingston, Dunfermline, Madras, West of Scotland and Alloa, as well as for the High School, against Perth Academy, St Leonards, Carnoustie, and Hillfoots. We also fielded teams in Sevens tournaments at Dunfermline, Madras, and Kirkcaldy. The collaborative 'Team Kinross' approach to training and playing with the high school is working to everyone's advantage and we hope it will continue for a long time to come.

The results overall saw us win as many as we lost, but even when the team lost it was usually only by the odd try. Notable wins last season were against Madras, and West of Scotland, and coming third at Kirkcaldy 7's.

Next season the playing and coaching squads will be strengthened in numbers as the current Primary 7 boys move up. However, we are always looking for new players. Midis

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The boys and the coaching team rounded off the season with their annual formal awards dinner in May. The awards given were:

Best Newcomer, Archie Reid; Most Improved, Sam Prescott; Outstanding Contribution, Kai MacLean; Players of the Year, Callum Shah and Finbar Dumbreck; Players' Player, Ben Normile; Donkey of the Year, Gregor Koziel.



*The Midis team*

## Quiz Night

In February we held a quiz night for parents from both the Minis and Midis sections. We raised just over £170 which will be used to purchase age-appropriate training equipment. Parent participation is a huge part of the minis and midis section of the rugby club, and the club would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches and coach helpers who are all parents, and without whom the youth sections would not happen.

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## Volleyball

A Kinross High School mixed team was one of the 104 teams which competed in this year's 31st Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the last weekend of May. It was a positive experience for the youngsters competing against adult teams and, although they didn't win many of their games, their play improved over the weekend.

Free volleyball continues on Monday evenings (weather permitting) on the grass area to the rear of the campus from 7pm to 8.30pm with a wide age range being catered for (currently 13 - 60 plus). If numbers continue to grow, a second court can be erected for even more fun.

Whether you are young or not so young, beginner or expert, you are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Six senior boys from Kinross High School recently attended the two-day UK School Games



*Some of the participants who enjoy free volleyball at the campus*

## Orwell Bowling Club

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The bowling season is well underway. It doesn't seem like nine weeks since the opening day.

The results of our most recent friendlies are:

Sunday 21 May at Home to Newburgh, 4 mixed triples, Orwell 49, Newburgh 54; Saturday 27 May Away to Tillicoultry, 4 mixed triples, Orwell 44, Tillicoultry 59; Wednesday 7 June Away to Carnbo, 4 rinks, Orwell 41, Carnbo 44.



*The 'Try Bowls' weekend proved very popular*

Our 'try bowls' weekend resulted in 12 adults and seven children visiting our green and having a go at various targets. We hope everyone enjoyed the experience and will come along again. If anyone is interested in bowling and could not come to the try bowls event, they are welcome to contact the club or any member for information.

Congratulations to the following teams who have reached the final of Bowls Scotland:

The Ladies Rink, Jean Jackson, Linda Reid, Sandra Fullerton and Jean Menzies;

training session at the Aberdeen Sports Village in the hope of being selected for the Scotland East Boys team which will compete against the other areas of the UK in September. The Kinross men's team is using the Monday evening outdoor sessions to prepare for the De Haan outdoor tournament which takes place in mid-August.

the Ladies Senior Rink, Jean Jackson, Maz thorn, Sandra Fullerton and Jean Menzies;

also the Ladies Pairs, Sandra Fullerton and Maz Thorn who are in the final of the county.

The Mixed Pairs are also through to the Scottish Area Final of Bowls Scotland; Sandra Fullerton and David Winton.

Members, please note: the new date for the T and J Reekie Trophy is **Sunday 6 August**. Please append your name to the notice on the mixed notice board.

## Athletics

Kinross Primary School pupil **FERGUS MacGILP**, running for his club Pitreavie AAC, had a very successful competition in the Scotland East District Championships in May. A gold medal in the 100m u13 final in a time of 13.06s was followed up with silver in the 200m in a time of 26.97s and an additional silver in the long jump.



*Fergus MacGillp in action*

## Kinross Curling

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We were pleased to host British Curling until 4 June. The refrigeration plant has now been switched off and the ice hall cleared of ice and all the markings for the summer. The curling rink opens again on Monday 11 September, with the opening bonspiel on Saturday 16 September.

Curlers are anticipating the Winter Olympics in February 2018, when curling will feature on TV, with predictions that curling will have more coverage than any other winter sport. This is largely due to the introduction of Mixed Doubles. Unfortunately GB have not qualified for this discipline. We will have to focus all our support on the men's and women's teams and also the wheelchair curlers in the Winter Paralympics.

Kinross Curling will host several events to build the profile of curling. This will include Try Curling events in association with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and some special events during the Olympics. On **Sunday 8 October** we will have an **Open Day** (between 10am and 1pm) at the rink to encourage as many people as possible from Kinross and area to visit the rink to find out more about the sport. Of course you are welcome to visit at anytime; come along and have a coffee in our bar/lounge. (The rink is at the rear of the Green Hotel; access is from Green Road.)

We are excited about a building project being developed to provide enhanced changing/toilet facilities and to provide full disabled access to the bar/lounge. There will be some fundraising activities and more news about this project in the months ahead.

Steven, rink manager and the ice team will have a well-earned break in July before we start laying the ice again. We will also be recruiting to develop our bar/catering team. (Look out for adverts!)

Local clubs have already booked ice for next season and are now considering the dates they have been offered. Kinross has a healthy range of local clubs with small clubs of 10 - 12 members up to several with over 50 regular curlers.

Finally, we would like our curlers to start thinking about joining our Kinross Leagues, including the Stick league on Thursdays and Doubles League on Saturday.



## Glenfarg Ladies Curling Club

Glenfarg Ladies Curling Club welcomes new members. We are a friendly bunch of ladies who enjoy curling and, although competitive, we are very sociable.

If you feel like a new challenge whilst getting fit with a perfect high intensity sport, come along and join us. Don't worry if you have no experience or little time; we can help on both counts.

We start our year with a social event. This year it's a gin tasting evening where we are going to sample a range of local artisan gins, and have a catch up after the summer.

We curl at Kinross Curling Rink, a great local facility, mainly in the evening. The season starts in September and runs through to April and you decide how many games you want to play. During the season, we have both club competitions, friendlies with other clubs and mixed games with the Glenfarg men's curling club.

The ice rink, which has been refurbished, has a bar and restaurant on site. So after the game, it's optional whether you meet in the bar for a drink and chat; great on long Scottish winter nights.

The season ends around April, with a dinner and prize giving, when we team up with the Glenfarg men's club.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Jean at [glenfargladies.curling@gmail.com](mailto:glenfargladies.curling@gmail.com)

## Fossoway Curling Club

The ice allocation for the coming season has arrived and Fossoway could use an extra player or two. Now is your chance to join.

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



## 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](mailto:fossowaytennis@hotmail.co.uk).



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**MILNATHORT** – President, Jean Paterson, welcomed all to our AGM. After business was read, our voting slips were counted by two visiting tellers. Thank you, ladies.

We then had an evening of three corners, with members showing off their various skills: Frances showed us how she made her beautiful cards; Joan brought examples of outfits created on her knitting machine and designed on laptop; Jean and members made some lovely flower arrangements.

Competition winners:

Flower of the Month	Nan Paterson
Small Quiche	May Paterson & Cathy Cochrane
Recycled Item	Nan Paterson

President, Jean Paterson, welcomed members to our 'Dress-up' evening. After usual business discussions, Claudia, Ann, Kathie, Grace and Jean talked about their memorabilia items and clothing which they had brought along to the hall to show us all; a real reminder of days gone by, which was much appreciated by everyone. We then enjoyed a buffet supper, along with a special cocktail made by Jessica. The raffle was drawn and Jean wished everyone a good summer and looked forward to seeing members at various events during the next couple of months.

Competition winners:

Rhubarb and Ginger Jam	Francis Shepherd
Flower of the Month	Grace Drysdale



*The SWIs will be displaying their craft creations at this year's Kinross Show (see page 18)*

**BISHOPSHIRE** – Our June meeting was held a week earlier than usual as we enjoyed an outing to Lochgelly Theatre to see Mack and Mabel performed by Lochgelly and District Amateur Musical Association. We can highly recommend both the venue and LAMA, with many of our members intending to go again next year.

We can also now finally announce our office bearers for the coming year:

President	Jeanette McLennan
Vice President	Sylvia Herrington
Secretary	Margo Waddell
Treasurer	Mary Nisbet

Good luck to our new committee. The next meeting will be on Thursday 14 September.

**CARNBO** – At our final meeting before the summer break, 29 members, under the expert tutelage of President Jay Hutchison and Secretary Susan Malcolm, succeeded in creating beautiful aluminium brooches. Those of us attending the 100th birthday celebration, aka 'Tea in the Park' at Scone Racecourse on 2 July, hope to display these on our outfits! We all enjoyed a wonderfully happy evening in which even the most unskilled amongst us managed to produce a unique piece of costume jewellery. Congratulations to Jay and Susan for successfully controlling a rather unruly class!

Our next meeting will be held in Carnbo Hall on Monday 18 September; all welcome.

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## Congratulations



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*Gillian Reid and Callum Thomson on their wedding day*

Congratulations to Simon and Catherine **HAMMOND** (formerly **O'Hare**, Kinnesswood) on the birth of their daughter, **ELISE ELEANOR** on Friday 26 May 2017. A very welcome sister for Robin and William.

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**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** – HUGE thanks to all who contributed to this year's Christian Aid Week appeal in Kinross, which raised £5406 from door to door collections and special events. In addition, a further £3000 (approximately) is expected from sponsors of the Walk/Cycle round the heritage trail which took place on Saturday 3 June in superb conditions. Of the 50 or so participants, the youngest was seven years old and the oldest was 84 years young. The money raised will be used to help people across the globe who have fled their homes because of disasters and conflicts. Thanks again!

*Alisdair Stewart*

**CHRISTIAN AID** – As a local volunteer I have covered Gallowhill Road and Gallowhill Gardens for many years. Year on year it never ceases to amaze me that I am actually welcomed on a doorstep, even with a smile! I feel this is a two-way objective – the residents know me and I know them and it makes a sometimes thankless task so much easier.

While I know there are many, many worthwhile charities all deserving support, the situations can be harrowing here and overseas. I am a great believer in 'charity begins at home' but I greatly appreciate your generous support. £218.18 was raised in this district. – *Frances Drysdale*

**MARIE CURIE CARE** – May I take this opportunity to thank the many local residents and businesses for the support and generosity for this very worthwhile cause I have co-ordinated, as a volunteer, for many years.

The Day Collection at Sainsbury's raised £520, with many thanks to the collectors, and the area collection for Kinross-shire raised £1081.86.

I have discovered many do not realise that Marie Curie Care now includes any terminal illness, not only cancer, but Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neurone Disease, Huntington's Disease, PSP (Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy) etc. Their services are free to any family wishing to have their loved ones at home. – *Frances Drysdale*

**VAL OSWALD** would like to thank all her Fitness Pilates classes for their wonderful company at the **Summer Charity Buffet** at Loch Leven's Larder on 9 June. Also thanks to Jay, Andrew and staff at the Larder for an exceptional evening in the beautiful marquee; the food was fabulous and the service impeccable. Donations were collected at this event in memory of Margaret Wilson, one of my class members who passed away earlier this year. Margaret was a very loyal member of the Wednesday 11.15am class and a good friend for many years and received outstanding care in her last few months at Cornhill Macmillan Centre. Once again, the kindness and compassion of Pilates members in every single one of my classes has been so fantastic. I am delighted to say that we have raised a phenomenal **£900** from donations which will go to caring for others at the Cornhill Macmillan Centre. Margaret, I know, is sitting up there on 'her giant fluffy white cloud' feeling so proud of you all and giving her thanks and appreciation too. From my heart, I thank you all for caring for others.

*– Val Oswald*

*Flutterby Fitness Pilates and Holistic Therapies*

# Out & About



## Loch Leven NNR



The weather has gone from one extreme to the other this spring. Hopefully we'll be back to BBQ weather soon. This amount of rain is not the best conditions for our wildlife. I've been watching soaked fledgling birds wondering what sort of world they've entered as they are hit by massive storms soon after exiting the nest.

On the plus side, we've been finding many duck nests out on St Serf's. Unfortunately, we were unable to complete the full nest surveys on the island because of the weather, but in the areas we got into, we found many Tufted Duck. Numbers are definitely improving after predation issues out there. When all these nests hatch, we hope for better weather. Ducklings are not keen on cold, wet weather.

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since young Gus Routledge joined us on his graduate placement at Loch Leven NNR. Gus has been most helpful during his time. He has helped raise the profile with some fantastic blog pieces. He's enjoyed working on our other reserves. He's a great fan of all the equipment we use on the reserve. He has promised he'll come back and volunteer with us. He will always be welcome. Gus will now continue his studies in Aberdeen. Many thanks to 'Rootledge' as he is affectionately known in the Kinross office.

We have been getting complaints from locals that youngsters have been vandalising the hide at factory bay. If you see any antisocial behaviour around the trail, please either report it to us or the local police.

Struggle to tell your buttercup from your dandelion? We are running **Burleigh Botany** again this year on **Wednesday 5 July**. Join us to learn more about some of the plants which are seen on the reserve and how to identify them with local botanist Liz Lavery and former warden Steve Longster.

We will also be running an **Osprey Walk** on **Thursday 17 August** from 6pm until 8pm from Burleigh. Last year we saw nearly 20 Ospreys and a young bird caught a fish right in front of us. Please phone the office on 01577 864439 for details.

The volunteers have been busy. We have taken over the control of the verges around the trail from the council. We expect the first phase of cutting to be complete by mid-July. We are also busy fixing the fences around the reserve. There are nearly 30 miles of fences and some parts are getting quite long in the teeth. We have also been working hard to make Himalayan balsam removal as easy as possible. There is a lot less this year. We've been working hard for years to remove it and it appears it is working. The next phase will be to remove it from areas away from the reserve.

As a reward for the many hours of work the volunteers do around the reserve, we are taking them out to the Isle of May. We get over 1500 hours of work from our volunteers. The reserve would be a worse place without them! Many thanks for their dedication.

I'll be taking back over the social media. The Loch Leven NNR Wordpress blog is still the go to place for up to date information on what is happening.

Jeremy, Reserve officer

## RSPB Loch Leven

[www.rspb.org.uk/scotland](http://www.rspb.org.uk/scotland)  
[www.rspb.org.uk/lochleven](http://www.rspb.org.uk/lochleven)

Telephone:  
01577 862355



We are approaching the end of the breeding season here at RSPB Loch Leven. Although we don't have our final numbers yet, at this point it is looking like the waders are doing well. With plenty of lapwings around and broods of oystercatcher, redshank and snipe, we are optimistic that this is going to be a good year. There are still chicks who have yet to fledge, so now is the time to come and see them before they find their wings and take to the skies.

William, our seasonal volunteer, took this lovely photo of one of our lapwing chicks. If you are also a budding photographer, or have a friend or family member who is, we have an event that may interest you. On **Saturday 15 July**, we are hosting our third **Annual**



*Lapwing chick*  
Photo by William Russell

**Photomathon.** This sees teams taking on the challenge of taking six photos, of six topics, in six hours. This is open any one; all ages and abilities are welcome. The winning portfolios will be displayed in our visitor centre. The topics are kept a surprise until the day, but, who who knows, you may get a chick picture yourself!

With the early spring sunshine and latterly plenty of rain, the wild flowers have grown in force. This is good news for the invertebrates including butterflies, moths and bumblebees. Last week (early June) we saw a blaeberry bumblebee, which is one of the rarest in Scotland. As its name suggests, it feeds on the blaeberry flowers. It is a mountain-living species, so lives up on Benarty Hill. But our blaeberry bumblebees are special; they also travel from the top of the hill to the Bumblebee Meadow to forage. That's quite a journey for such a small creature! With the flowers in colourful bloom, you can see the butterflies and bees feeding on the flower nectar. On a sunny day, you can come and take a walk up the hill or through the Bumblebee Meadow and have a look for these tiny beautiful lives yourself.

With the schools breaking up for the summer, we hope to see lots of you here getting out and enjoying nature. Throughout the summer holidays you can visit the reserve to take part in the Summer Holiday Wild Challenges. With different self-led activities to try each day, there is plenty to do. These are drop in sessions, so there is no need to book. While you are here it's worth dropping into the shop; with the summer sale on, you might just grab yourself a bargain! And as always, the coffee is on and the scones are freshly made each day in the cafe. Summer holidays sorted.

Anna Jemmett  
Tayside Reserves Assistant Warden



# Farming



It is something I don't like to admit, to but I was glad to see some rain in the past few weeks. Things were very dry after the record-breaking weather from mid-March till the end of May, when there was practically no significant rainfall. It was great as the ewes and lambs got off to a good start and spring fieldwork got done in great conditions. I was even able to abandon the wellies and waterproofs for a while, which is almost unheard of at this time of year. One thing which has suffered, though, is the spring barley. It was sown earlier than it has been for a number of years and in excellent conditions (certainly by our standards here at Backward Farm) but I should have gone to the job quicker when there was a bit more moisture in the soil as it has really struggled and is looking quite patchy. I think the crows and pigeons had a feast on the seeds before they had a chance to germinate. By contrast, our field of winter barley is looking very well. It enjoyed the relatively kind winter and there was enough moisture in the soil to keep it going through the dry spell. It popped out its seed heads surprisingly early, so it could be ready for combining quite early, but it is dangerous to make predictions too far in the future at this stage. My biggest concern was that the torrential rain showers we have had would flatten it, but so far it is ok. The grass growth has been phenomenal in the past few weeks, helping to balance out the slower growth rates earlier on. We have just started cutting the first of our grass for silage, which is a wee bit later than I would have liked, as I like to make some lusher, higher feed value silage for the young stock and the ewes at lambing time. The quality should still be not too bad as the fields I have cut were grazed by the sheep until the end of April. So we are back round to scrapheap challenge time again when I try to resuscitate our ageing pair of balers from their winter slumber and persuade them to hold out for another season's work. Hopefully the mixture of a thorough pre-season maintenance schedule (!) and some threatening glowers from me while wielding a big hammer will do the trick, but

with machinery you just never know. That's the great thing about farming and contracting – complete unpredictability! We have had some excitement with some new arrivals in the past few days. Our eldest son acquired two Saddleback sows and two Gloucester Old Spot boars earlier in the spring. One sow had her litter of piglets at the start of the week so that was certainly a new experience. It is amazing how they have grown already and they look a right motley crew, ranging in colour from pure black to almost pure white with everything in between. Unfortunately, a piglet's biggest enemy is its mother potentially lying on it, which has happened but hopefully they are just about through the biggest risk time. They will be inside for a couple of weeks then they will get outside to spend their time rooting about and probably generally causing havoc, so they should grow into something very tasty! The other sow should have farrowed (which is the term used for pigs giving birth) by the time you are reading this, so it's all happening at the moment. Oink oink.

John



*The 'motley crew' piglets*

## Gardens Open in July

**Bradystone House**, Murthly, PH1 4EW. A beautiful cottage garden. Open on **Thursdays 6, 13, 20 and 27 July**, 11am-4pm. £5.

**Earlshall Castle**, Leuchars, FK16 0DP. Celebrating 50 years of opening for charity. Open on **Sunday 2 July**, 2pm-5pm. £5.

**Falkland Palace**, Falkland, Cupar, KY15 7BU. Open on **Sunday 23 July**, 12pm-4.30pm. Normal NTS admission.

**The Fife Garden Trail** Includes gardens in Strathmiglo, Cupar, Ceres etc and is open on **4, 5, 7, 6, 11, 12 & 13 July**.

**Braco Castle**, Braco, FK15 9LA. A 19th century landscaped garden. Open daily 10am-5pm, until 31 October. £4.

## Gardens open by arrangement

**Hollytree Lodge**, Muckhart, Dollar, FK14 7JW. Open by arrangement, 1 Apr-31 Oct. Contact Liz and Peter Wyatt, tel: 0797 337 4687 or email: elizwyatt@aol.com

**Pitcurran House**, Abernethy, PH2 9LH. Open by arrangement, 1 Apr -30 Sept. Contact Mrs Noel-Paton, tel: 01738 850933 or email: patricianp@pitcurran.com

**Kirklands**, Saline, KY12 9TS. Open by arrangement, 1 Apr-30 Sept. Contact Peter & Gill Hart, tel: 01383 852737.

**Teasses Gardens**, nr. Ceres, KY8 5PG. Open by arrangement, 1 Apr-30 Sept. Email: craig@teasses.com

For further information about these gardens and many others to visit in Scotland please see [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://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](http://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)	

# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

*Following Christ | Spreading the Word  
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10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity no SC012555)  
Church website: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook/kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.facebook/kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Church E-mail: [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)  
Church office and church open: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.  
Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570  
Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952  
Ordained Local Minister:  
Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602  
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

**Summer Holidays: Note changes to our usual activities.**

### Regular Services and Events

**Sundays:** 10.30am: Morning Service. During July we will be running a creche and Summer Sunday School in the upstairs meeting room.

**Tuesdays:** No Pram Service during the school holidays. Restarts 22 August.

**Wednesdays:** 10.45am Service, church centre. No Craft Group until 26 July.

**Fridays:** No Brigade during the school holidays.

The annual summer camp will be in Yorkshire, 1 – 8 July.

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

### Other Events and Services

#### July

**Sun 2** 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

**Mon 3** 8am: Silent Meditation.

**Tue 4** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

**Sat 8** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

**Thu 20** 9pm: late-evening service of Compline.

**Tue 25** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

**Wed 26** 1.30pm: Craft Group restarts after its summer break.

**Sat 29** 7pm: Praise and Prayer for Family Week.

**Sun 30** 10.30am: All-age Service to launch Family Week.

### Family Week

Our annual holiday camp, for pre-school children (born before 28 February 2014) to those going in to S4. Open to all, Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August, 9.45am – 12noon in Kinross Parish Church.

Other extra Fun Activities every day

### LILY OF THE VALLEY - Lady Gardening

Landscape Gardening, grass cutting, weeding, garden maintenance, trimming shrubs and hedges, turfing and gravelling

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or mobile 07342 291090

## Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

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Reader: Brian Ogilvie

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: [neil.maclure19@gmail.com](mailto:neil.maclure19@gmail.com) Tel: 01577 864826

Please visit our website: [www.cleishchurch.org](http://www.cleishchurch.org)



### Sunday Services 11.15am

#### July

**Sun 2** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the Village Hall served by Guild members in aid of Guild funds. Traidcraft Stall.

**Sun 9** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 16** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 23** 11.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 30** 11.15am Morning Worship.

All welcome

There will be no Junior Church or Messy Church during the school holidays.

## St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329

[www.catholickinross.com](http://www.catholickinross.com) Email: [Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com)

[m.facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/](https://m.facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/)

[m.facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/](https://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.

### Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit

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

**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

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Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225

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Our church is a very warm and welcoming place situated in the Crook of Devon, a small village about 6 miles from Kinross. Come and join us, we would love to meet you.

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am. All are welcome.**July**

- Sun 2** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship, followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.
- Sun 9** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 16** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 23** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 30** 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.*

**House Group**

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

**Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group**

Friday 7 July at 9am in the Church Hall.

**Film Evening**

Friday 7 July 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)*

Muirs, 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 (usually 3rd Sundays).

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

**CALLING ALL BUDDING MUSICIANS**

- If you play the piano confidently and would value an extra opportunity to do so in public, and/or
- If you play another instrument and would like to consider becoming part of our *Whole Church* Sundays music group, **PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH!**

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel

**Tuesdays**

11am Informal Holy Communion (Side Chapel).

**Thursdays**

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

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

**July Services and Events - all welcome**

(The Rector on holiday from Wednesday 5 to Wednesday 19 July)

**Sun 2 THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 9 Sea Sunday**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 16 Pentecost 6 (Proper 15)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 23 Pentecost 7 (Proper 16)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

**Sun 30 Pentecost 8 (Proper 17)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Lay-led service of the Word

(theme: Kingdom stories).

5.30pm BCP Evensong (said).

**Kinross-shire is a Fairtrade County**



## **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](http://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**

**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.

**18 July** Guild Strawberry Tea in Orwell Hall, 2 – 4pm.  
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](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com)

## **Kinross Gospel Hall**

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

Sunday 10.30am Breaking of Bread  
12.30pm Sunday School  
4.00pm Gospel Meeting (1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, Friends and Neighbours Tea)  
Monday 7.30pm Prayer Meeting  
8.15pm Bible Study  
Thursday 9.30am Toddlers Group (Montgomery Toddlers)

## **Connect Counselling Scotland**

Accessible Counselling Service  
Milnathort & Kinross Area

**Carrie Arnott PGDip**  
Person-Centred Counsellor

**talk@connectcounselling.scot**  
**07425 167 569**

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## **Acknowledgements**

**WALLACE** – Bob (Robert) died 30 May 2017.

Jennifer and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and visits received following their recent loss. Special thanks to the Rapid Response Care Team, the local district nurses and doctors for their excellent care and support. Thank you also to Rev Dr Angus Morrison for his comforting services and to all friends who paid their last respect to Robert at Anstruther Cemetery and Orwell Church. Grateful thanks for their generous donations; £1164 raised and donated to Dundee Medical Oncology Research Fund.

**CUNNINGHAM** – Mary, David, Gordon and all the family would like to thank everyone for their support, kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers on their recent sad loss of Doug. Special thanks to Ward 1, PRI and the Cornhill Macmillan Centre for all their care and support. Thanks to Neil Dorward, Pat and Alastair for helping us celebrate Doug's life in a very warm and individual way at Perth Crematorium. Thanks also to all who paid their last respects, and gave so generously the sum of £702.78 for The Cornhill Macmillan Support Group and MS Scotland. Thanks to Stewarts Funeral Directors.



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### **Photographs of Kinross-shire**

you'd be happy to share with others?

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

# Playgroups and Toddlers

## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort**

**Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group  
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee  
Children from birth to 3 years  
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)  
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

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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](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)  
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

**Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45 - 2.45pm**

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

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

## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

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

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,  
[debileighs@hotmail.com](mailto:debileighs@hotmail.com)

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives  
Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,  
9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or  
[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

## PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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



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

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

For all queries please email  
[portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com)  
or find us on Facebook

## MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

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

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

# Notices



## Glenfarg Village Folk Club

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

*Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm*

*Entry: Members £6, Non-members £9. Singaround: £2.*

*For more info, see: [www.glenfargfolkclub.com](http://www.glenfargfolkclub.com)*

**3 July: Singaround** with the theme of 'Dimensions'.

**10 July: Bob Fox**, renowned as "The Songman" in the internationally famous stage show War Horse. A wonderful voice and entertainer.

**17 July: Jo Philby/Bob Knight.** Jo is a popular Orkney-based singer-songwriter with a soulful and expressive vocal ability who, on this occasion, is accompanied by Orcadian Elain Grieve on mandola and guitar. Aberdonian Bob is a fine singer and writer of songs in the traditional style.

**24 July: Singaround.** Summer time – time for a break; enjoy a stress-free night without a theme! All welcome as always.

**31 July: Maggie Holland/Davy Holt.** Maggie is a well-known singer-songwriter who now lives in Scotland and who impressed us last year at an Open Stage night. Davy has been entertaining Scottish audiences for many years with his high energy performances and craic. Two very strong acts for one gig.

## Classes at Skeins & Bobbins

### Autumn Primary Knitting Classes – LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

3.30pm – 4.15pm

Tuesday Class: 22 & 29 August and 5, 12, 19 & 26 September

Thursday Class: 24 & 31 August and 7, 14, 21 & 28 September

### Autumn Secondary Knitting Classes

\*NOTE NEW TIME\* 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Friday Class: 25 August and 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 September

### Monday Night Knitting Club (changing to a new day of the week)

Finishes for the summer on Monday 26 June and restarts on WEDNESDAY 9 August and every Wednesday night thereafter, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

### Crochet Club

Finishes for the summer on Saturday 1 July and will restart on Saturday 12 August and every second Saturday thereafter  
2.30pm – 4.30pm

Skeins & Bobbins, 120 High Street, Kinross

Tel: 01577 208107 Email: [skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com](mailto:skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com)

## Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed.

Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

## Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)

## KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

**Quiz, Craft and Boccia**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
TBC**

**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



## PKAVS Carer Therapies

Now on the first Monday of the month (rather than Friday)

Now at Loch Leven Community Campus (not Health Centre)

By appointment. Tel: Annette Bond 01738 567076

## 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: [milnathortcountrydancing.blogspot.com](http://milnathortcountrydancing.blogspot.com)

## Enquire

**Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?**

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: [www.enquire.org.uk](http://www.enquire.org.uk)

*Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland*

## Kinross-shire is a Fairtrade County



## 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](mailto:dollarmuseum@btconnect.com)

## 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](mailto:CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk)

## Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays** 9am to 7pm  
**Saturdays and Sundays** 9am to 5pm

Bras, bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non-recyclable (general) waste. Bikes and bike parts will be recycled. (See separate Bike Station notice.)

Collection point for Perth College WEEE project: IT equipment will be refurbished and sold on at an affordable price or recycled for parts. Items accepted include: desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones (without the sim card), tablets, keyboards, mouse controls, cables, DVD players, video players, portable music players, games consoles, new or empty printer cartridges, projectors and flat screen working monitors. The project cannot accept Cathode Ray Tube or broken monitors.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.



## 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.

### There will be no meetings in July and August.

If you would like to come along and connect with others who understand the challenges of living with a condition, learn how to make positive changes to your life and have access to useful information, then please contact us for an informal chat or anyone who wishes can just pop in.

All of our services are confidential, free and designed to be flexible depending on individual and community need. Find us at:

Perth Business Centre/NCOC, 28 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0NX  
Tel: 01738440099. Email: [enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com)

We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076

Empowering Lives, Improving Health

## Ceilidh Dancing

From 2pm till 3pm **every Monday** in the Guide Hall, Milnathort. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun. Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit. All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

And a **Ceilidh** now takes place in the Town Hall, Milnathort, **once a month on a Sunday**. These ceilidhs run from 2pm until 5pm with a break at 3pm for tea and biscuits. Cost: £5. There will be a different band every month and all money left over after paying the band and the hall will go to charity.

**Heaven Scent** have agreed to stay open later on these dates and to serve stovies afterwards (not included in price of entry.)

Month	Date	Band	Charity
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.

## Scottish Mining Trust Holidays Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 Web: [www.blaircastle.net](http://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.

Blair Castle is set in beautiful grounds with stunning views over the Forth Estuary. Excellent facilities: 28 well-appointed en-suite rooms, disabled accommodation, games room, quiet rooms, social lounges etc.

Call 01383 880307 or email [charles@blaircastle.net](mailto:charles@blaircastle.net) to find out more and ask for an application form.

Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross





THE  
TALKING  
DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you  
want to be involved please ring  
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where  
everything is  
**FREE!**

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

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

**Prayer For Any Need**



### 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](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre  
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP  
[www.hopepregnancy.co.uk](http://www.hopepregnancy.co.uk)  
email: [hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com](mailto:hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com)  
Helpline 01738 621174  
We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

### 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](mailto:perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk) or check out our website [www.perth-kinross.org.uk](http://www.perth-kinross.org.uk) or find us on Facebook: MS Society Perth&Kinross Branch.



### 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: **11 and 25 July**

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

Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580.

Appointment line 01738 450581.

#### Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

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

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

#### Debt and Money Advice Service

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

### Blythswood Care collection in Perth

Blythswood Care collects second hand items to help with "Christian care for body and soul". The uplift is in Perth, at Asda on Dunkeld Road, on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.30pm:

**4 July, 8 August, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December.**

Blythswood Care welcomes donations of: clothes, shoes, books, toys, blankets, bric à brac and small items of furniture. All soft furnishing must have a fire label with BS code BS7177 attached. Regrettably Blythswood **cannot** accept: prams, pushchairs, highchairs, car seats, bikes, carpets, duvets, coat hangers, gas appliances, TVs, computer monitors, exercise equipment, wall units, electrical items and video cassettes.

### Befriending Kinross



**Are you new to the Area?**  
**Would you like someone to talk to?**  
**Someone to have a coffee with?**  
**Help to feel less socially isolated?**

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

[ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com](mailto:ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com)

t: 07747 018 550



### Community Councils

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Email: KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

**Milnathort:** Chair: Steven Young, 01577 864529  
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**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  
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### Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
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David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

### Portmoak Community Councillors

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Dave Morris		01592 840500
Alison Robertson		01592 840131

Have a look at our website: [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

### Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

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54 Lathro Park, Kinross, KY13 8RU

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### Luke Graham MP Member of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire

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### Perth & Kinross Council [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

**Customer Service Centre** Tel: 01738 475000  
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

**Out of Hours Emergencies** Tel: 01738 625411  
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

**Clarence** (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

**Registrar** Tel: 01577 867133  
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

### Mobile Library Service

**Visiting on Tuesdays 4 & 18 July:**

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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**Visiting every Tuesday:**

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny School		1430-1530

**Visiting on Wednesdays 12 & 26 July:**

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](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary) or phone 01577 867205.

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The Newsletter does contain some adverts from outwith this area. Some of these are very longstanding adverts that have been in the Newsletter since before the geographic area policy was introduced.

The Newsletter will consider adverts from businesses outwith the geographic area if they provide goods or services not currently advertised in the Newsletter by a local business.

## 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](mailto:clare.slight@brokennotbroken.org)

**Children's Hospices Across 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](mailto:volunteering@chas.org.uk)

**Greyhound Rescue Fife** at Balfree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, need volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at [www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)

**Kinross Heart Start:** Campaign to secure funds for public access defibrillators in Kinross. Contact Pamela Hunter to find out how you can volunteer on 01577 862419.

**Kinross in Bloom:** Volunteer group that provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment of Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Iain Todd at: [iandmtodd@talktalk.net](mailto:iandmtodd@talktalk.net)

**Kinross-shire Day Centre:** We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

**KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation):** If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events (concerts, comedy and the festive street market), please join the KLEO team! For more info about KLEO events, go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk). If interested, please contact Bouwien Bennet at [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call 01577 863107.

**The Potager Garden** is a small community garden in Bowton Road in Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, and a main aim is to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or [amanda@tyafon.plus.com](mailto:amanda@tyafon.plus.com)

**RSPB Scotland Loch Leven:** We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: [Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk) or call 01577 862355.

**Swansacre Playgroup:** A long established charity playgroup for children aged 2-5 years, we need volunteers to help support us with play sessions. For more information, please email [swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:swansacre@gmail.com)

*For more volunteering opportunities, go to the community website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) and look for 'Volunteering', or look at [www.vaperthshire.org](http://www.vaperthshire.org) Organisations: If you would like a volunteer appeal to be added to the list above, please email the Newsletter Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.*

Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class  
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm (except 10th)
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm (except 10th)
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Carpet Curling	11am		
	Relaxation Class	1.15pm		
	Games	1.15pm		
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm		
<b>Thursday</b>	Carpet Curling or Boccia	11am		
	Art Class	1.30pm	Film or music Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc	1.30pm		
	Balance & Strength Class	1.30pm		
<b>Friday</b>	Balance & Strength Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games or music	1.30pm		
	Bingo	1.30pm		



## Additional Events for July

Hearing Loss Support and Advice  
Community Health & Wellbeing Support  
Chiropody

<b>Monday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	11am - 12pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4th</b>	11am - 12pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6th, 20th</b>	9.45am - 1pm
		(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10th</b>	1.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12th</b>	11.30am - 12pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13th, 27th</b>	1.30pm - 2pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17th</b>	9.45am - 4pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27th</b>	1.30pm

Afternoon of music, 60s, 70s, 80s, by  
local group the 'Sabers'

Kinross Community Care Advice and Information  
Tai Chi  
Barge Trip  
Library Visit



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

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

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

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

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

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

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



**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline**

## La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

**First Thursday of the month,  
10am - 12 noon**



LA LECHE LEAGUE  
INTERNATIONAL

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

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

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

For more details, contact:

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

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com

## Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com  
www.foundationscotland.org.uk



## Items for Sale

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

### Grazing Wanted £0

Grazing land wanted to rent in Kinross area for expanding Romney Sheep flock. Sheep can come with their own electric fences. Paddocks from five acres up considered.

Seller Details:

Colin Dawes 07899 993575  
colin@farmerdawes.co.uk

### THULE 120 CM Bars and 755 Feet £50

Described as fitting normal roof rails. If in doubt feel free to see if they are suitable for your car before purchasing them.

Seller Details:

George Milburn 01577 863121  
george.annemilburn@btinternet.com

### Bremshey Orbit Cross Trainer £120

Perfect condition with instruction manual.

Seller Details:

Caroline Flory 01577 865103

### Two Rise and Recline Chairs £250 (small) and £350 (medium)

One small and one medium in size. In good working order, as new. Well cared for. Mink colour.

Seller Details:

Sophia Boyce 07532 811723  
faybrown82@icloud.com

### Electric Power Wheelchair Offers

Invacare Pronto. Very good condition.

Seller Details:

Alisdair Stewart 07825 698613  
alisdairstewart@yahoo.com

**Five-drawer chest.** (Not listed on kinross.cc website.) **Free** to good home. All wood. 45" high x 33" wide x 19" deep. In need of repainting. Mrs C Rodger, 01577 863785.

## 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

## 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').

### Part time Bookkeeper, Heaven Scent, South Street, Milnathort

12 hours per week over 3 mornings. Salary negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Duties include purchase ledger, sales ledger, cash book/petty cash, processing through sage accounts, occasional processing of the payroll to cover absences and any other relevant. Must have experience of using Sage 50 Accounts or similar. Experience using sage 50 payroll would be advantageous. Ideally hold a qualification in accounting or bookkeeping, but not essential depending on previous experience. Cash handling and internet banking experience useful. Must be reliable, honest, trustworthy (positive references will be required). Application by email to andrew@victusconsultancy.co.uk.

### Casual Events Staff, Kinross House and The Coach House, Kinross

To include weddings and private residential events. Duties will include, but not limited to, bar work, waiting tables, back of house and set up together with other duties required on event days. Previous experience in a similar role or hospitality experience is required. Please contact Alyson Thompson, Operations Manager, by email at alyson.thompson@firstsightestates.com.

### Assistant Community Sport Hubs Officer, Live Active Leisure Centre, Bell Sports Centre, Perth

The successful person will contribute to the community sport programme across Perth and Kinross, with specific responsibility to support the development of our Community Sport Hubs initiative in line with Live Active Leisure strategic aims and the Community Sport Hubs action plan.

For full information about the position please download the full job pack online.

### Part time Room Attendant, The Green Hotel, Kinross

To undertake the cleaning of bedrooms and bathrooms and public areas to a quality standard and to ensure all room facilities are working. To self-check allocated rooms to the minimum standard required by the hotel and rectify if standard is below expectations. To offer a professional personal service to guests of the hotel that is in keeping with five star standards such as ironing, shoe cleaning and minor clothing repairs. To be responsible, whilst liaising with the Housekeeper, for your own development. To be aware of and comply with statutory requirements regarding the work place such as health and safety, hygiene, fire prevention, manual handling and chemicals and other substances that may be hazardous to your health. To carry out any other reasonable duty to assist in the smooth running of the hotel. Occasional duties also required.

Apply by email to AngelesMoreno@green-hotel.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.



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