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Editorial

Editorial

Come on, people of Kinross! Nothing on your mind? No concerns? No big issues of the day? We didn't receive any letters this month, which is a shame. Please do write in for the next edition!

If you're feeling philanthropic, please take time to read about the amazing achievements of the Kinross Vaulters. A group of young people have qualified for World and European Championships in Austria in August in this equestrian sport. They each have to find £1000 to cover the cost of travel and accommodation, including transporting the horses, and would appreciate any help. They've set up a Justgiving page. See page 68 for more. But be quick! They set off in early August.

Speaking of philanthropy, Rotary Club are organising the annual Mary, Queen of Scots 'the Great Escape' Boat Race again. Get a group of people together, one dressed as Mary, Queen of Scots, and have fun rowing against another team. See page 45 for more details. Rotary give all proceeds to charity.

Come to the Show! It's the 187th Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Show on Saturday 12 August. It's always a great day out. Read more about it on pages 12 and 13.

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CCllr: Community Councillor

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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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Congratulations



BLAIR DICK, former pupil of Kinross High School, graduated from the University of Stirling in June 2017 with a 2.1 Honours Degree in Religion and Philosophy. Blair is going on to study for a Masters in Religion. Well done, Blair, from your very proud mum.

Thanks



MILNATHORT TOWN HALL would like to thank Milnathort Golf Club for their generous donation of £579 after the Charity Golf Day (Charity Shield) they held at the club on Saturday 8 July. It was a fantastic day for seasoned and interested golfers, a great format, lovely banter, and fantastic food. Special thanks to Phil Leaper for organising the event and to the committee for giving it and other Community efforts their support.

Weather



June Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	164.2mm = 6.56ins
Heaviest rainfall	42.2mm = 1.68ins (6th)
Total sunshine for the month	108.4 hours
Sunniest day	10.2 hours (1st)
Maximum temperature average	17.27°C
Highest temperature	22.6°C (17th)
Minimum temperature average	5.73°C
Lowest temperature	-0.4°C (2nd)

Community Environment Challenge Fund

Does your community have an environmental project or piece of land to improve which could make a significant difference to your local environment?

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Perth & Kinross Council could support you with a grant of between £2,500 and £10,000.

Organisations seeking funding must be a constituted group and could act on behalf of other community partners.

Projects must be developed by community or voluntary organisations.

The project must also have the support of a range of local community groups such as Bloom groups, Development Trusts, Youth groups and Community Councils.

Find out more at www.pkc.gov.uk/CECF

Community Website

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



Early Christmas present from Persimmon

National housebuilder Persimmon Homes has donated £1,000 to a local group that provides the Christmas lights and festive tree in Kinross each year.

David Colliar of Light Up Kinross, a registered charity, said: "We're really pleased to have received these funds from Persimmon.

"Each year the cost of decorating the area and paying for repairs, renewals and insurance policies is between £2,500 and £3,000.

"We rely solely on the donations of local traders and members of the public to keep the decorations and Christmas spirit alive in Kinross.

"We're thrilled to see that Persimmon Homes North Scotland see this as something worthwhile and important for the community by sponsoring this year's lights and decorations." Iain Innes, Managing Director for Persimmon Homes North Scotland said: "We're delighted to donate towards this brilliant community concern.

"Events and activities like this are what keeps communities alive and adds festive spirit to the Christmas season.

"Personally I cannot wait to see this year's display and what the charity has in store for the residents of Kinross.

"The Persimmon Homes Community Champions initiative is available to all charities and groups within the areas we build and is able to offer up to £1,000 match-funding for two causes each month."

Persimmon Homes North Scotland is currently building houses at two sites in Kinross: "Lathro Meadows" at Lathro Farm and "Weavers Loan" at the former High School site in the High Street.



l to r: Persimmon sales advisors Linda Young and Lorraine Barr with David Colliar of LUK

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Core Path Plan amendments consultation

PKC has begun public consultation on a list of proposed amendments to the Core Paths Plan, as required by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

The Core Paths Plan for Perth and Kinross was adopted by the Council in January 2012. The Plan shows a system of paths which provide reasonable public access throughout Perth and Kinross. However, since then some core paths have been found to be impractical. Following subsequent consultation through the Perth & Kinross Access Forum, Community Councils, local Councillors, landowners and others directly affected, a report covering the proposed amendments was considered and approved by the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 14 June 2017.

The current public consultation, which began on 3 July and runs until 30 September 2017, is an opportunity to comment on any of the proposed amendments, prior to the adoption of the finalised amended Core Paths Plan.

Further details of the amendments, and how to submit your comments or objections, are available on the Council website at www.pkc.gov.uk/cppamendments. Information is also available for public viewing at Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross.

Annual voter registration forms

Households in Perth & Kinross will soon be receiving a form asking residents to check whether the information that appears on the electoral register for those living at their address is correct as part of the annual voter registration canvass.

The aim of the Household Enquiry Form is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

Any residents who have any questions can contact the Electoral Registration Office in Perth at 01738 630303.

Forestry grant to improve roads

PKC has been awarded grant funding of £1,478,000 by the Forestry Commission Scotland following a successful bid to the Commission's Strategic Timber Transport Fund. The grant, which will be supplemented by £633,819 of Council funding, will allow the local authority to upgrade and improve the suitability of four narrow roads in the local area which are being used to extract timber.

The roads set for improvement were not made to withstand the volume of traffic now using them to transport timber from local forests.

Two of the roads to be improved are in this area. They are:
U29 between Path of Condie and Dunning.

U214 between Meikle Seggie and Ballingall.

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Councillor Purves

Funding

At the most recent meeting of the full council, the partnership administration put up a motion to use £750,000 of uncommitted reserves to fund a number of priorities that were raised by constituents during the local elections. £500,000 of this money will be spent on road maintenance, including filling in potholes and verge cutting with a focus on sight lines at junctions. The other £250,000 will be spent on improving community green space, including tree maintenance.

Road Safety

Earlier in July, my Kinross-shire ward councillor colleagues and I met with council officers about several road safety issues. Kinross-shire is set to receive a lot of investment in this area as a result of money allocated in this year's budget. Vehicle-activated signs are to be installed on roads that have been promised to local communities for some time and there is £650,000 for improvements to the A977. Two of the specific areas of concern that have recently been raised with me have been the speed of traffic through Carnbo and Easter Balgedie. Following our meeting, council officers have undertaken to carry out a full traffic survey of these two communities and to look at what can be done to improve the current situation.

Traffic in Kinross

In addition, many residents have raised concerns about the effects of significantly increased traffic through Kinross as a result of the sheer number of new houses that are being built and the fact that Junction 7 remains uncompleted. The council has a new traffic model that shows the effects of more cars on the road and what remedial impact various mitigation measures would have on traffic flows. All four Kinross-shire ward councillors as well as community council representatives will soon get the opportunity to see this new model in the near future and I shall report back then.

Parking in Kinross

At the same meeting, we discussed the issue of parking in Kinross, which I raised in the previous edition of the Newsletter. The council has a pot of money earmarked for the purpose of a new car park in the centre of Kinross and has identified a number of potential sites. We shall continue to work with officers to ensure that the town has an adequate provision of parking spaces in future.

Local Development Plan

The council has recently started a consultation into the supplementary guidance for the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan (LDP). The purpose of this 'Placemaking' guidance is to give advice to developers on how they can comply with the LDP. Planning is something of a hot topic at the moment and I would encourage local residents to engage with the consultation process as the LDP sets the direction for development in Perth and Kinross for years to come. The draft guidance can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/placemaking and you can submit your comments directly to the council until Thursday 31 August. I would also be interested to hear your views.

School Awards

I was delighted to attend Kinross High School's awards evening at the end of the Summer term. It was great to learn of the academic, sporting and extra-curricular achievements



of pupils. May I also take this opportunity to wish every success to all those pupils soon to receive their exam results.

RSPB Underpass

A few weeks ago, I attended an event at the RSPB Loch Leven Nature Reserve about their ambitions to build a new underpass under the B9097 to connect their facilities and the "Sleeping Giant" path to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. The current underpass is not accessible to wheelchair and mobility scooter users. They have secured half of the £800,000 required for the project from Sustrans but need to find the rest to ensure that it goes ahead. The leader of Perth and Kinross Council, Cllr Ian Campbell, was also in attendance and has committed to consider every avenue possible to secure the remaining funds.

Street Surgeries

Following my surgery at the campus in July, this month I shall be holding street surgeries, which will also give you an opportunity to raise any issues that you might have regarding the work of the council in person. On **Saturday 19 August**, I shall be outside the Co-operative in Kinross between 9.30am and 10.30am and outside the Town Hall in Milnathort between 11am and noon.

Callum Purves

Scottish Conservative Councillor for Kinross-shire

Councillor Robertson

Community Speedwatch

I am still in correspondence with Police Scotland to try and establish a Community Speedwatch scheme in Kinross-shire. The pilot scheme which was successfully trialled by Fossoway CC at Crook of Devon was never proceeded with and was axed following the disbanding of local police authorities. However, the new Chief Constable for Police Scotland is much more in favour of community policing and has indicated he is keen to re-introduce Community Speedwatch Schemes. In the latest letter I have received from Police Scotland, they indicate that work on the new scheme is at an advanced stage and it is hoped that it will be launched in the very near future. I have asked that Kinross-shire be one of the first areas to have the new scheme.

Given the speeding issues raised by many residents in various parts of Kinross-shire, I think it will be of great assistance in controlling the speed of traffic and will allow local people to actively help with this.

Red Squirrels

I am a great fan of red squirrels. They are now becoming a more and more common sight in Kinross-shire. I was delighted to see not one but two red squirrels recently on Milnathort Golf course during a not too successful round of golf.

Double Yellow Lines

Residents have welcomed the introduction of double yellow lines at a number of junctions on The Muirs and Station Road. Unfortunately, a length of the double yellow lines at Muir Grove have not been painted by the contractors. Hopefully by the time you read this, this will have been fixed. Double yellow lines have also been requested for the Gallowhill Road/Muirs junction and I am taking this forward.

Willie Robertson

Councillor for Kinross-shire



Joint board election result

Perth & Kinross Integration Joint Board will have two new faces appearing as Service User Representatives. Maureen Mitchell from Invergowrie was elected as principal, with Linda Lennie from Blair Atholl as substitute.

Maureen said, "Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for myself and the other candidates."

"It will be a privilege to represent the people of Perth & Kinross and I look forward to meeting everyone who feels committed and passionate about Health & Social Care in Scotland and 'getting it right'... right support, right time, right place, is imperative."

Linda said, "I am absolutely delighted to have been elected for the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board. It is vital for the knowledge and experiences of service users to feed into services that are specifically designed for them. Hopefully this will elicit positive changes to services which will be redesigned to meet service users' needs."

The ladies will spend the next few weeks familiarising themselves with the role and board business.

If you have reason to be in touch, email: publicpartnerspkijb@outlook.com

If you would like to speak on the phone, please ask for Susan Bathgate on 01738 452235 and she will arrange for a representative to call you.



Maureen Mitchell



Linda Lennie

Recycle your batteries

Householders in Perth and Kinross are being urged to recycle their batteries rather than dispose of them in their green bins.

The reminder has been issued following recent cases in England where portable batteries have caused fires in waste and recycling collection vehicles.

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FAMILY WEEK 2017: MEGA MAKERS

Running out of things to do in the school holidays? Don't worry! Family Week, our annual holiday camp, is here to help.



This year, family week will take place from **Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August**. We meet each day at Kinross Parish Church from **9.45am to 12 noon**.

We welcome children and young people within a large age group, from those who are about to start their pre-school year at nursery up to those who are just starting S4. Please note that we can only take children who were born on or before 28 February 2014.

The theme is Mega Makers, and the main programme will be led by two inventors called Boffin and Brainwave. The children will participate in a range of activities including songs, drama, games, crafts, and challenges. Each day there is a story from the Bible, which is explored through the overall theme of Mega Makers.

Children are welcome to come to all five days or just a few.

As well as the programme every morning, there are plenty of other events during the afternoons and evenings. Apart from the two trips mentioned below, Family Week is free, although we do welcome donations. More information is available on the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Robertson on 07599 550265 or the Church Office on 01577 862570.

Whether you are a regular attendee or have never been before, we look forward to welcoming you to Family Week 2017!

Mega Makers extra fun activities

Monday 31 July: Family Scavenger Hunt. Meet at the Church garden at 2.30pm. A fun, family event for children and parents to complete together, or older children and teenagers to complete with their friends.

Tuesday 1 August: Seniors trip to the **Factory Skatepark**, Dundee. Meet at Kinross Parish Church (new car park) at 2.45pm, return approx 6.15pm. Cost £5.

Wednesday 2 August: P6/7 trip to **tenpin bowling** in Dunfermline. Meet at Kinross Parish Church (new car park) at 2.30pm, return approx 4.20pm. Cost £5.

Thursday 3 August: Family film afternoon with ice cream. In the Church at 2pm, finish approx 3.45pm. Parents are welcome to stay with their older children or leave them, but please stay with any pre-school children.

Thursday 3 August: Senior and P7 film night with ice cream. In the Church from 7pm to 9pm.

Friday 4 August: Final celebration and BBQ. Come along to the Church at 6.30pm for the children to show you what they've been doing during the week, then head out into the Church garden about 7.20pm for a BBQ. Everyone welcome.

Sending photographs to the Newsletter

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

Haiti Help Race Night in Milnathort

A Kinross law firm is holding an event in August to raise funds for Haiti Help, a registered charity founded by three Fife nurses that provides health care and support to orphans and others in need in Haiti.

In 2009 the three nurses, Carole Hatten, Lou Davidson and Elaine Stark, volunteered to go to the island of La Gonave in Haiti to help immunise children.



Lou Davidson, Elaine Stark and Carole Hatten, the three Fife nurses who founded Haiti Help

Although expecting to see poverty, the nurses were shocked at the deprived conditions, particularly in the local children's home. They formed 'Haiti Help' to try to raise enough money to make a difference. In 2013 the children's home moved to brand new purpose-built accommodation. Haiti Help works in conjunction with a co-operative called Okipe, which provides ongoing support for the orphanage.

In 2014 Haiti Help took two dentists and an optometrist to check and screen the children in the orphanage. The team managed to see and treat many of the local people too. They supplied prescription glasses for the staff and children who needed them and the children were given sunglasses.



Providing health care to the children of La Gonave in Haiti

Haiti Help also makes regular payments to the one small hospital on La Gonave and also to a "Poor House" for the elderly who have no means of support.

Eric Williamson, Director of J & G Wilson solicitors, says they are "privileged and delighted" to have the opportunity to draw attention to the immensely valuable work carried out by Haiti Help.

The firm will be hosting a **Race Night and Grand Raffle & Auction** in support of the charity. This will take place on **Thursday 17 August** at the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort, starting at 7.30pm..

Tickets for the event cost £5, which includes food, and are available from J & G Wilson at 18 High Street, Kinross, or telephone 01577 862302 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

Donations of prizes for the raffle/auction would also be very welcome.

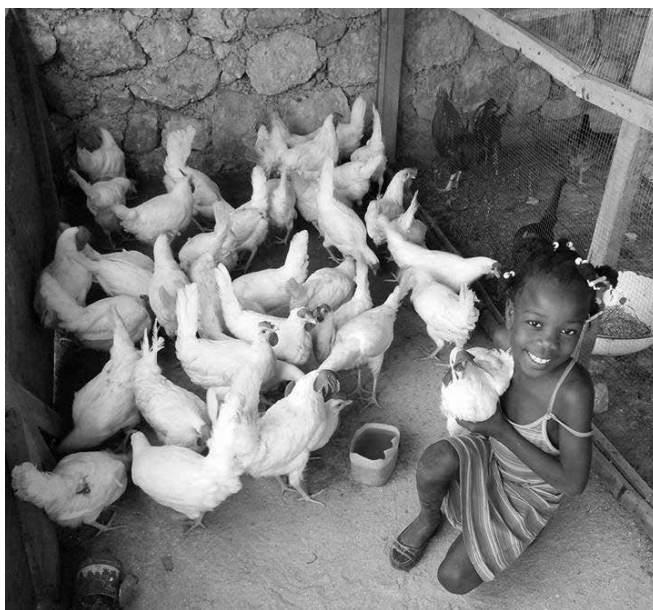
The founder members of Haiti Help will be there on the evening. All proceeds will go to the charity to help with the continued support.

For more information about Haiti Help and the work they do, see:

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A Haiti Help initiative - setting up community chicken coops

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Felling of Lathro oaks 'environmental vandalism'

More than ten mature oak trees have been felled just north of Kinross amid increasing controversy over whether PKC followed correct procedures in approving the planning application that led to their destruction.

The trees were felled as part of the proposals by Persimmon Homes to build 300 houses at Lathro Farm. The application was passed by the Council in September 2016, subject to conditions and a legal agreement. The Decision Notice giving consent was issued on 31 March 2017.

satisfied the conditions attached to the planning consent.

Mr Whitcombe had checked with PKC's Biodiversity Officer late in the afternoon of 13 July and was told no ecology report had yet been submitted. He was also assured that no trees could be felled before the officer had seen and approved the report.

Tree felling began at 3pm the next day. After being alerted to this, the CC secretary made various phone calls. She was told by PKC's Enforcement Officer that a report satisfying the conditions

PKC's Enforcement Officer also told the CC secretary that he had managed to get Persimmon to agree that no more felling would take place until at least lunchtime on Monday 17 July. This was to allow planning officers to meet to satisfy themselves that all was in order. However, felling resumed at 10am on 17 July, with the last tree in the stand of oaks being felled on 18 July.

A spokesperson for the Kinross-shire Civic Trust said: "The destruction of this important wildlife habitat is sickening, it represents the worst kind of environmental vandalism."

Mr Whitcombe added: "Despite the fact that I, and many other residents certainly enjoyed looking over these superb trees to the Ochils beyond, I am not mainly motivated by nimbysism. I think that the real problem is that certain officers at PKC seem to think they are above the law."

Despite requests by the CC secretary and local councillors to see the report that resulted in the tree-felling, this has not been supplied or placed on the planning portal as this Newsletter goes to press (22 July).

At the July meeting of Kinross CC, local councillors expressed concern at the number of smaller applications for this site that continue to come in from Persimmon and another developer that could affect the whole site. Planning documents can be viewed at www.pkc.gov.uk. References: 15/01512/FLM, 17/00886/FLM, 17/00893/FLL, 17/00759/FLL and 17/00760/FLL.



Above: The stand of oak trees before felling

Some of the conditions required the developer to carry out surveys to check for the presence or absence of protected species and breeding birds. Written confirmation that no protected species or birds would be harmed needed to be submitted to, and agreed by, PKC before any trees could be felled. However, Ken Whitcombe, whose home overlooks the development site, is adamant that PKC was wrong to include the surveys as 'conditions' on the planning consent. He said: "The EC Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC 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 site and to inform planning officers and others involved in the decision making of the likely effect of such of such a species being present on a site **prior to the determination of the planning application.**"

Further mystery surrounds PKC's acceptance that Persimmon had

had been received that morning. He admitted it would be normal for PKC's Biodiversity Officer to see such a report before anything further happened. But the Biodiversity Officer was on leave that day, as was the Case Officer.

"So, who assessed the compliance of the ecological report?" asks Mr Whitcombe.

Below: How the scene looks now that the trees have been felled



Kinross Show

Saturday 12 August, RSPB Loch Leven



*New attraction this year - alpacas! Meet Macnamara and Nimbus
Photos: Rebecca Dawes*

Kinross Show takes place on Saturday 12 August this year and with so much to do, here is some more information to help you plan the day.

Judging commences sharp from 8.30am for Horses in Hand and Mountain and Moorland ponies. The cattle, sheep and goat judging starts at 9.30am, so it will be an early start for all the exhibitors with stock who devote so much time and energy making the animals look their best for show day. Keep an eye on the Kinross Show Facebook page for a few sneaky peeks of the shampooing, brushing, combing and general preening that takes place in the days before.

The Arts and Crafts Marquee opens at 9am; with so many amazing businesses in the tent this year, it's a great place to pick up a gift for someone special or just a homemade treat for yourself.

If you wish to participate in the stock judging competition, register at the Young Farmers' tent before 12 noon and if you are taking part in the Dog Show with your canine companion you can enter from 10.30 until 12.30pm.

Taking to the air from the main ring at 12.40pm, and again at 3pm, will be Elite Falconry with a display of natural flying from an owl, hawk, falcon and eagle with amusing commentary and a chance for some of the audience to take part.

The Children's Education Marquee is open all day. The themes are Potatoes and Wool production, so children are welcome to join in some fun activities to learn more about these farming topics. We're very excited to welcome two Alpacas to the marquee this year; the pair are recent additions to Hilton of Aldie farm. Named Nimbus and Macnamara, they are striking animals with an incredibly soft fleece, so are sure to be popular with everyone.

There will also be ferrets, so it's a rare opportunity to get close to these important animals on the farm.

Sheep shearing demonstrations will take place outside this tent at regular intervals all day.

Entry Costs

Show ground entry is £10 for adults, £7 concessions and children under 16 free. Parking is £2.

Contact

Please contact our Show Secretary if you require further information: Mary Morgan, Belmonte, 70 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, KY13 9JN, telephone 01592 840030, email kinrossshow@aol.com

Free bus service

The free buses run to and from the show field. They stop at bus stops in Kinross, Milnathort and Kinnesswood. Look out for the Earnside coach with the Kinross Show notice in the window. The service commences mid-morning and runs approximately every half hour until the show field closes.

Well behaved dogs are welcome on the buses.

Photo: Tracy Gow Photography



Scottish Women's Institute Show Preview



Our community themes this year in the SWI marquee at Kinross Show on Saturday 12 August at Vane Farm are for the handicrafts section "Birthday Celebration" and the Housewives section "Celebration". These themes were chosen to celebrate the centenary of the formation of the 'rural' in 1917 by Catherine Blair.

The Ladies of Kinross Group SWI are once again busy preparing their entries for both the community and individual competitions. There will, as always, be a wonderful display from our members of crafts, needlework, baking, produce and floral art. There will also be entries from husbands and partners in the Gents' section and entries from members' children and grandchildren in the children's section. The judges this year are from Stirling, Clackmannan & West Perth Federation.



A number of classes are being sponsored again by local businesses and individuals. We are very grateful for their continued support. Our sponsors are: McTaggart's of Aberdour, Robert and Gillian Bell, Robert Craig Joinery, Roddy Baird, Kilted Farming Company, Loch Leven's Larder, Hattonburn House and John and Helen Buchanan.

There will be, as usual, a sales table selling baking, produce and craft goods and this year we are having a Bottle bag tombola as our fundraiser.

To round off the day, the trophies and prize monies will be presented by Kinross Show President Andy Marshall and his wife Nicky. Finally, the raffle will be drawn, with a first prize of £50 and many other fabulous prizes, so make sure you get your tickets. They will be on sale in the tent during the day. There is no entry charge to the marquee, but a silver collection donation will be welcome at the door, so please come along and view the wonderful work of the SWI members. The marquee is open from 10am until 4pm on the day of the show.



Above and left: examples of SWI crafts from previous shows

Kinross Show Programme

Times shown in 24-hour clock. All times are approximate.

0700	Show ground opens	1130	Flower Show Marquee open to the public
0830	Horse Ring 1: Horses in Hand judging	1215	/1230 approx. Clydesdale Horse in Harness judging
0830	Horse Ring 2: Mountain & Moorland ponies judging	1230	Beef & Dairy Calf Young Handlers in Dairy Ring
0830	Horse Ring 3: Pony Club pony judging	1240	Elite Falconry Display
0900	Main Ring: Clydesdale Horses, Highland Ponies and Shetland Ponies	1245	Collecting Area for Children's Fancy Dress
0900	until 1200. JAC Stock Judging. Entries taken at JAC tent. £3 to enter.	1300	Dog Show commences at Dog Marquee
0900	Art & Craft Marquee open to the public	1300	Stock Judging Competition starts
0930	Art & Craft Marquee judging commences	1300	Vintage Tractor Judging
0930	Limousin, Aberdeen Angus, British Blues & Highland Cattle judging	1300	Children's Fancy Dress Competition (with or without a pony) in Main Ring
0930	Dairy breeds judging	1330	Overall Horse Competition (Archie Renton Trophy) in Main Ring
0930	In Pens: Sheep sections	1350	Champion of Champions in Main Ring
0930	Goats judging	1415	Grand Parade of Prize Winners
1000	Cross Cattle	1430	Parade of Vintage Tractors in Main Ring
1000	Flower Show Marquee judging commences	1500	Elite Falconry Display
1030	until 1230 prompt: Dog Show Registration. Entries Taken at Dog Marquee. No late entries.	1530	Flower Show Marquee Presentation of Prizes
1100	Closing for Scarecrow Competition	1600	SWI Presentation of Prizes in SWI Marquee
1130	Sheep Young Handlers in pens	1600	JAC Activity in Main Ring
		1845	Last bus leaves show site
		1900	Show ground will be closed

Helping an orphanage in India on International Yoga Day

by Sarah of Simpli Yoga

We thought it was a great opportunity to come together with the local community on Wednesday 21 June – International Yoga Day – with an open class, and give back to India. We asked for donations from the class and let everyone know all contributions would be going to an orphanage in Kerala called Thanal Balasramam.



Thanal Balasramam looks after children from as young as 15 days old. The children are all educated and yoga is part of their curriculum. If they wish, the children can stay on and study to degree level.

On our visit last year, the young girls were eager to show us their yoga postures and use their English language. They know that education is a way for them to better their lives.



On speaking to them, you can't help but be inspired by their enthusiasm and energy for life.

The yoga class we held on the 21st was well attended and one of the highlights was having a young boy called Tom attending with his mum. Tom, who's three years old, began by watching the class and then happily played alongside his mum as she practised yoga. He didn't disturb the class and, to the contrary, the feedback from others was that it had made the experience very special.

Tom is one of the children locally who has attended our Baby Yoga Classes in the past. Building on his time in those classes, I hope that somewhere in his childhood memory this experience will help to further develop a positive relationship with yoga as he grows up. I know he is well aware of his mum's own practice and think he's one of the lucky children who are exposed to yoga from a young age.



On the day, we raised £125 for the orphanage and this has been added to from other donations at our classes, bringing us to £334 so far.

We have more fundraising plans for later this year and we're well on our way to being able to sponsor two children for a year, providing them with food and their education.

Our gratitude to everyone who has made this possible.

Blessings,

Suthesh & Sarah
Simpli Yoga

Our photos show children at the Thanal Balasramam orphanage in Kerala

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Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife



In July, I was disappointed to see that Perth was not included in the shortlist of candidates to be named UK City of Culture 2021. The bid team put together a fantastic effort and their hard work throughout the year should be commended. However, despite falling just short, a number of good ideas have been piloted during the process. I would hope that these ideas are built upon in the coming year and plans to modernise the City Hall and relocate the Stone of Destiny are completed. The bid wasn't solely focused on Perth, and neighbouring areas in Kinross-shire were set to benefit as a result of increased investment and visitor numbers to Perth. However, the new council administration has made it clear that it wants Perth to be Scotland's best small city and I would hope that mantra is fulfilled to its fullest extent and places like Milnathort and Kinross can become some of Scotland's best small towns.

With the new Queensferry Crossing set to open at the end of August, I have called for an extension to the number of days it will open for people to walk across. Unlike the old bridge, the cable-stayed design does not have pedestrian access and the two days of commemorative walks represent the only chance people will have to traverse the new structure. So far, nearly a quarter of a million people have applied for tickets but only 50,000 have been made available. This is a significant cultural, historical and architectural moment for Scotland and I would hope that more people are able to play a part in this. I understand that many Kinross-shire residents applied for tickets but were left disappointed and I think it's important that more days are made available for those interested in taking part.

Since May the new Conservative-led administration at Perth and Kinross Council has made improving everyday services their number one priority. I was therefore pleased to see the new Council commit to investing three quarters of a million pounds into roads and infrastructure. Potholes and pitted road surfaces are a common complaint and one that has serious consequences for the health of your car. Tackling poor road surfaces, before they get any worse, is the right thing to do and I am sure many of you will agree with me on this. It's important that towns across Perth and Kinross, particularly Kinross and Milnathort, are connected with well-maintained roads and bridges.

Staying with council business, I was pleased to see that officials have taken the decision to move some important committee meetings outside of Perth and into communities across the region. This move will include holding one full council meeting outside of 2 High Street every year, with the first to take place in Kinross in October. This is an important move that will allow the council to be more accountable and transparent whilst ensuring people across the area, from Kinross to Kinclaven, are able to get enthused and involved with council business.

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

Roseanna Cunningham MSP for Perthshire South and Kinross-shire



Childhood Abuse Bill

Roseanna Cunningham MSP has welcomed the passage of the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill in the Scottish Parliament. The Bill, which will have retrospective effect, removes the three-year time limit in which victims of childhood abuse can bring a civil action against their abuser, meaning that survivors can pursue justice later in life.

Funding for local groups

Ms Cunningham has welcomed the news that six groups in her constituency have recently been successful in securing a total of £46,819 National Lottery funding after applying to Awards for All Scotland. Portmoak Community Gala has been awarded £5,110 to purchase two marquees.

Consultation on mental health and learning disability services

Public consultation has begun on the preferred option for General Adult Psychiatry and Learning Disability inpatient services in Tayside.

The preferred option is a single site for General Adult Psychiatry (GAP) acute admissions at Carseview Centre in Dundee and a single site for Learning Disability (LD) services at Murray Royal Hospital in Perth. The option has already been presented to NHS Tayside committees, Tayside NHS Board, and Dundee and Angus Integration Joint Boards.

The consultation began on 3 July and will run until Tuesday 3 October 2017, during which time the programme team will be gathering views and feedback from service users, carers, staff and members of the public.

Find out more at the website: www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk

Consultation on Community Plan

The Community Planning Partnership for Perth and Kinross has published its draft Community Plan and is looking for your views. This draft Community Plan sets out a vision for a confident and ambitious Perth and Kinross, which is fairer and more inclusive for all who live and work here.

The consultation is online at: <http://pk-storyboard.org.uk/cp/> and runs until Sunday 6 August 2017.



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Councillor Barnacle

Local Development Plan 2

Councillor Barnacle has written a five-page letter to Peter Marshall and Brenda Murray, PKC Planning & Sustainable Development regarding "ongoing issues of concern" that he believes the community would expect to see addressed in Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) ahead of publication of this document, expected in the autumn.

Abridged extracts from the letter are reproduced below.



INFRASTRUCTURE

The Main Issues Report failed to mention these issues in Kinross-shire and you may recall the amendment previously introduced by Local Members that involves a report being prepared to accompany LDP2 on this and its ability to support planned growth; issues being cemeteries, drainage, health service, parking, public transport, recreational demand, roads network and schools.

There should be a commitment to identify zoned parking areas within settlements during the lifetime of the Plan.

There should be a commitment to lobby the Scottish Government to make sure that inter-city bus operators fully service our Park & Ride facilities, including PKC exploring possible café and improved travel information at Kinross.

I was under the impression that we introduced a policy into LDP1 that safeguarded old railway lines from development that would preclude their restoration, especially important between Kinross and the Fife Circle; will such a policy be in LDP2?

LDP2 should ... include a commitment to delivering footpath improvements between Kilmagadwood and Scotlandwell.

POLICIES

The following policy areas require to be enhanced/reviewed.

PM4 Settlement Boundaries: Development on the edge of settlements will be allowed in specific limited circumstances, which I suggest needs careful wording in order to avoid creeping settlement development, possibly being restricted to the illustration of community benefit. I remain unhappy with the settlement boundaries for Powmill and Rumbling Bridge ...

Can you explain the loss of village setting designations?

RDI Residential Areas: ... residential amenity for 'existing residents' is not being accorded sufficient importance ... the policy should be strengthened in this regard.

RD3 Housing in the Countryside: This is mushrooming in Kinross-shire with expensive houses in gap and infill sites for the Edinburgh market (approximately 300 since 2012), which suggests that the expected tightening of the policy, following a previous relaxation, has not occurred.

RD4 Affordable Housing: As things stand, if no other proposals are put forward for the rural areas of the shire, no affordable housing will be built before 2028. Apart from the failure of this policy in rural areas, Tayplan insistence on tiered settlement development short changes the rural villages from appropriate provision.

RD5 Gypsy Travellers Sites: I maintain that a review of this 'open door policy' is required, which I regard as not fit for purpose, given the experience of dealing in particularly with the Crook Moss and Greenacres sites in Kinross-shire. The former site has been occupied since March 2012 without adequate drainage, sewage and water arrangements and lies within the Loch Leven catchment; the planning department ignored PKC's landscape consultant's advice that the site was not suitable for development due to ground conditions and also the opposition of local members and the overwhelming majority of the community in recommending an approval in August 2012, subject to a raft of conditions, some of which had still not been met at return to Committee in May 2017, despite assurances of compliance by January 2014. The Greenacres site has expanded way beyond the planning department's potential stated in May 2006 and although a settlement boundary was included in LDP1 with references to a landscape framework, this is currently breached on the north west of the site.

HE3 Conservation Areas: I would like to see consideration of this for Keltybridge and Maryburgh, the villages situated on the Fife boundary with their historic nature contrasting markedly to the urban sprawl of Kelty.

NE2 & NE3 Trees & Biodiversity: There is an urgent need to enhance tree protection in 'Big Tree Country', thereby enhancing the area's biodiversity and cutting pollution; in fact it is suggested that we need to improve environmental protection generally! TPO's are not numerous enough and there should be other methods specified to identify important groups of trees. Experience of inappropriate felling by some developers and lack of condition enforcement has been highlighted with your department. It is essential that planning permission is not granted without reference to EC Directives on protected species and appropriate surveys undertaken; the use of suspensive conditions, which I believe is happening, risks breaching such directives.

ER1 Renewable Energy: I note that we should have a spatial framework updated for wind energy developments ... it has taken 5 years during which applications have continued to be assessed!

ER5 Prime Agricultural Land: This policy is not strong enough and there has been a significant failure to protect such land from development, contrary to national planning policy.

ER6 Landscape Designations: I will maintain strong objections to LDP2 if it does not contain a provision to review the case for the former AGLV areas of the Cleish Hills and Devon Gorge to be re-designated as Local Landscape Areas following their loss, as a result of accepting a deeply flawed consultant's exercise on landscape designation that I attended.

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Councillor Barnacle continued...

There also needs to be a commitment to engage with neighbouring local authorities on my previous requests for the Ochil Hills to be considered for Regional Park status and to look at extending the Lomond Hills Regional Park to Loch Leven.

EP7 Drainage within Loch Leven Catchment: I believe that the water quality of Loch Leven is being compromised by a failure of statutory duty to protect the catchment from inappropriate and unregulated development. There is a need to tighten up on protection when granting planning permissions and ensure that the protocol between PKC, SEPA and SNH, presumably enshrined in supplementary guidance is reviewed.

EP13 Airfield Safeguarding: I am particularly keen to see an enhancement of policy protection, especially in relation to Portmoak Gliding Centre.

I suggest the consideration of a **new policy to protect hotels and inns from immediate closure and change of use**, following the recent experiences in Glenfarg and Kinneswood. In England, I believe that a community can register such establishments as an "Asset of Community Value", which gives them an opportunity to put forward alternative proposals to closure before planning decisions are made. I request that this be looked at in PKC!

Finally, in relation to policy, the recent use of the term 'indicative' regarding housing numbers for zoned sites in LDP1 has caused considerable comment and concern because it appears to sanction development proposals often for significantly higher numbers of houses than LDP guidance. This can only undermine Local Plans and I strongly suggest that LDP2 is more specific on housing numbers for zoned sites being adhered to.

PLANNING EYESORES NOT RESOLVED SINCE LDP1 PRODUCED

Boreland Farm, Cleish Development opposed by community and myself is still incomplete and the subject of enforcement action.

Keltybridge Land adjacent to village hall (approved for housing by planning department contrary to Policy PM4 with the ink hardly dry on LDP1), which the community still have aspirations for is still not developed. Your planning assurances on the change to the settlement boundary proved utterly worthless.

Wester Balgedie Farm Steading A conversion in accord with community wishes is still needed to remove the current eyesore.

SITE ZONINGS

Although no additional housing supply land is currently required in Kinross-shire, I believe there is some merit in considering for inclusion the following suggestions.

Fossoway

Following on from the recent consultations:

Blairingone: A phased approach to housing development south of the A977

Crook of Devon: 'An Opportunity Site' east of the village hall for further consultation. There remains the need to expand the Drum WWTP, which this site could facilitate!

Rumbling Bridge: A revision to the settlement boundary mentioned earlier may deliver some outstanding community benefits whilst possibly allowing some modest development acceptable to the community in the longer term.

N.B: 1. In **Carno** there should be no more housing development until mains drainage is available! 2. In **Powmill** is there any merit in revisiting the Masterplan concept for Powmill during the lifetime of LDP2?

Glenfarg

The Community would like to see an Employment Site found.

Kinross and Milnathort

A community masterplan approach for Kinross/Milnathort is long overdue and a commitment to develop this should be part of LDP2; it should be accompanied by an embargo on all future large scale housing developments until this has been done, along with a commitment to engage with the Scottish Government on upgrading Junction 7 on the M90 to a four-way junction!

Similarly, I suggest a need to clarify the status of the Turfhill Environment/Roads Depot within a zoning; whilst I would support some employment site expansion to the south of here, I remain opposed to such expansion westwards towards Balado.

Portmoak

I would be content to see Stephen's field (6 hectares) incorporated into the Kinneswood boundary for community usage/open space, previously village setting in our 2004 Plan. I think we should consider removing the open space corridor between Leslie Road and Scotlandwell's southern settlement boundary.

CONCLUSION

I apologise for the length of this letter, from which you will deduce that LDP2 should not be "a tweaking exercise to LDP1" as far as Kinross-shire is concerned. It is the intention of my fellow local members and Kinross-shire Ward Forum of Community Councils to discuss these matters further later this month.

Cllr Michael Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

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N.B. The FOLLCL volunteers will not be operating the library on Saturday 12 August. Therefore the library will close at 1pm that day.

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.

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For more information and to sign up, please call 0344 225 9857 or visit: www.parkinsons.org.uk/content/walk-parkinsons-loch-leven

Consultation on Supplementary Guidance

Perth and Kinross Council is undertaking a public consultation on two Supplementary Guidance documents on:

- Renewable and Low Carbon Energy
- Placemaking

Full details are available at:

www.pkc.gov.uk/ldpsupplementaryguidance.

Comments must be submitted by 31 August 2017.

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, August 1917

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Recent Kinross crimes

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Please ensure all vehicles and sheds are locked at all times and no windows or doors are left unlocked at your homes even during daytime hours.

Road traffic issues

Complaints of 'Boy Racers' speeding and playing loud music along Junction Road, Kinross, have also been received. The area is currently being monitored and road checks carried out by local officers and officers from the Road Policing Unit.

Kinross Show, 12 August 2017

PC Stapleton and I will be attending the annual Kinross Show at Vane Farm on 12 August and will be bringing the mobile Community Police Office with us. We are hoping to have one of our Police Scotland 'Rural Crime' officers, PC Willie Johnstone, with us to liaise with patrons attending.

Along with Dougie and I, PC Johnstone can offer advice on how to protect your farm or field perimeters and equipment. There will also be information and advice on security marking, trackers and suspicious callers to farms, protecting your livestock and the benefits of Rural Watch schemes.

Kinross-shire Farm Watch Scheme

PC Stapleton is currently in the process of setting up the Kinross-shire Farm Watch initiative, with a view to having all local farmers involved in the scheme and any rural crime reported. Police, Community Councils, farmers and others sharing information at the earliest opportunity will hopefully assist with identifying vehicles, registrations and descriptions of persons acting suspiciously or involved in rural crime.

If any local farmers wish to be part of the scheme, please e-mail your details to PC Stapleton at Kinross who will collate the details and pass information on a regular basis back to the farming community. Please e-mail:

douglas.stapleton@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Charity Golf Day

On a lighter note, the Kinross Police are to challenge the Kinross Firemen to a 'Ryder Cup' style golf day, with all proceeds raised going to a local charity. The date and charity are yet to be confirmed, but already we have had several raffle prizes donated by local businesses including Hunters the Butchers in Kinross, CFR Electrics, Kelty Hearts Football Club and Scottish Grass Machinery. All raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please contact Dougie or myself if you wish to donate towards the event.

Safe Summer 2017

School's out, the lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us, and all over Scotland, people are unwinding in the sunshine (between intermittent periods of breaking out the anoraks and wellies). Lawnmowers and BBQs are being fired up, youths are enjoying the weeks of freedom between terms, and parents are trying to keep the wee ones entertained.

We at Police Scotland salute the sun-worshippers of our great nation, and want you all to have a safe and sunburn free few months. Unfortunately, the hot weather, mixed with a rise in alcohol consumption, can lead to anti-social behaviour.

This is why we've launched Operation Myriad, a three-month national campaign which will tackle alcohol-related violence, offensive weapons and disorder and anti-social behaviour.

The Safe Summer campaign was launched by Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams. He said: "Tackling violent crime and disorder is a priority for us and Operation Myriad is a great example of the local work being undertaken to tackle this issue."

"Whilst overall violent crime continues to drop across the country, we have seen increases in some specific crime types such as murder, serious assault and robbery. Violent crime has a substantial economic and social cost to Scotland's communities and it is really clear that the over consumption of alcohol is a major factor."



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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 July Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 5 July 2017 were: CCllrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Margaret Blyth, David Colliar, Barry Davies, David MacKenzie and Thomas Stewart; P&K Councillors M Barnacle, C Purves and W Robertson and two members of the public, including D Cuthbert who was co-opted to the CC during the meeting.

Apologies were received from CCllrs J Bryson, I Jack and D West; P&K Cllr R Watters; and PCs A Spalding and D Stapleton.

Declarations of Interest: CCllr Blyth declared an interest in planning application 17/01018/FLL (change of use at 157 High St). CCllr Thomas declared a non-financial interest in planning application 17/00998/FLL (installation of defibrillator) in that she helped prepare it and her husband submitted it on behalf of Hunters.

Minutes of meeting of 7 June 2017: Section 11c: CCllr Jack had wished the minutes to clarify that the council had not informed him of a change of address otherwise the accounts would have been sent to the correct office. CCllr MacKenzie wished it added to 11a that it had been agreed that the CC would adopt the practice of writing a letter of thanks to all outgoing ward councillors. Subject to these corrections, the minutes were proposed by CCllr MacKenzie and seconded by CCllr Colliar.

Police Report: No police present but a report for the period 1 June – 1 July had been sent by email. There were several thefts from insecure cars in Churchill Road and a van broken into in Katrine Place along with a housebreaking in Lomond Place. A female has been charged with several offences and is currently remanded. Two males were charged for stealing and joyriding a tractor from Gallowhill Farm. Residents are urged to make vehicles secure.

CC Vacancy/Co-option: The vacancy had been advertised in the June Newsletter and via Facebook. The CC Liaison office confirmed on the day of this meeting that there had been one nomination, for Dave Cuthbert, and confirmed it was valid. CCllr Colliar proposed that Dave Cuthbert be co-opted to the CC, seconded by CCllr Blyth. This was unanimously agreed.

Queen's trees: Cllr Colliar reported that the plaque has been arranged. The Treasurer will pay when the CC grant is received from PKC.

Bus stop real time unit: No update from PKC.

Defibrillators and Telephone Kiosk: CCllr Davies has applied to SSE for funding; result will be known in October. He also intends to apply to the Newsletter Fund.

Sponsorship boards at roundabouts: CCllr Davies has not completed his letter/report yet.

Participatory Budget: Reply received from Mr McNamara of PKC. Most points had been covered by CCllr MacKenzie at the previous CC meeting. Cllr Purves reported that there will be no change to Action Partnerships in this financial year but they are part of the Council review and there may be a different format next year. The Action Partnership meets in August so the CC will expect feedback at its September meeting. CCllr Cuthbert wondered if there will be a health and social care participatory budget here. Cllr Purves will find out.

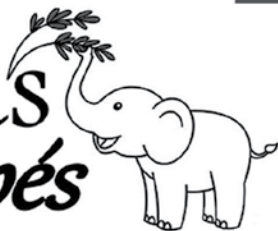
Gallowhill Road: Cllr Robertson had contacted PKC Roads Dept; double yellow lines at Gallowhill Road's junction with Muirs had not been progressed last year. Daryl McKeown has offered a site visit. Cllr Robertson would welcome Mr Alexander, who had raised the issue, to attend.

New Planning Applications:

17/00890/FLL Change of use from bookmakers to hot food takeaway (class 3) with external seating area and installation of flue and 17/01023/LBC Alterations at 121 High Street, Kinross. CCllr Colliar had checked that the outside seating area will not impinge on to the public footpath. CCllr Thomas was concerned there would be an increase in (illegal) parking on the shared space, though this is an enforcement problem. No CC comment to be submitted.

17/01018/FLL Change of use from retail (class 1) to café/takeaway, Kintronics, 157 High Street, Kinross, for Angel Cakes (Angela Hendry). The applicant had posted further information on the CC Facebook page. The plan is for a tearoom specialising in home baking, nice coffee and speciality teas, selling celebration cakes and running classes. No CC comment.

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17/00893/FLL Erection of 6no. dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure works for plots 1-6, relocation of SUDS basin, pump station and erection of substation (revised layout and design) (in part retrospect) at **land 300m NW of Lathro Farm**, Kinross, for Persimmon Homes Ltd. There was some discussion relating to this application and the Lathro site more generally. Cllr Thomas proposed that the CC object to this application. This was seconded by Cllr Davies and there were no counter-proposals. A reason for objecting is that this application, like the application for 300 houses before it, requires the destruction of several mature oak trees, which are important from a visual and biodiversity point of view. The applicant has not provided a Protected Species Survey and Assessment. This is required because the trees are a possible habitat for protected species. The proposal breaches Council policies on protecting woodland. Original reasons for objecting to 15/01512/FLM also apply, e.g. the proposal does not comply with the LDP as the LDP allocated number is being exceeded. The proposal to move the SUDS drainage further from the housing units should be scrutinised as this may affect efficiency. It should be asked whether this application affects the social housing element in the original application.

Cllr Barnacle expressed concern about the piecemeal approach by the developers; there have been several small applications for this site since the original application for 300 houses was given consent. A scheduled meeting between ward councillors and a planning officer to discuss this and other related matters was cancelled but another is being arranged.

During discussion of this application, the point was made that unless there is a Tree Protection Order (TPO) in place, policy protection for trees is poor. Trees in Conservation Areas have greater protection. (In effect, an automatic TPO.)

17/00994/FLL Subdivision of flat to form 2no. flats at 25 Causeway Court, Old Causeway, Kinross, for the Director of House and Community Care, Perth & Kinross Council. No CC comment.

17/00998/FLL Installation of an automated external defibrillator and CCTV camera at Hunters Butchers, 104 High Street, Kinross, for Hunters of Kinross c/o Gareth Thomas. There was a brief discussion regarding the position of the proposed CCTV camera. No CC comment.

17/01049/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, garage and stables and formation of vehicular access (revised design), land 120 metres West of Chance Inn Farm, Kinross. Cllr Stewart asked a question about the location. Cllr Barnacle said this application would be assessed on Housing in Countryside policy. No CC comment.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC:

17/00201/FLL Erection of garage and ancillary accommodation, 103 Lathro Park, Kinross. Approved.

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

17/00789/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 34 Argyll Road, Kinross. Approved.

17/00825/FLL Change of use of part of dwelling house and alterations to form dwelling house, 22 Curate Wynd, Kinross. Approved.

17/0087/FLL and 17/00914/LBC Alterations, extension and erection of office building, Courthouse Restaurant, 21-25 High Street, Kinross. Approved.

17/00994/FLL Subdivision of flat to form 2no. flats at 25 Causeway Court, Old Causeway, Kinross, for the Director of House and Community Care, Perth & Kinross Council. Withdrawn.

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

Planning Correspondence and other Planning Matters

Old Causeway Car Park (Millbridge Hall): During discussion of planning applications in 6a, Cllr Cuthbert suggested that more provision could be made here.

Letter to Scottish Government: Kinross-shire Civic Trust (KCT) had sent the CC a copy of KCT's letter of 4/7/17 to Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing. In this, KCT adds its voice to a request for an inquiry into the planning procedures at Perth & Kinross Council, Scone CC having made a similar request. KCT asked Kinross CC for support and input toward the call for an inquiry. The KCT letter was very lengthy. The CC understood the email from KCT as a request to endorse the whole KCT letter, which some were reluctant to do. A vote was taken on whether to endorse the KCT letter or to write a letter of the CC's own. The latter course of action was decided on. [Post meeting note: in fact, this is all KCT had meant by its request to the CC.] It was agreed that the Secretary would draft a letter to Kevin Stewart to be circulated to the rest of the CC for comment before sending.

Nick Brian/Lathro Farm: After a third reminder, Nick Brian had responded more fully to the CC's letter of 10 April. This response was still not particularly detailed and did not answer all the points raised in the CC's letter, e.g. there was no response to the CC's request for a Tree Preservation Order on the Lathro oaks. Mr Brian said that "In terms of a re-consideration of planning issues by the Development Management Committee, there is no process for an application to be referred back for this." Regarding transport infrastructure, representatives of the CC will be invited to a demonstration of the traffic model.

Scottish Government Planning review: Scottish Ministers have published a position statement which sets out the changes they are considering taking forward following the planning review earlier in the year. An email received from PKC gives a link to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report which looks at the likely impact of proposals. Next consultation runs 29/6/17 - 11/8/17.

Moratorium on house building: Cllr Robertson recently proposed to PKC's Peter Marshall that there should be a moratorium on large scale housing developments in the



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Kinross area until junction 7 is fully upgraded to a four-way junction. Cllr Cuthbert proposed that the CC write to PKC Planning in support of this. Agreed.

LDP2/Forum: Cllr Barnacle had been in contact with PKC's Peter Marshall about matters potentially covered by PKC's Local Development Plan 2 (expected to be published in the autumn). Mr Marshall encouraged Cllr Barnacle to raise the matters in advance of publication of LDP2. It was proposed that a Kinross-shire CC Forum meeting should take place, with two or three representatives from each CC. Cllrs Colliar, Cuthbert and MacKenzie volunteered to take part.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration: The CC had received notification from PKC that the variation of traffic order to slightly extend the 20mph zone in Kinross High Street has been approved by the EEI Committee on 14/6/17. Cllr Cuthbert asked when the bollards for the single carriageway area are expected. Cllr Robertson will check. Council officers are still working on the possibility of a second controlled crossing for the south end of the regenerated area. Ward Councillors said PKC's 20mph policy is to be reviewed.

Cllr Davies noted that the new puffin crossing in the High Street takes a long time to signal a safe crossing for pedestrians from the time of pressing the button. It was explained that the crossing is designed to wait for a gap in the traffic to assist traffic flow. However, the time is perhaps too long.

New Primary School: Cllr MacKenzie had asked for an update. [Post meeting note: update received on 6/7/17 and circulated by email.]

Miscellaneous Correspondence: Approximately 45 communications had been received since the last meeting.

Most had been circulated to CC members and a summary provided. Some items had been covered under other agenda items. Items discussed at this point of the meeting were:

Community Youth Team: A member of the public had suggested via the CC Facebook Page that this would be a good idea. Youths get involved in community projects helping the police, fire service, do clean-ups, learn life skills. The Secretary will email the community Police.

Springfield Road: Having been unable to get hold of a ward councillor, a resident in the Springfield estate had asked a CC member to visit to examine the quality of maintenance of grass areas on Springfield Road. Cllrs Davies and MacKenzie had responded. Cllr Davies explained that, in spring/early summer, PKC staff avoid cutting grass areas where spring bulbs have been planted to allow the leaves of the flowers to die back to improve the bulb for the following year. However, this year the grass was left for a long time and then, when cut, large, long clumps were left which did not look good and blew around. Cllr Purves will ask what the maintenance programme will be next year.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Environment: Cllr Purves informed the CC of a £750k spending plan recently approved at Council; £500k will be put to road repairs and £250k to tree maintenance and play parks.

Yellow lines: Cllr Purves is checking on the situation regarding double yellow lines in Muirpark Road.

Verges: Cllr Barnacle said there will be extra money for verge cutting, especially at junctions.

Kirkgate toilet: After consultation with PKC officers, Cllr Barnacle has been able to pass on some possible solutions to the member of the public who had complained to him about the Automated Public Convenience in Kirkgate Park frequently being out of order.

Kinross Common Good Fund: Cllr Barnacle is now the Convener of the KCGF Committee. At a recent meeting the committee approved a grant to Light Up Kinross. An application from Kinross High School was rejected. A grant was made to the P&K District Scout Council (less than that applied for).

Any Other Competent Business

Employment: Cllr Cuthbert wondered if PKC had any focus on creating employment in Kinross-shire. Cllrs Barnacle and Purves, who are on the EEI committee, will have a meeting with relevant officers.

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Choking prevention: Cllr MacKenzie referred to the great work being done locally to provide defibrillators. He then raised the issue of responding to choking. In some countries, restaurants have diagrams showing the Heimlich manoeuvre and wondered if that could be done here. Cllrs Thomas and Davies said that the recent First Aid courses organised by Pamela Hunter included instruction on this. When a second defibrillator is obtained, more courses can be run.

Grounds maintenance: In response to Cllr Davies, Cllr Robertson will check the grass area around the leisure centre.

Muir Grove: The CC commented on the Council's disorganised approach to works on Muir Grove. Following the supposed start date of the traffic order, there was a delay of approximately two months before lines were painted. They were in place for a very short time before being dug up to allow road resurfacing.

Chance Inn potholes: Cllr Stewart reported that these have been filled to a high standard.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 2 August 2017 at 7.30pm.

Draft Agenda for the Meeting on 2 August

Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of Meeting of 5/7/17. Police Report. Matters Arising from Minutes of 5/7/17. Planning Matters. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. New Primary School. Miscellaneous Correspondence. Reports from P&K 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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Fossoway and District CC

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Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

www.fossoway.org

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

Community Council on Facebook.

Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC meets every second month. The next meeting takes place on **Monday 7 August 2017** at 7.30pm at the Tabernacle Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk

Portmoak Community Council

Portmoak CC cancelled the meeting that had been scheduled for 11 July 2017. The next meeting takes place on **Tuesday 8 August 2017** at 7pm in Portmoak Village Hall.

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

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

Milnathort Community Council

Milnathort CC did not meet in July. The next meeting takes place on **Thursday 10 August 2017** at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

Find Milnathort CC minutes, agenda and other information at:

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Club & Community Group News



Kinross & District Rotary Club

At our meeting on 12 June, Rosie Cormack, an ex-pupil of KHS, spoke to the club about her incredible experience in February of this year when she travelled to Strasbourg to join 540 other young Europeans at the Euroscola event. This is an annual event held by the European Parliament in which a select group of young people have the opportunity to debate a range of issues in the parliament chamber.

Rosie told us about her selection at interview by local Rotarians, planning for the trip, travelling with and meeting 25 others from across Scotland, arriving in Strasbourg and about the various activities undertaken during the visit. Activities included speaking in the chamber and undertaking a street survey involving questions on Brexit and what people in France knew about Scotland. Rosie thanked the club for the fabulous opportunity and expressed both how much she enjoyed and benefited from it. Rosie will be going to the University of Edinburgh to study languages.

At our breakfast meeting on Tuesday 20 June, incoming President, George Lawrie, outlined his plans and objectives for the coming Rotary year starting in July. Rotary International's theme for the year is 'Rotary making a difference' and George stated that the club will continue to play an active part in the community. As part of our commitment to the environment, it was planned to plant a tree for each member. This will result in 1.2 million trees being planted in the UK and up to 400 in Fife and Kinross. The club is looking to increase its membership by 25% and to attract more female and younger members.

Rotarian Phil Teale stepped into the breach when our speaker for the meeting on 26 June called off due to ill health. Phil gave a fascinating illustrated talk about his career in computing and database software in particular. He described the various projects undertaken whilst working for IBM, Bank of America and Microsoft in the UK, Canada and USA. Whilst with IBM he developed the DB2 database management system and is the author of a book on Data Patterns. He went on to put forward his ideas on the future use of computers believing that 3D printing, robotics, artificial intelligence and virtual reality will all become increasingly important.

An intrepid group of 14 Rotarians, partners and friends visited the Isle of May on 1 July. For many it was their first trip to the island. The day was dry, if a little windy, and visitors were treated to wonderful intimate views of some of the nesting 200,000 seabirds including puffins. They were also permitted to visit the Robert Stevenson designed lighthouse on the island.

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Our change over dinner was held in the Kirklands Hotel on 3 July. A large gathering of members and associate members met as the Presidency of the club was handed over from Malcolm Wood to George Lawrie. After the formalities we were truly entertained by well known local folk singer and humourist, Tich Frier.



Rotary Incoming president George Lawrie with outgoing president Malcolm Wood.

A gathering of almost 50 club members, partners and Inner Wheeler members plus Rotarians from Perth and Perth Kinnoull clubs gathered on 10 July to hear an update on the Ethiopian Medical Project from associate member Jo Middlemiss.

Jo, together with Maureen Burnett, run a local charity raising money for, and supporting, Buccama Clinic in Ethiopia. They travel out there each year at their own expense to both help in a practical way and to see how the money they raise is spent. Jo's talk was both heartwarming and sobering, illustrating how they have brought much needed medical assistance to a desperately poor community but at the same time showing how much more needs to be done. Jo expressed her gratitude to Kinross Rotary and the other local Rotary club for the large sum of money which was raised last year and used for equipping the clinic.

Meetings

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

Date for the diary

Sunday 3 September, Great Escape Boat Race at Kirkgate Park, Kinross. See page 45 for more information.

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Our Portmoak

We would like to thank everyone who joined our Muckle Digs. Our dig at the Michael Bruce Museum explored the remains of historic buildings, and the Portmoak Primary School dig focussed on finding artefacts left by the people who lived on the hill above Kinnesswood over the past several thousand years.

Congratulations to Ella Forbes of Kinnesswood and Heather Cox of Scotlandwell for winning a chance to be an archaeologist for the day. After writing a paper explaining why their home would be a good place to discover more about the unique past of our Parish of Portmoak, the girls dug trenches in their home gardens assisted by archaeologists from OJT Heritage.



The Muckle Dig - a trench at Portmoak Primary School

And there is a lot more history and archaeology to enjoy this summer. All Our Portmoak events must be pre-booked via email (ourportmoak@kinrossmuseum.org.uk), our

Facebook page, or phone. See our web page at www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk for full event details, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, or call on 07738 492193 or 07939 067713.

Coming up at Our Portmoak

Archaeology

Dig Dunmore Fort, Sat 12 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

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 (see below for calendar)

Portmoak Stories – An Oral History,

Wed 13 or 20 September

Come along on 13 or 20 September and share your remembrances and legends of Portmoak with us. All stories will be kept for posterity at the Kinross Museum.

Prose and Poetry,

7 September, Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell

5 October, Balgedie Toll, Wester Balgedie

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Our Portmoak Events Calendar

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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
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

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In July, several volunteers were multitasking! A belated but very satisfactory 'spring clean' of our facilities took place and the easy access to our storage cupboards will be appreciated by our members on duty. Plans are to continue the job with our kitchen next on the agenda. If anyone has solved the mystery of why lids and plastic boxes never seem to match, resulting in a pile of odd items, please get in touch!

This was followed up with 16 of us supporting the Milnathort Gold Club's charity (Milnathort Town Hall) event and, while we were not among the prize winners, we did enjoy a lovely meal and time to catch up with each other.

A definite highlight this month was the welcome recruitment of a new volunteer, Carol Watt. Carol is already proving to be a very useful addition.

Project: Our project for August is the Ola Mission in Tanzania. The aim of the mission is to provide education and health care to the poor and marginalized, especially for women and children. In Bugisi in Tanzania they have a nursery and primary school and a vocational school. They also provide primary care with special emphasis on people living with HIV/AIDS in a 'test and treat' programme and also outreach to lepers.

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

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

Circle Dancing

Circle dancing will resume on **Tuesday 22 August** at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall in Kinross, and also on **Wednesday 23 August** at 10am in the Dance Studio in Junction Road, Kinross. If you have never tried circle dancing please come along and see what it is all about. We have great fun and would love to have you join the circle. No previous experience is necessary. In fact we have a wee saying which goes 'there are no such things as mistakes in circle dancing, just variations.....and all variations are welcome'.

If you would like more information, please phone Lynne on 01259 742173 or email lynne244@btinternet.com.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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Weekend Walks

Saturday 5 August: St Andrews, Lade Braes and Craigtoun, 7 miles.

A walk through the town and along the Lade Braes to Hallow Hill. Up Spinkie Den, past Craigtoun Park then back downstream.

Sunday 20 August: Tillicoultry Glen and Alva, 7 miles.

Steep walk up, round and down recently upgraded glen using new stairways. Into Alva and return, taking in the woodland park.

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 1 August: Balbirnie and Star of Markinch, 5 miles.

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Tuesday 15 August: Auchtermuchty Common.

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The Portmoak Festival took place from 26 June to 2 July. The hall was beautifully decorated with art work and poetry by the children of Portmoak Primary School and this all related to the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology with particular reference to Michael Bruce and the weaving tradition of the area. This display received very positive comments by all who visited the hall. There was also a display celebrating the centenary of the SWRI, now known as the SWI, and information about the activities of 'Our Portmoak'.



Portmoak Primary School staff having cream tea

Cream teas were popular, with a steady group of visitors despite the poor weather at times. There were craft sessions every afternoon and these were attended by adults and children. The pudding club drew in a large crowd each night with so many locals making, baking and donating puddings. The Church had beautiful displays of flower arrangements, also on a historical theme, and there were also displays of old photos, always of interest to locals and visitors.



Scrummy desserts and service with a smile

The pub quiz was very busy and hotly contested. The Prom was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all the Primary 7's from the feeder schools to KHS. The under 5's had their own baby disco.

The Friday Jazz Night starring Fionna Duncan, Dave Batchelor and friends was a great success as usual and the dancing was fantastic. The raffle was drawn and this year there were some amazing prizes. Many thanks to the following businesses for their continued support of our Festival: Lochend Farm Shop, Buchan's Garage and shop, The Well Inn, Kinross House Spa, The Zen Zone, The Scottish Gliding Centre, Blair Drummond Safari Park, The Courthouse, Briarlands Farm, Dobbies, The Thistle Hotel, The Green Hotel and Windlestrae and The Scottish Deer Centre.

Youngsters were catered for with the football challenge through the week and a family fun cricket tournament on the Saturday afternoon resulted in a fabulous turnout. The Michael Bruce Garden Party on the Saturday afternoon also went with a swing with the first performance of a musical work written by Ian Dunnet especially for the occasion.



The Church had a joint service on Sunday morning and the Michael Bruce Commemoration Service on Sunday evening. It was a super week and thanks should go to all those who organised events, prepared leaflets for printing, volunteers who served teas and puddings, the school for enabling the children to be a part of this week along with all those who attended events. Local organisations will benefit from the proceeds of the Festival.

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

We have had another wonderful month here. First we had a fantastic charity night on 16 June in the Masonic Hall. Entertainment was by a young man named Gavin Patrick who was absolutely brilliant. We raised a phenomenal £1020. A great big thank-you goes to the Masonic Hall people and particularly their bar staff who did a brilliant job, to Jo McLaughlin, and all the staff of the Day Centre for all their hard work before and on the night. Thanks also to the whole community of Kinross and Milnathort for the raffle and auction prizes which they donated, and to all the family and friends who allowed themselves to be press-ganged into helping! It was truly remarkable; community spirit is alive and kicking in our area. However, the event wouldn't have been such an enormous success if it wasn't for the people who came on the night and who laughed and danced the night away. We thank you all.

When weather has permitted, we have taken the minibus out for a run along the beautiful East coast to admire the scenery and indulge in ice cream.

A new outing for us was a full day visit to Blair Drummond Safari Park. Everyone enjoyed seeing all the animals, including the sea lion show. Nan was the only one brave enough to try the zip wire and, after a most enjoyable high tea, we were all counted back on to the bus. Thankfully, no one had been eaten by the lions! This is a trip we shall certainly repeat so that another group of our service users will have the opportunity to go.

On another day, we were pleased to have the Sabres come and entertain us with their lively music; they always lift the spirits and we look forward to their return sometime soon.

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

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To mark the 450th anniversary of the imprisonment of Mary, Queen of Scots in Loch Leven Castle, the Museum has launched an exhibition entitled '*Loch Leven's Royal Prisoner*'. Find out about her 11 months in the castle and her dramatic escape as well as life in Kinross during the mid-16th century. Come and visit our stand at this year's **Kinross Show** on **12 August** and join Kinross (Marshall) Museum Chairman David Munro who will be leading a **walk** around the Kirkgate Park starting at 2pm on **Sunday 27 August** at the Watchtower.

Kinross Garden Group

Fifty members of Kinross Garden Group had a very enjoyable outing to Carolside Garden at Earlstoun. Lunch was taken at Dobbies in Lasswade and a good day was had by all.



On Thursday 10 August we shall return to Floors Castle and Gardens at Kelso after a few years. For more details, contact Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785.

Dobbies Community Champion

The Little Seedlings Club meeting at 11am on **Sunday 6 August** will be about growing peas and beans. In the summer we meet at the allotment site behind the store and accompanied children aged 4 to 10 are welcome to join us. The sessions are free and last about an hour. The September meeting will be on **Sunday 3 September**.

We also have an extra holiday club meeting in the Dobbies store on **Wednesday 9 August** from **3pm to 4.30pm** with fun activities about the seaside. For all these activities, please book online at dobbies.com under Kinross store and events. I look forward to seeing you there.

For enquiries about community activities at Dobbies, please contact Amanda James, Community Champion. I am in store on Monday afternoons or you can leave a message on 01577 863327, or email community.kinross@dobbies.com.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

June Draw

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2nd	No 50	Mamie Wallace, Scotlandwell
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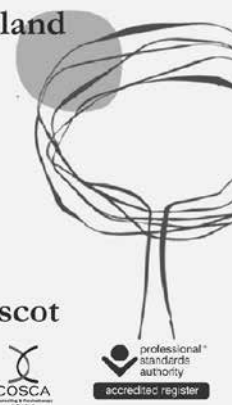
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National poet Liz Lochhead at Winter Festival

The theme of this year's Winter Festival is 'words'. Scottish poet and playwright Liz Lochhead, along with Dundee Indie-pop band The Hazey Janes, have centred on the poem 'The Optimistic Sound' which Lochhead composed in memory of her great friend, the Scottish songwriter Michael Marra. Featuring inventive saxophonist Steve Kettle, this concert creates a warm-headed hybrid of lyrical monologue with evocative folk and jazz sound, at once mourning and celebrating Marra's presiding spirit. A concert not to be missed! Tickets are £10 (£8 concession) available at Macbeth Currie in Kinross, The Shire in Milnathort or on our website.



Liz Lochhead and the Hazey Janes

Tickets for Winter Festival events now available!

There are a variety of events planned for the festival this year. Details of events and tickets are listed here:

Lights Out By Nine; **Saturday 4 November** from 8pm at Backstage. Tickets are £15 online at www.mundellmusic.com. Home-Bru Concert; **Saturday 4 November** at 3pm, Kinross Parish Church. This event is free.

Comedy with Billy Kirkwood; **Friday 10 November** at Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets are £10 (£8 concession).

Handel's Messiah in a Day; **Sunday 12 November** at 4pm for participants and 7pm for the concert. Tickets are £10 (£8 concession) for concert and £15 for participants.

All Dance event; **Friday 17 November**, 7pm at the campus. Tickets are £5 (£3 concession).

Choirs Together; **Sunday 19 November**, 7pm at the campus. Tickets are £5 (£3 concession). Tickets available at Macbeth Currie, The Shire in Milnathort or on our website.

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Festive Street Market

Once again, the market will take place on the High Street of Kinross. The date for this year is Saturday 25 November from 4pm to 7pm. Once again there will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment. If you are a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

Be part of the Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

We're hoping for an inspiring festival once 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 (running from the end of October and during November and December) in the festival brochure, in the events calendar or as a special feature. If you would like to add an event to the events calendar of the brochure, please do so before **15 August** by sending an e-mail to info@kleo.org.uk.

Kinross Farmers' Market

The next market will be on **Saturday 26 August** from 9am to 1pm in the High Street at the old town hall. The market is a great place to buy high quality fresh food from local producers and artisan traders and also to shop at established businesses in Kinross. We look forward to seeing you all there. For more information about KLEO events, go to our website or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk.



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Michael Bruce Trust

The 'Gentle Poet' Remembered

During the first week of July, the Michael Bruce Trust hosted community events in Portmoak Parish to mark the 250th anniversary of the death of Michael Bruce (1746-67) who came to be known as the 'Gentle Poet of Lochleven'. The author of over 40 poems, including the celebrated *Ode to the Cuckoo*, Bruce also penned more than a dozen paraphrases and hymns still sung in churches throughout the world today. On Saturday 1 July, a Garden Party was held outside the cottage in Kinnesswood where Bruce was born just three weeks before the Battle of Culloden and where he died on 5 July 1767 at the early age of 21. This event included story telling by Sylvia Troon and music performed by the Portmoak Players led by David Batchelor, as well as a first performance of a specially commissioned musical work by Ian Dunnnett titled 'The Loan to the Hill'. On display in the cottage museum garden, which is maintained by Kinnesswood in Bloom volunteers, were examples of art work and poetry provided



Professor David Munro, MBE, Chairman of the Michael Bruce Trust welcomes guests to the Garden Party at the birthplace of the poet Michael Bruce (1746-67) Photo: Dick Crighton

by pupils of Portmoak Primary School. A new information board and memorial bench were unveiled and an anniversary cake was cut by Mrs Shelagh Goudie, a Trustee of the Michael Bruce Memorial Trust, which aims to keep alive the memory of the poet.

On Sunday 2 July, at a special anniversary service led by former Moderator of the Church of Scotland the Very Reverend Angus Morrison, a wreath was laid on the poet's grave by Professor David Munro, Chairman of the Michael Bruce Trust. The Reverend Douglas Nicol from Denholm in the Borders was the guest speaker.

On Sunday 9 July, the week's anniversary celebrations concluded with a walk, led by David Munro, along the Michael Bruce Way, which is dedicated to the memory of the 'Gentle Poet of Lochleven'.

The anniversary programme, organised by the Michael Bruce Memorial Trust and co-ordinated by Mrs Norma Smith, was made possible with a Heritage Lottery Fund 'Celebration Fund' grant.



The Portmoak Players perform at the Garden Party
Photo: David Munro

Potager Garden

www.potagergardenkinross.com

On 24 June we held our 21st birthday celebration at the garden, along with a coffee morning for Marie Curie Cancer care. We were lucky it stayed dry and we had many visitors, including some who had helped at the



Some of our volunteers with the birthday cake

garden in the past; some were representatives from Kinross in Bloom who started the project in 1996.

We are grateful to Margaret who made two lovely birthday cakes, to our stall holders, Sally from Phoenix cards, Graham and Chrystall of Rutherford jams, and especially to Johnny Graham and Bobby Cook of the Sabres band who entertained us and created a real party atmosphere.

Thank you, too, to all the volunteers, and everyone who visited and donated generously to Marie Curie. We raised £295 in total, which is tremendous.

We also sold many plants and hope the customers are pleased with these and their summer pots. If you have one of the larger planters, we could refill this with plants for the winter if you bring it back to us in September. Please also look out for details of our **coffee morning** for Macmillan Cancer Support, which will be on **Saturday 30 September**.

Volunteer sessions are continuing on Monday mornings when we can also give advice or ideas about plants for your garden. The garden is open during the day for visitors; please watch your step, dogs on a lead please and all children should be supervised.

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

Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk

When he joined the club some six years ago, Archie Scott's principal interests were painting and photography. Soon afterwards, he became interested in wood carving. The gift of a lathe from a fellow wood carver who, through ill health was unable to continue with his craft, was the motivation for Archie to concentrate on developing wood turning skills. Archie's latest project was a beautiful bowl expertly carved in tulip wood and skilfully decorated with images of three species of birds, all found in the RSPB Scotland's Loch Leven Reserve, where Archie photographed them for the project. Then, using his artistic skills, he drew them on to the rim of the bowl before using a pyrograph tool to 'engrave' the images on to the wood. Can you recognise the birds? They are a buzzard, a heron and two oystercatchers. The bowl also carries the inscriptions of KADAC and the RSPB at Loch Leven who share a 50th anniversary this year. The bowl will be presented by KADAC to the RSPB at our **Annual Exhibition Opening Evening on Wednesday 6 September**.

Also being presented to RSPB Scotland to commemorate the occasion is a sketch book with over 50 magnificent paintings of this area and its wildlife, put together by KADAC members. The intention is to have a 'photo book' copy of this made and available for sale at our Exhibition, from **6 to 9 September** in the Parish Church. More of Archie's work will also be on display and for sale.

Both items will go on display at the Loch Leven Reserve for as long as RSPB Scotland wish and, ultimately, will be housed in



the Kinross Museum as a standing tribute to the role of both KADAC and the Loch Leven Reserve in highlighting the rich natural resources around us.



Archie Scott with his expertly turned, carved and decorated bowl



Mary, Queen of Scots

‘The Great Escape’ - Boat Race

Sunday 3rd September 2017 – 12pm

Register your team now and come and join the fun at Kirkgate Park!



Teams **cost just £30 to enter with all proceeds going to charity**. Teams consist of 5 adults (over 16 yrs) and one on the team **must be dressed as Mary!** There is a prize for the best Mary! The race is a timed out and back competition - races start at 12pm. The more teams the better! Prizes to be won. Food and drink available. Entertainment for the whole family. Bring a picnic – Make a day of it!



For more information and to register your team contact:

Barry Davies – barrydavies57@btinternet.com – 07809 644 710

Brian Timms – brian.timms230@btinternet.com – 07880 503 288

Team registrations will also be available on the day!



Kinross Beavers

As we approached the summer holidays, the beavers were outside enjoying the summer evenings doing a variety of activities. The beavers have visited local woods to do den building, spent an evening at Burleigh Sands doing some tree identification and pond dipping and also visited RSPB Loch Leven to walk up Vane Hill.

On the weekend of the 17 and 18 June, the beavers had their annual summer sleepover at the Millbridge Hall. As the section has been actively taking part in YouShaped Scouting (which is all about giving the beavers an opportunity to express what they would like to do) at one of our beaver meetings prior to the sleepover the beavers were asked what activities they would like to do at the sleepover. As a result of this feedback the beavers had a great afternoon in the Kirkgate Park taking part in a variety of activities they suggested before returning to the hall for a chippy tea. The sleepover was a great success

and before the beavers departed for home on the Sunday morning they were all presented with their Nights Away badge.

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

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

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 at kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk.



Charlie C and Archie with their Bronze Awards



Euan with his Bronze Award



Charlie C and Agnes

Friends of Loch Leven Community Library (FOLLCL)

Table-Top Challenge afternoons

An exciting time was had by all at our July Table-Top Challenge afternoons. Everyone had great fun testing themselves playing the challenges (and that includes our FOLLCL volunteers!) Many thanks to our friends at the Kinross Men's Shed for making two Stress Buzzers for us – great job, guys!



Hot-desking at the library

We held a successful information talk at the library last month on how home workers, students and others can benefit from using the library as an extension of their work space. We are looking forward to seeing more people using the library like this in the future. If you missed the talk but would like more information, please come and speak to one of our volunteers – we'll be delighted to help!

Opening hours notice

Please note that Loch Leven Community Library will be **closed** on Saturday afternoon from 1pm to 4pm on **12 August** (the day of the Kinross Show). Our apologies for any inconvenience.

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.



Finlay and Emily playing with stress buzzers at our Table-Top Challenge

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Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh Group Tenth Anniversary

It is ten years since Mike Spain's daughter Fiona wanted to start her Duke of Edinburgh's Award. With not enough places available in the Kinross High School group, Mike started up the Kinross-shire DofE group alongside fellow parents Hazel Mathieson, Jaffrey Weir and Dora Smith. Under their guidance, the group grew from strength to strength, encouraging young people to take part.

This is a parent-run group which relies on fundraising and goodwill for it to continue. Ten years on, Mike is still running the group alongside Kate Somervail who, having been a parent helper for years, now works for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. There are many (too many to mention) dedicated parents who have completed their lowland and mountain leader training and awards, spent hours fundraising as well as parents who volunteer to drive the minibus and use their cars to transport the young people to their expeditions.

Each young person gives back many hours of their time in the local community with the volunteering section of the award. Local businesses benefit from their time and the young people gain valuable experience working as a volunteer.

With 21 spaces available each for Bronze, Silver and Gold every year, there are many more young people

who have gained the experience of DofE through this group. This year was no exception and 21 young people have just completed their Bronze award. There are nine Silvers this year and 13 Gold who will complete their awards in the following months. There were 14 young people who completed their Gold Award at the turn of this year and six of them received their awards at Holyrood in July in the presence of HRH the Earl of Wessex. To achieve this, they each had to complete five sections: volunteering, physical, skill, expedition and a residential of four nights away.

This included a wide variety of different activities, including helping at a local Brownie pack, calf handling, girls' football, dancing, learning to drive, learning to ski, scuba diving, farming, audio design technology and martial arts. For their expedition, they spent three nights and four days walking and camping in the Cairngorms.

Any local youngster who is over the age of 14 years and would like to be considered for this group should contact Kinross High School in the first instance. Both the school group and the Kinross-shire group work closely together.



2017 Gold Award holders and leaders, l to r: Kate Somervail, Rachael Wood, Victoria Baird, Sam Roberts, Blythe Johnston, Fraser Eccles, Euan Dumbreck and Mike Spain

Kinross Parish Church

New Commitment

At a recent Sunday morning worship, Kinross Parish Church celebrated as new members were admitted to the congregation. Ben, Ross,



l to r: Ben, Ross, Catriona and Eleanor with Rev Alan Reid

Catriona and Eleanor, young folk who were already actively involved in the life of the church, publicly professed their faith in Christ and were given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed in to the congregation by the members of the Kirk Session.

Helping Local Charity

The congregation has recently given £900 towards the work of Seamab School, the residential primary school at Rumbling Bridge for vulnerable children.

The collection at the church's June Communion services was one of four special collections a year to help a range of charities from the local - as at Seamab School - to the international. Good causes are suggested by members of the congregation and chosen by the Kirk Session. The work of the chosen charity is explained in advance to help everyone feel involved and, in this case, the congregation heard a moving presentation direct from a representative of Seamab School. An article expanding on the importance of the school was also part of the church's new magazine 'Kin-nections'.

See page 7 to learn about Kinross Parish Church's Family Week.

Kinross & District Men's Shed

We've been busy with our new premises this month, the former Forth Wines depot in Milnathort. It's massive. Do we have the biggest shed in the world? Well, we're only in part of it, but even that's very, very large. To be honest, because we'll put a shed inside that, it's only a part of a part.

Aerospace Kinross, the current occupants, kindly offered some floor space for our new home. The Community Campus served us well for our first six months, but this venue will provide more flexibility for our activities and access times. Obtaining our own premises so quickly - a year is the norm - is very satisfying.

By salvaging useful bits and pieces there, we now have another kettle and more cups, amongst other things. Also, a sofa, some chairs and a couple of laptops have been donated. Drinking coffee and watching footy on broadband are only a small part of our plans!

The Shed's framework needs constructing, its workshop fitted out with machinery and tools, and a materials store and office prepared. The guys can then start developing their productive, creative and learning skills. Thanks to all



Moving in

shedders who've worked to get us so far. Thanks also to Gutters2glory and Merick Mozolowski for their time and using their vehicles to collect the larger donated materials and items.

Jim Clark, the owner of ProTorq, Kinross's German car garage, was our first business supporter. He believes that "the Men's Shed will greatly improve men's health and wellbeing in Kinross-shire".

Widespread local support has been given, which the shedders hope to repay by helping the community. Our first project, building an electric buzz game, is assisting the Volunteer Library group bring in youngsters and so encourage their interest in books. [See page 46.]

All over 18 are welcome at the Shed, even if just to meet new people. Find us on Facebook or on Saturday morning drop-ins at the Shed (beyond Websters and Drysdals) or call at our Kinross Show stall. Men of Kinross-shire! Don't be shy, don't be scared, we really are a friendly bunch.

Our first commercial backer, ProTorq; owner Jim Clark in the middle with Glen Douglas, our Chairman on his right, and Roy Gilmour, our Treasurer on his left



1st Orwell Brownies

The brownies have had a busy term. They have finished the dancers, rise to the challenge and the bee challenge badges. They have learnt about protecting our bees, as well as having the opportunity to build bee hotels and plant bee friendly plants in their gardens with help from Milnathort in Bloom. Six brownies had sleep over at Blair Drummond Safari Park and they had lots of fun. Another six are going to Newbiggin for a two-night camp during the school holidays.

Rebekka Allan has now gone up to guides and we have spaces for brownies after the summer holidays.

We meet on Monday evenings from 6.45pm to 8pm in the Guide Hall in Milnathort and we start again on **Monday 28 August**.

We would like to say a huge thank-you to **Eilidh Wallace** who helped us as a young leader for five years. We will really miss her but wish her well at university.

M Caldwell, Brown Owl
M Thomson, Snowy Owl



The brownies with a bee hotel in the Heather Garden, Milnathort

Kinnesswood in Bloom

We are hopeful that the lease arrangements for the area between Mrs Clydesdale's bench and Lavender Walk will be resolved soon. In the meantime, Lavender Walk is beginning to live up to its name with many more lavenders planted. The geraniums have been recycled elsewhere in the village.

We have had extra work involving the Michael Bruce Garden recently, with the 250th anniversary of the poet's death in early July. There was also a dig in the garden in June with an archaeologist in attendance along with many enthusiastic diggers and sifters. Small finds of tiles and small pieces of pottery were made. Neighbours also brought along their own finds which have been collected over the years. New plants were put in, courtesy of Dobbies, and we bought a bench with the extra funding available from Perth and Kinross Council. An interpretation board has also been installed. Bunting was hung, a gazebo put up and some of the art work and poetry recently displayed at the festival was on show. It was a lovely afternoon of celebration with music, food and chat among neighbours, supporters of the Michael Bruce Trust and visitors from the village and further afield. More information about this event features elsewhere in this newsletter.



New bench in the Michael Bruce garden

Local sponsorship letters have been sent out as well as the Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom letters. These have already brought in generous funding for the group. If the letter is still lurking in a drawer, or you have been on holiday, we are delighted to receive donations at any time.

John and Rory were tasked with finishing the school greenhouse which replaced the one which was badly damaged in gales last year. Many thanks to Rory for making the frame for the interpretation board and making up the posts which contain the lovely poetry.

We hope you are enjoying finding the little birds and bees around the village. Not all are native species. A quiz has been devised, so look in the shop for the Kinnesswood trail and take the bairns round to find the answers. There are no big prizes but all returned to Norma will receive a small gift.

We now have all our judging dates which are Wednesday 20 July for the Best Kept Village and Friday 11 August for Beautiful Scotland. We expect the judges from 'Take a Pride in Perthshire' will be here the same week. Look out for notices and on our website for up to date information.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom Courgette and Lemon Risotto



Ingredients

50g butter
1 onion, finely chopped
180g risotto rice
1 veg stock cube
Zest and juice of 1 lemon
Sprig of thyme
250g courgette or other seasonal vegetables
50g parmesan cheese
2 tbsp crème fraîche

Method

Melt the butter in a deep frying pan. Add the onion and fry gently until softened for about 8 mins. Stir in the rice to coat it in the buttery onions for 1 to 2 minutes.

Dissolve the stock cube in 1 litre of boiling water, then add a ladle of the stock to the rice, along with the lemon juice and thyme. Bubble over a medium heat, stirring constantly. When almost all the liquid has been absorbed, add another ladle of stock and keep stirring. Tip in the courgette and keep adding the stock, stirring every now and then until the rice is just tender and creamy.

To serve, stir in some seasoning, the lemon zest, parmesan and crème fraîche.

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Crook & Drum Growing Together



The bloom group in Crook of Devon and Drum is expanding its activities this year. We are entering the Civic Trust Best Kept Village competition and, for the first time, the Take a Pride in Perthshire competition. We have a small group of enthusiastic volunteers and would welcome anyone else from the area who would like to help in any way, particularly young families.

This season we have added several new planted half barrels around the villages, donated by Beam Suntory, with native and other plants which appeal to pollinating insects. We have grown most of these by ourselves from seed. We are also developing a new planting bed on the green area, by the cherry trees, for perennial wildlife friendly plants. We are using some of our grant from the Kinross-shire fund to do this.

We are grateful to our local community police officers who obtained two lovely wooden planters for us. These were made at Perth Prison and have been placed at Fossoway Church. We have also been running a fundraising quiz during July. Prizes were donated by Hepburns' Motors and Rhoderick Moncreiff from Tullibole Castle, as well as whisky and prosecco donated by volunteers. Thanks to the local businesses who have supported us and made the quiz sheets available.

We are planning to have a plant stall at the Crook of Devon Flower Show at the village hall on **Saturday 19 August**. Any plant donations before then are welcomed. Also, on **Sunday**

20 August, the new bed on the green will be officially opened at 12 noon. We would invite everyone to come along. Bring a picnic and any outdoor games and you could bring your own plant to add to the new bed.

We are also planning an Autumn Fayre in the village hall on **Saturday 16 September**. This will feature art from Fossoway School, craft sessions, teas and other stalls; more information in the next newsletter. We also aim to plant more daffodil bulbs in verges between the two villages in the autumn; volunteers to help with this would be greatly welcomed. For any further information, or to make suggestions about the group's activities, please contact Amanda James on 01577 840809 or by email at amanda@tyafon.plus.com.



Wild flowers by the war memorial at the village hall

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1-31	The Carpow Logboat; Picts and Pixels	Perth	10:00
3	Freddie Tait: Golfer & Soldier	Perth	18:30
5	Iron Age Artisan Village	Kenmore	10:30
6	Cultybraggan POW Camp	Comrie	11:00
7	Caulfeild's Military Roads	Blairgowrie	18:30
11	Caulfeild's Roads: Lornly Bridge to Bridge of Cally	Blairgowrie	10:00
12-13	Dig Dunmore Fort	Ballingry, Loch Leven	08:30
13	Medieval Festival	Perth	TBC
13	Last Day of 'Picts and Pixels'	Perth	10:00
19	Dun Deardail Archaeology Festival	Glen Nevis	11:00
19-20	St Serf's Island Historic Visit	Loch Leven	10:00 & 14:00
20	The Battle of Dunkeld	Dunkeld	13:00
20 & 21	Navigation Archaeology: Buzzart Dykes	Blairgowrie	09:30
23	Old Maps of Strathardle, Glenshee & Glen Isla	Kirkmichael	18:30
25	The Queen's View	Loch Tummel	10:30
27	Last Day of 'Voices of the River'	Perth	10:00
27	Summer Harvest Festival	Kenmore	10:30
27	McComie Mor Battle Re-enactment	Glenshee	10:30
27	Exploring the Kirkgate Park & Churchyard	Kinross	14:00
27	The Final Feud Re-enactment	Kirkton of Glenisla	14:30



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Kinross in Bloom

The weather in June and July hasn't done much for our plants this year; the hanging baskets are looking well, but we discovered that something has been eating some of the plants in our planters, especially at the health centre. On further examination, one or two plants had been attacked in other areas around town. Spraying with anti-bug spray didn't seem to make much difference, so we set to and removed the affected plants and replaced them with other types of plant. Hopefully that will solve the problem. Meanwhile our volunteer waterers are continuing their good work by feeding the baskets and planters despite the heavy showers, and we thank them for that.

Since our chairman has stood down from his post, the committee has agreed that Iain should take on the job on a temporary basis until our next annual general meeting. We would still like to recruit one or two volunteers to help us out, so if you can spare an hour or so, and would like to help, please phone Aileen on 01577 861477 or Iain on 01577 208110.

Our 200 Club winners for July are:

1. No. 1 Mrs Linda Band 2. No 35 Mrs Margaret Lyon
3. No. 2 Mrs Louise Barr 4. No. 45 Mrs C McIntosh

Congratulations to all.

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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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.

Our Big Ask – Your Big Answer!

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The Aero Space Kinross Community Share Offer (Our Big Ask) has received the thumbs up from the local community. 112 pledges have been made, totaling £57,680. A fantastic result! Our next step is to secure match funding which could ultimately result in a sum of over £150k being raised as a result of Our Big Ask.



Progress towards creation of a venue will involve the recruitment of a professional fundraiser (with administrative support) to deliver the funding required to undertake the surveys and building design. Once this has been achieved, we will move on to raising the

major capital required to create the venue.

We will soon order the kit for the Kinross High School Build-a-Plane project. Some pupils will be invited to visit the factory in Slovakia in September during the manufacture of the parts. The kit will be delivered to the school in November.

A lot of effort went into the campaign and **huge** thanks are due to the many volunteers who freely gave their time and energy to make this very positive outcome possible. We couldn't have done it without the guidance of our professional advisers and the support of our graphic designers, printers, webmasters, vloggers, facebookers and tweeters. An all-round team effort delivered this fantastic result. We can all feel justly proud.

Speaking personally, I must say I have really enjoyed meeting so many friends of ASK at the various events where we have pitched the case for support. It has been very encouraging and truly humbling to encounter such widespread enthusiasm for the vision. Thanks, everyone!

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Boys Brigade

Summer Camp 2017

Summer Camp is the opportunity to have a positive influence over a new group of youngsters in an environment which exudes personal responsibility, team work, cooperation and, of course, chores.

It all started early on our summer camp travels when the bus driver mentioned he knew the town but not the exact location of the attraction we were due to visit. A 12-year-old girl blurted out, "I've been there – I'll be your navigator!" In life, we are never keen to do things we see as 'chores' and these are the tasks where we all need a 'navigator'; for some of us that is God. This year, we were able to use mobile phone technology to find our location.



Outside the York Chocolate Story

Twenty-five members of 1st Kinross Boys Brigade and 1st Kinross Scouts travelled to Swinton in Ryedale, Yorkshire, for our week-long canvas camp and it turned out to be a camp with a difference. We have held joint summer camps with the scouts for over 10 years now, to the benefit of both organisations.

We set up camp and carried out inspections then draws were made for the various individual competitions taking place throughout the week. 'Missions and missionaries' was introduced as the theme and we discussed why people carry

out this type of work, mostly as volunteers.

On Sunday morning we went to nearby Malton for the morning service at St Michael's Church and were made most welcome. The group then travelled to nearby Eden Camp and we explored this excellent Second World War historical site before heading back to camp for an inter-squad cricket competition. Evening prayers focused on David Livingstone and his missionary work in Africa.

On Monday we went to historic York, visiting a mouth-watering 'Story of Chocolate' followed by a visit to the National Railway Museum. The focus for evening prayers was the life of Dundee's Mary Slessor.



Setting off on their day walk

On Tuesday the group tackled a section of the Cleveland Way, followed by an enjoyable fun session at Helmsley's heated outdoor swimming pool. At evening prayers, we learned about Jim Elliot, an American with Scottish grandparents who worked with the Huaorani people of Ecuador. He was eventually killed by the South American tribesmen he was trying to help.

On Wednesday we visited RAF Elvington, which was the base for French airmen during the Second World War as part of bomber command, flying Halifax bombers. Evening prayers focused on our own life pathway and what could be each individual's mission for their future (with the help of a navigator, of course).



Summer camp - the group in uniform prior to attending the local church service

Boys Brigade continued...

On Thursday there was a day trip to Scarborough and a four-hour long 'dook' at the Alpamare pool, which houses a range of flumes and pools. The group walked to Peasholm Park to see the famous Naval Warfare Battle involving model vessels shooting at each other on a small lake inside the park.

On Thursday evening there was a change to the planned programme due to a flash thunderstorm! Swinton was flooded with the heaviest rainfall in 30 years and the flat campsite was ankle deep in water! Thanks to the local villagers who opened up their sports hall for the group to sleep in.

Thankfully the sun was shining on Friday morning so we were able to resume planned activities with a visit to the nearby Flamingo Land theme park. The traditional camp concert took place in the evening, followed by the camp award ceremony. Awards were as follows:

Best Squad: Squad 2; Chris Cassells, Rebekah Roe, Struan Bennet, Jasmine McGregor and Calum Stewart. Best Scout: Ailsa Bennet. Best BB: Rebekah Roe. Camp Pig: Struan Bennet. Camp Poser: George Milne. Camp Blether: Jasmine McGregor. Camp Whinger: David Savage. Happy Camper: Caroline Newton.



Breakfasting outside the sports centre after the flood

New Session

Meetings resume on **Friday 8 September** at the Church Centre at the following times:

Anchors for boys and girls in primaries 1, 2 and 3, from 6pm to 7.15pm; **Juniors** for boys and girls in primaries 4, 5 and 6 from 7pm to 9pm; **Company** for boys and girls from primary 7 to age 18 from 7pm to 10pm.

New members are welcome in all three sections. For further details, contact Company Captain David Munro on 01577 862126.

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We have extended our services by opening local offices in Auchterarder, Blairgowrie, Crieff, Kinross, Letham and Pitlochry, which ensures that rural members have face to face contact with us, making it an easy process for anyone to join the credit union.

So call in to our main office at 282 High Street, Perth, or a local office near you, phone us on 01738 624872 or contact us via our website to see how your credit union can benefit you. Full details of local office opening dates and times are available on our website or by contacting our main office.

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House of Falkland

Kinross-shire Civic Trust had a very successful visit to the House of Falkland, attended by many members and their friends. The Trust was guided around the house by Marietta Crichton Stewart, who gave us a very enjoyable and informative tour which was much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

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

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

The house is currently used as a school for youngsters with learning difficulties and the Trust is very grateful for the opportunity to visit the House.

Below: Trust members recently enjoyed a private guided tour of the House of Falkland



Kinross Show

The Trust will be having its usual stand at the Kinross Show and we look forward to seeing members there. We will be running a **tombola** and we'll also have a **used book stall** to raise funds for the Trust. If you wish to donate any old books or a prize for the tombola, we will be very pleased to receive them. Please hand items in to Eileen Thomas at 50 Muirs, Kinross, or telephone Eileen on 01577 863714 or Elsa Sinclair on 01577 863279.

STOP PRESS! Best Kept Village Competition

Kinross-shire Civic Trust organises the Best Kept Village Competition each year. Judging took place on 20 July and the results are:

Best Village	Kinnesswood
Best Hamlet	Keltybridge & Maryburgh
Most Improved	Easter & Wester Balgedie

Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all who took part. The other entrants were Crook of Devon, Cleish, Powmill and Glenlomond. There will more about the competition in the next Newsletter.

Light Up Kinross

Light up Kinross (LUK) has now become a registered charity, number SC047534.

We are responsible for Kinross Christmas Tree and Lights and depend 100% on sponsorship and donations from individuals, local traders and grant giving organisations.

We intend to hold a Halloween disco and have a stall at the October farmers' market. There will be a display and collection weekend at **Dobbies**, Kinross, on **7 and 8 October**. Please watch for details on our Facebook page.

See also pages 5 and 97.



Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

There is **no monthly meeting** in August. There are no Away Days in August.



Friday Walkers

- 11 Aug** Gartmorn Dam and Linn Mill.
- 25 Aug** The Atholl Woods at Dunkeld, Mill Dam, Rotmell Woods and Polney Loch.

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

Friday Hill Walkers

- 4 Aug** Bridge of Cally Anne & Kate 8.30am
- 18 Aug** Callander Loop Richard 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.

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We are sorry to report that a vehicle hit the rear of the ice rink after the ice hall was closed for the break. We have arranged for repairs to be completed before the season starts. Consideration is being given to erecting a fence/barrier lining the 'scoreboard' exterior wall.

On a more positive note, we are very pleased to congratulate two local curlers on being elected to office bearer posts at the recent Royal Caledonian Curling Club AGM. Graham Lindsay, Forret CC, is Vice President and Morag Wellman, Fossoway Ladies CC, is Junior Ladies President.

The curling rink opens again on Monday 11 September, with the opening bonspiel on Saturday 16 September.

Curlers are looking forward to 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. 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 find out more about the sport. Of course, you are welcome to visit at any time; 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 have had a well-earned break and have started preparations to laying the ice again. We are also recruiting to develop our bar/catering team. Look out for adverts! (See page 99 for job adverts.)

Finally, we would like our curlers to add numbers to some of our Kinross Leagues, including the Stick league on Thursdays and Doubles League on Saturday.



Kinross Curling Club

www.kinrosscurlingclub.com

It may seem strange to be writing about curling during the peak summer holiday season. Yet the start of the new season is not that far away, with the rink opening bonspiel on 16 September and clubs starting their seasons thereafter. Detailed planning for the new season begins in earnest in August, so for anyone thinking of taking up curling, or moving on from beginner level into a club, this is the time to get in touch and find out more.

Kinross Men is the oldest curling club in the world and continues to provide a friendly but competitive environment for curlers to learn and progress. It plays its club curling at Kinross on weekday evenings, with some friendlies and external league games at weekends.

Plans for the 350th anniversary celebrations are moving forward, with a weekend date identified at the end of September 2018 for a major curling event, and further fundraising social events planned during next season.

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



Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

www.kinrosshockey.org

Frightening as it may seem, the summer break is almost over! Pre-season training will start again in just a couple of weeks; **16 August** from 6.30pm at KGV. For those who've not been playing mixed over the summer, prepare yourself for the first night post-training burn! As always, we'd be delighted to see any new players who would like to come along and join the club, or anyone who would like to come along and try – everybody is welcome. We are a club that has something for everyone, with our firsts playing nationally in the championship, and our seconds playing in our local Midland Hockey District competition.

The second date for your diaries is one to mark the start of the season. On **Saturday 26 August**, we have our new annual club day – a fun day for everyone on our new pitch. More details will be available on our website.

The season starts in earnest on **Saturday 2 September** with the firsts playing away to Uddingston and the seconds playing in the annual Bell Trophy, this year hosted by Perthshire.

Here's to a successful and enjoyable 2017-18 season for all.





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Congratulations to the Ladies Senior Rink (Jean Jackson, Maz Thorn, Sandra Fullerton and Jean Menzies) who won their Scottish District final played at Tulliallan. They will now go to Ayr to play in the Scottish finals. Unfortunately, they didn't make it a double, as they lost out to Tulliallan in the final of the Scottish Rink.

Also congratulations to Sandra Fullerton and Maz Thorn who won the County Ladies Pairs at the County finals held at Tulliallan. They will represent the County in the top 10 next year.

Unfortunately, the East of Scotland Rink (Nancy Findlay, Joan McFarlane, Margaret Hooper and Mary White) were beaten in the district final.

Brian Cook, Vic McKechnie and Jim Longmuir were also beaten finalists in the County Senior Triples.

The club had a good win in the first round of the County Golden Age Competition against Menstrie with all three teams winning. The next round will be played on Thursday 20 July against Alloa Coop.

The winner of the Scott Trophy held on Sunday 25 June was Tom Reid.

The results of our friendlies last month were:

Saturday 17 June, away to Menstrie, 4 mixed triples, Orwell 52 Menstrie 64; Wednesday 28 June, Senior Fixture Away to Dalgety Bay, Orwell 61 Dalgety Bay 51; Wednesday 21 June at home to Glenfarg, 4 mixed triples, Orwell 56 Glenfarg 30.

Please note the **Orwell Open Pairs** are on **Sunday 27 August**. Entries accepted via our website or at the club.

Members please note that the **Haig Trophy** is now being played on **Friday 4 August**.

Milnathort Golf Club

The Club Championship finals were held on Sunday 18 June in pleasant sunshine which added to the social element of the day. The results of the various categories were as follows:

	Winner	Runner up
Gents Scratch	Iain Brown	Kevin Webster
Gents Handicap	Murdo McHardy	David MacKenzie
Ladies Scratch	Gillian Pemberton	Jackie Sneddon
Ladies Handicap	Margaret Johnston	Maria Duncan
Juniors Scratch	Cameron Wallace	Struan Fotheringham
Juniors Handicap	Euan Wallace	Oliver Ruiz

Ladies Open – amazing Hole-in-One prizes!!

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Kinross Golf Club

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Ladies Senior Open Greensomes

This was held on Thursday 13 July on the Montgomery course and the prize winners were: 1st Handicap A Smith, Kinross and H Thomson, Lundin Ladies, 76.2; 2nd Handicap S Travers and L Kyle, Milnathort, 76.4; 3rd Handicap J Simpson and M Graham, Kinross, 77; 4th Handicap V McCallum, Pitfirrane and A Moore, Kinross, 78.4; 1st Scratch H Anderson and G Wallace, Blairgowrie, 86 (better inward 6); 2nd Scratch - L McKinlay and M Curran, Dunnikier, 86.

Gents Club Championship

The 2017 Club Champion is Andrew Jackson with Shaun Butcher runner up. The Beveridge Cup was won by Scott Cook with Alex Glancy runner up. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Tom Graham and Dennis Beveridge for refereeing both matches.

Junior Club Championship

Congratulations to George Smith, winner of the 2017 Greig McSparran Junior Championship, and Dean Walsh, runner up.

Perth and Kinross County Junior Scratch League

The junior scratch league team lost 2-1 at home to Strathmore on 9 July.

Perth and Kinross County Ladies Handicap League

The ladies won their home match against Auchterarder 4-1, but lost 3-2 in their away match at Blairgowrie.

Seve Ballesteros Cancer Research UK

Well done to Lyn and Laura who successfully completed their fundraising skydive on Wednesday 12 July, raising a whopping £2,310 in sponsorship for the Seve Ballesteros Foundation.

Social events diary dates

Saturday 7 October	End of Season Dance.
Saturday 4 November	Prize Giving.
Saturday 9 December	Christmas Dance.
Sunday 10 December	Children's Christmas Party.
Sunday 31 December	Hogmanay Night.

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Athletics

Local boy Fergus MacGilp, who attends Kinross High School, continued his recent success with a gold medal in the Boys Scottish National Pentathlon Championship held in July at Grangemouth. The event consisted of 75m sprint hurdles, 800m, long jump, high jump and shot putt. Fergus finished with 1940 points, just 80 points outside the Scottish record set in 2000.



Fergus MacGilp with his gold medal from the Boys Scottish National Pentathlon Championship

Kinross Road Runners

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Despite unpromising weather, the Milnathort Dash went well at the end of June, with 140 runners taking on the short but challenging route up around Tillyrie. The Queen of the Hill, first female and first local KRR runner was Annabel Simpson – a fantastic win in a time of 31.25. King of the Hill and first runner home was James Donald of Dundee Hawkhill Harriers in 27.47. An added bonus from the event was the £700 raised in donations towards supporting club runner Amanda's daughter Jade in her battle with cancer and an additional £300 was donated by the club towards the Teenage Cancer Trust.

There's been quite a few more championship races over the past month and we consistently have a very good turnout for club training on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as follows: **Tuesdays at 7pm at Kirkgate** for speed work – you work at your own pace and this is a good place to start for those new to running.

Wednesdays at 6.45pm at the Medical Centre car park (or 7pm at the start of the run) for a varied programme of trail runs.

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

Tue 1 Aug	8 x 400m at Kirkgate Park
Wed 2 Aug	Castlehill Reservoir
Sun 6 Aug	Informal run
Tue 8 Aug	2-mile Time Trial and hot choc and kit sale afterwards in garage
Wed 9 Aug	Maspie Den, Falkland
Sun 13 Aug	Informal run
Tue 15 Aug	Knockhill Race
Wed 16 Aug	Loch Glow, Cleish
Sun 20 Aug	Informal run
Tue 22 Aug	5 x 1k at Kirkgate Park
Wed 23 Aug	Blairadam
Sun 27 Aug	Informal run
Tue 29 Aug	Pyramid reps at Kirkgate Park
Wed 30 Aug	Gateside Gallop
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Kinross Vaulting Group members to represent Britain in Austria

At the end of May, some of our vaulters took part in a competition in Belgium, competing against clubs from across Europe. They were hoping to achieve high enough scores to be selected for the European and World Vaulting Championships in August. The vaulters competed on their horses ILPH Islay and Robbie, performing acrobatics choreographed to the theme of their chosen music.

Schoolboys Atholl Pettinger, 17, from Milnathort, and Jack Wilson, 15, from Dunblane, needed to get 6.5 to be considered for selection and were delighted to each gain a score of 6.6.

Zoology student Molly Turner, 20, of Perth and Sports/ Psychology student Hannah Ballantyne, 20, of Kinross were also thrilled to hit 6.5.

The five athletes have now been selected to represent Great Britain in three classes at the Junior World and Senior

European Equestrian Vaulting Championships as follows:

Atholl Pettinger and **Jack Wilson** in Junior Male Individual;

Atholl and **Kirstin Henderson** in Junior Pas de Deux and

Molly Turner and **Hannah Ballantyne** in Senior Pas de Deux.

The championships are to be held in Ebreichsdorf in Austria, 2-6 August.

Atholl and Kirstin Henderson, 18, from Milnathort, had gained their qualifying score of 6.5 in Ermelo, Netherlands, in 2016. Kinross coach Liz Mackay said: "I am absolutely delighted that the vaulters have achieved a qualifying score to allow them to be considered for GBR selection for the Junior World and Senior European Championships in Austria this year.

"It's testimony to all their hard work throughout the winter that each of them achieved the score they needed. Of course, we couldn't do any of it without our wonderful horses ILPH Islay and Robbie."

The vaulters must self-fund the estimated £1000 cost per person of taking the horses to Austria and back to compete at the week-long championship, as well as the foreign contests required for qualification. They have set up a fundraising page at:

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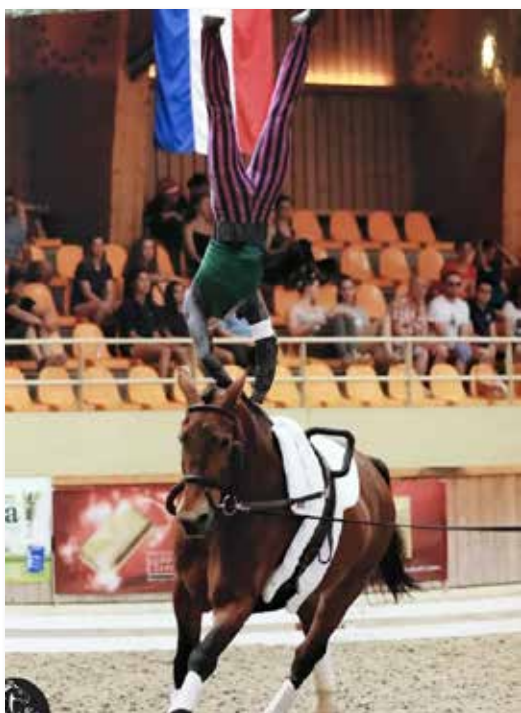
Liz, who has coached equestrianism for 48 years, with half of that time devoted to vaulting, added: "This is a fantastic sport for building team spirit and personal confidence and I look forward to the day when a sponsor steps forward to make all this possible for more young athletes."

Kinross Vaulting Group also took Sophie Wilson, 13, to Belgium for her first international contest along with other club member Emma Lesley, 14. They were trying to gain International qualifying scores for 2018.

Left: Jack Wilson

Below left: Kirstin Henderson and Atholl Pettinger

Below right: Molly Turner and Hannah Ballantyne



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Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The end of June saw the Kobras in Dundee for the end-of-season Harris tournament. Lots of fun was had, and there were some fighting performances. The U10s were missing some key players, but played some slick hockey anyway and stood up to everything the opposition threw at them, despite giving away a foot in height to some members of other teams! Meanwhile, the U12s had been persuaded that bashing the ball down the



The U10 (above) and U12 (left) teams from the Harris tournament
middle of the park was not a good tactic, and started to pass the ball about nicely at times. In the last game, certain members of the team decided to put on a show, all the stops came out, and we had a demonstration of 3D skills. I'm not sure whether this was more disconcerting for the opposition or the coaches. Training will restart in August once the schools are back, but those around in July can take part in a tournament in St Andrews at the end of the month.

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Kinross Walking Football

The walking footballers have been enjoying a brief close season over the school holidays, so hopefully they will be refreshed and fit for kick-off in August. The fitness gurus laid down a rigorous programme of summer training and, of course, the lads will have been following a regime of long walks (to the pub), cycling (down to the newsagents) and heavy lifting (of golf bags).

Walking football is growing in popularity around the world as a great way for over-50s to keep active while participating in the world's most popular game. If you are over 50, male or female, and are looking for a fun, sociable and energetic work-out that isn't too hard on the joints, then why not give it a try with us on Tuesday evenings at 6pm at Loch Leven Campus multi-sport courts. We start again on **Tuesday 15 August** and, at £3 per game, where will you find a better value hour of exercise?!

Kinross Netball Club

Well we did it! Kinross Netball club won the Bounceback Club of the Year! We were runners up last year and, thanks to the support of our members, we've managed to go one better and win this year. Not much to report but just wanted to say a huge thank-you to all our members who made this achievement possible and keep the club going.

If anyone fancies re-igniting their passion for netball or learning a new sport, training resumes on **Friday 18 August** from 7pm to 8pm in the large sports hall at the campus. The club is open to all levels of ability and fitness.

We also have our own charity netball tournament coming up on **Sunday 3 September** at Perth College, so if you'd like more info, please contact us at kinrossnetball@hotmail.com. Look forward to seeing you all back at training on 18 August.



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.

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Kinross Bowling Club

Thanks to some better weather, we have been able to get the club competitions underway, so hopefully the sunshine will continue!

The Ladies Triple of **Jenny Nelson, Jean Cousar and Janet Mitchell** were runners up in the Clackmannan and Kinross Ladies Triples, beaten by Alloa E End. Hard lines, girls. Thanks to Jenny Nelson for standing in at short notice.

The Senior Ladies rink of Clacks & Kinross was won by Kinross Ladies **Ann Bell, Christine Matthews, Janet Mitchell and Sheila Rennie**. Well done, girls!

A friendly was played against Carnbo on Sunday 9 July, with Kinross coming out on top. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. Several more friendlies are to be played in July, against Orwell, Falkland and Menstrie.

Volleyball

Free summer volleyball continues on Monday evenings on the grass area to the rear of the campus from 7pm to 8.30pm. Currently the age spread is from 14 to over 60, so feel free to come along and join in the fun (weather permitting).

The local men's team is once again poised to make the long trip to De Haan in Belgium to play in their annual outdoor pre-season tournament which takes place over the middle weekend of August. The team will drive to Hull for the overnight ferry crossing to Zeebrugge on Thursday 10 August, arriving in De Haan on the Friday morning. This gives them time to settle in and prepare for the weekend competition ahead. The team will travel back from Zeebrugge to Hull overnight on the Monday, returning to Kinross on the afternoon of Tuesday 15 August.

Three senior boys from Kinross High School are set to resume training for the Scotland East under 18 boys' squad in preparation for this year's UK school games in Loughborough. We wish the boys well in their attempts to win a much sought after medal, competing with teams from England Cadets and Juniors, Scotland West, Ireland and Wales.

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Kinross Swimmers

Our AGM has now passed and we're hoping to continue this year in the same vein as we move forward. It was interesting to see that we are now averaging nine plus keen swimmers per session. This is from a fairly strong core membership so the future looks reasonably assured.

Our sessions are to look a little more directed this year as we move onto a variable rota. We will have a flexible plan incorporating the following directions; endurance, technique, sprint and mixed, one of which will be the headline each week. The sessions will be led by a swim leader or coach. Very positive feedback was received regarding this style of training which adds an interesting degree of variety to a Tuesday night.

We are still looking for other keen swimmers to pop along. There are plenty of you, the pool assures me that the morning and dedicated sessions can be quite busy. Why not pop a Tuesday night into your rota? It's a little more interesting and exciting than just plodding up and down on your own; we even have the odd social meet and are a pretty friendly lot.

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

For further information please either contact us on Facebook (Kinross Swimmers) or Ian Shepherd via email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944503074.



Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

League update

In the Tennis Tayside leagues our ladies finished the league with a good win against Scone and have finished third from the bottom of division 1; hoping to have narrowly escaped relegation due to the withdrawal of Kinnoull.

The Gents 4-player league had some impressive results with good wins latterly against St Andrews and Glenfarg. They finished top of the league again with two matches in hand. Well done, gents; champs two years in a row!

The Henderson Vase mixed league is now underway with a draw against West End and a win against St Andrews so far; maybe division 3 is our league?!

Ladies Perth and District leagues have also started with a good opening 6-2 win against Dunning. As defending champions that's a great start ladies!

Adult Coaching

This has been busy and running well on Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons under the task master coach Daniel Reed. The weather hasn't always played ball but all sessions have been enjoyed so much so that they will continue over the summer due to demand.

Tuesday evening sessions are as follows: 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 kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Junior Summer Tennis Camps

At the time of going to press camp one had gone to plan despite some wetter days. Calls for playing games were waged against thoughts of improving tennis skills and emulating Konta and Murray. Compromises were found and the end result of children enjoying their tennis met the remit! Camp two was fully booked within 24 hours and hopefully all will go to plan on the week commencing 31 July.

The summer holidays seem to fly in these days (and this is not a parent writing!) and the Autumn coaching block will be next for the juniors. This will run for seven weeks from Friday 18 August on Tuesdays and Fridays normally. Details to follow shortly. Enquiries to Siobhan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Club Championships

Entry lists for Juniors are now up on the club noticeboards with competition and finals taking place on Sunday 3 September.

The draw is made for the Senior Championships, with various rounds to be organised and played ASAP to be ready in time for finals day on Sunday 10 September. Good luck to all participants; remember, it is the taking part that counts!

Meanwhile, keep practising at the adult club sessions on Wednesdays at 6.30pm, Thursdays at 1.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am to which all members are welcome to attend.

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



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Kinross High School Awards

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Victoria Baird, Alisdair Bennet, Ben Cormack, Sean Cowe, Lewis Cox, Euan Dumbreck, Euan Duthie, Fraser Eccles, Craig Lewis, Robert MacKessack, Hannah McCormick, Sam Roberts, Claire Shanks, Rachel Wood.

Sports Day Champions

Group C Girl: **Lilly Roy**. Group C Boy: **Struan Bennet**. Group B Girl: **Isla Steel**. Group B Boy: **Elliot Wilkins**. Group A Girl: **Holly McLachlan**. Group A Boy: **Jack Davidson**. Overall Girls Champion: **Claire Molony**. Overall Boys Champion: **Tino Mackay-Palacios**.

Education Awards

S1 Merit Awards

George Croudace, **Trina Lee**, **Andrew Leinster**, **Kimberly Miller**, **Hazel Newman**, **Caroline Newton**, **Kirsten Pirie**, **Lilly Roy**, **Adam Ruiz**, **Zoe Yule**.

S1 Effort and Commitment Awards

Matthew Bentall, **Joshua Davey**, **Lauryn Henry**, **Trina Lee**.

S2 Merit Awards

Ailsa Bennet, **Anna Campbell**, **Sarah Coutts**, **Erin Dobson**, **Ella Doherty**, **Kirstin Fotheringhame**, **Olivia Kuipers**, **Alfie Milligan**, **Bethany Powers**, **Emily Toon**, **Sarah Young**.

S2 Effort and Commitment Awards

Ailsa Bennet, **Olivia Kuipers**, **Anna Smith**, **Emily Toon**.

S3 Merit Awards

Eleanor Baughan, **Louis Cairns**, **Anna Casasola**, **Harry Cormack**, **Jennifer Higgins**, **Kayleigh Husband**, **Holly McLachlan**, **Hannah Robb**, **Eilidh Robertson**, **Ola Stanton**, **Aimee Thomas**.

S3 Effort and Commitment Awards

Libby Broadhurst, **Sophie Bryson**, **Josie Dunlop**, **Mia Fawsitt**, **Jennifer Higgins**, **Ellie MacIver**, **Eilidh Robertson**.

Special Subject Awards

Scots Speaking Verse (The Gordon George Memorial Prize): **Hannah Walker**. William Soutar Writing Prize: **Emily Toon**. Art and Design (S4) (Rosamund Beveridge Trophy): **Scarlett Small**. Art and Design (Kevin Kenny Award): **Murrin Widley**. Music (Hilary Hawksford Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school): **Fraser Barbour**. The Chalmers Brackenridge Quaich for commitment and endeavour in Mathematics: **Callum Jack**. The Christine Ryznar Award for Service to the School: **Rebecca Hardie**. Business Education (Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellent): **Erin Weldon**. Sir Alan Smith Trophy for Leadership: **Emma Hodgkinson**. S1/2 Citizenship Quaich for Inspiring Purpose (Jane Haining Award): **Gregor Senior**. Mark Ross Award for Wider Achievement: **Cara Brown**. Science Crest Gold: **Rebecca Douglas**. Award for Science Project Crest Bronze Awards: **Struan Bennet**, **Sam Parsons**, **Eilidh MacGilp**, **Finn Thomson**, **Erin Dobson**, **Meghan Kay**, **Sarah Young**, **Ailsa Bennet**, **Coco Ramponi**, **Megan Widley**, **Isla Steel**.

S4 Merit Awards

Business Education, Spanish: **Robbie Harvey**. Computing: **Struan Fotheringhame**. Design and Manufacture: **Becky Moncur**. Drama: **Hannah Black**. Physical Education: **Shaw Grant**. Graphic Communication: **Grant Ingram**. Practical Cookery: **Sylvie McKenzie**. Music (National 5): **Duncan Ballantyne**. Geography: **Renee Chan**. Religious, Moral,

Philosophical Studies: **Sarah Newman**. Art and Design, English, History: **Rhona Brown**. German: **Max Spenke**. Music (Higher), Chemistry: **Cameron MacFarlane**. French: **Molly Richley**. Biology: **Eilidh Smith**. Physics: **Eleanor Senior**. Mathematics: **Isobel Findlay**. Modern Studies: **John Mullen**. Lifeskills Mathematics: **Ellenor Cowling**.

S4 Effort and Commitment Awards

Rebecca Peedle.

S5 Merit Awards

Art and Design (The John and Marjory Moffat Quaich): **Anna Lornie**. Business Education: **Megan Broadbent**. Design and Manufacture (The Bella Anderson Trophy): **Beth Farmer**. Drama (Excellence in Drama, Theatre Arts and Performance): **Joey Lawrence**. Graphic Communication: **Sarah Walker**. Practical Cake Craft: **Demi Louise Paton**. History (The Arthur Donaldson Trophy): **Hannah Miller**. Mathematics (The Coldon Trophy): **Hannah Miller**, **Nicholas Baughan**. Music (The Marjory Fyfe Award): **Calum MacPherson**. Physical Education: **Murray Notman**. Physics (The Probus Club Trophy): **Rebecca Bisset**. RMPS (Trefoil Guild): **Lucy Ramsay**. French (The Lady Alice Smith Award): **Nicholas Baughan**. Spanish: **Struan Ross**. Computing (The Sam Mitchell Henry Trophy): **Jonah Ramponi**. Chemistry (The John S Lowe Trophy), Human Biology (The DL Chapman Senior Trophy), Geography (The Burns Begg Trophy): **Alistair Higgins**. Biology (The Cloan Trophy), English (The PTA Trophy), German (The Bosch-Rexroth Award): **Katie Douglas**. Music (Advanced Higher): **Elise Atkinson**. Music Technology (National 5): **Lewis McGregor**. Music Technology (Higher): **Craig Moffat**.

S6 Merit Awards

Art and Design: **Dana Higgins**. Computing: **Alex Pirie**. Music Technology (Nat 5): **Isla Reid**. Music Technology (Higher): **Liam Howie**. Drama (Higher): **Bethany Langton**. Drama (Advanced Higher): **Stephanie MacLeod**, **Abbi Cook**. French, Geography, History: **Kirsten Clarke**. German: **Evelyn Morgan**, **Georgia White**. Spanish: **Georgia White**. Graphic Communication: **Neve Chambers**. Health and Food Technology: **Kirsty McCloskey**. English, Music (Advanced Higher): **Erin Bathgate**. Physical Education: **Arran Surtees**. Music (Higher): **Sam Roberts**. Psychology: **Cara Brown**. RMPS: **Rowanne McGee**. Business Education: **Niamh Ironside**. Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics: **Lewis Bissett**. Biology: **Lauren Miller**.

RNLI Awards for Head Girl and Head Boy

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Dux of Kinross High School

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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



It seems that we open every column with a comment on the weather outside and I'll not be changing that on this occasion. It's mid-July as I type this and it is pouring with rain and not particularly warm, either. The breeding season is tailing off now but there are still plenty of ducklings out on the loch and, whilst these are far from ideal conditions for young birds, ducks are a pretty robust species so we are still hopeful of a good breeding season.

The insect life around the loch has been thriving; I was out one evening last week and the hatch of sedges, chironomids, and other flying insects was impressive, as were the cloud of swifts and rafts of black headed gulls that were joining the families of ducklings in dining out on this flying feast. I mustn't forget the brown trout that were slurping them up from beneath; we saw a couple of real 'monsters' rise from the deep.

At this time of year, like so many of you, I enjoy being out on the reserve and taking the opportunity to have five minutes out from time to time to watch our local wildlife. Perhaps sitting down on the meadow at Burleigh and watching the multitude of insects, beetles and spiders which live among what, to them, is a forest of flowers, or stopping and watching as a circling flock of swallows and martins feeds on insects by the loch side willows. Being able to have these quiet moments away from the hassles of everyday life is something everyone should try from time to time and Loch Leven is the perfect place to do it.

Having an internationally important nature reserve on our doorsteps is a great privilege for local residents and it's wonderful to hear all the positive comments made about the reserve and the hard work SNH, our volunteers and the many other partner organisations put in to caring for the reserve. Unfortunately, from time to time we do hear of people having their visit spoilt. Now, sometimes it's spoilt by something completely out of our hands – the weather is a perfect example of that! However, as the trail gets busier, we are hearing of more incidents of conflict on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. The heritage trail is a shared-use path and as such all have an equal right to be on the path, but that is with the caveat they each use it responsibly and with consideration for others. While the vast majority do so, sadly this not always the case.

Over the remainder of the summer we are going to start promoting the following guidance for shared-use paths which SNH have developed in partnership with Paths for All.

Please ...

- **Expect to meet others – including cyclists, horse riders and people with disabilities.**
- **Be considerate and courteous to other path users.**
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- **Avoid using paths, verges or soft ground if you may cause erosion.**
- **Avoid disturbing wildlife or disrupting farming or forestry operation. Follow land managers' advice.**
- **Keep dogs under close control and out of the way of other path users.**
- **Remove litter and dog dirt and avoid horses fouling the path.**

Motorcycles and motor vehicles are not allowed on the path. Let SNH or Perth & Kinross Council know of any issues you encounter.



The heritage trail is a shared-use path

Those of you who visit the Burleigh area regularly will also have noticed the sad demise of one of the specimen Scots pines by the beach; this is a direct result of repeated fire-raising at the base of the trunk until it collapsed. One trunk fell completely and we then had to take down the remaining stem for safety reasons. We will do more work to tidy the site but will wait until after the breeding season to do so.

With regard to upcoming events, Jeremy will be manning the Scottish Natural Heritage stand at the **Kinross Show** this year on **12 August**. Also, on **Thursday 17 August**, 6-8pm, we have our ever-popular **Osprey event**, which is a great opportunity to find out more about this species and watch them feeding for the famous Loch Leven trout. This event is suitable for all abilities as most of our time is spent in the Burleigh hide. Booking is essential for this event; please call the SNH office on 01577 864439.

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Summer is a busy time for families on the reserve – both the animal and human varieties!

We have had a busy (bird!) breeding season with our new anti-predator fence helping to increase numbers of wader chicks successfully fledging their nests. Our lapwing population will benefit hugely and we also recorded successful breeding attempts by redshank, snipe, oystercatcher and curlew. (In the case of the latter, the first successful breeding attempt in about 10 years!) We have seen tree sparrow nesting success too, with at least 15 pairs using our nest boxes and many more making use of our woodland. We have spotted many juvenile robins, large flocks of young blue and great tits at the feeders and of course our wonderful baby swallows have been amazing visitors as they peered down from their nooks around the visitor centre, before taking their first flights.



Woodland Warriors at RSPB Loch Leven

As for the human species, juveniles have been spotted in all habitats! Interesting behaviours have been observed including pond dipping, bug hunting, tree hugging and hula hooping! Populations are thriving as bushcraft skills have been mastered, including den building, fire lighting and whittling at our Woodland Warriors event, and many survived a night

of wild camping at our hugely popular Big Wild Sleepout! Photographers have also been I.D.'ed taking part in our third annual Photomathon, with teams competing to take photographs across six categories. The pick of the pics will be exhibited in the visitor centre throughout August.

Our late summer events have a bit of something for everyone. For culture vultures, the ever-popular **Festival Players** are back on **Thursday 3 August** with Shakespeare's **The Merry Wives of Windsor**, performed in the open air. (Tickets: adults £13.50; children £8; family £38.)

For techies, our **Animal Tracks and Signs** event on **Tuesday 15 August** provides a chance to use some fancy gadgets, including cameras, thermal imagers and bat detectors, as well as to learn some new tracking skills. It takes place from 7pm to 9pm and costs £15 (or £10 for members).

For people who like to toddle, **Nature Tots** is on **Wednesday 9 August**, 10am-12pm, where the adventure of the month will be looking at underwater life. This under 5s group is always popular, so booking ASAP is recommended. (£6/£3 members, per family).

And if simple birdwatching is your thing, our **Osprey Walk** should appeal. It's on **Sunday 27 August**, 10am-12pm. (Adults £8, members £6; children £4/£2. Booking essential.) Writing this "wee ramble" I realise how fantastic is to live and work in a place doing so much for the "bairns", both the feathered variety and little people! We want to give youngsters the best start in life, whether it's giving nature a home or providing wildlife "wow" moments for children - it's all about the future. Why not come and have your own adventure before the summer's done?

Finally, just a reminder that this is RSPB Scotland Loch Leven's 50th Birthday year and we are still keen to hear your memories of the reserve. If you have any stories to share about your experiences, please email **LochLeven50th@rspb.org.uk**

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Many Newsletter readers will know the Heggie Family from Carden Farm, near Powmill. James and Lynn run a mixed beef and sheep unit and their five children grew up helping out on the farm and attended Kinross High School. Fiona, Elaine, Sally, Jim and Neil are now adults but all are actively involved in farming or agricultural businesses in Scotland.

Fiona and her husband Michael Burns took on a 10-year tenancy of Glenside Farm, near Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, in 2013 through the Forestry Commission Starter Farmer Scheme and I caught up with them recently to find out how it's going and what it's really like starting from scratch.

"We arrived here after a lengthy selection process," says Fiona. "There are very few opportunities to take on a tenancy in Scotland so it's extremely competitive and we had to submit a business plan and go through an interview to explain how we planned to build up the livestock and manage the land. Thankfully we were successful and we moved with our children, Katie and Robert, from Michael's home in Wigtownshire to Glenside in September 2013. We didn't know anyone and we brought just five Limousin cows that Michael had bred at home."

Nearly four years on and developments have been rapid; the sheds have been improved, many of the fields have been drained and the couple now own a tractor with a few implements and have invested in cattle pens and sheep handling facilities.

Glenside is 114 hectares. A further 52 hectares of grazing land is included but the lease specifies is to be used for conservation grazing only. It's 11 miles from the main unit and the couple has built up a herd of 25 Galloway and Highland cows that graze here in summer and return to a higher part of the farm for out wintering. They also provide a bed and breakfast service for 50 cattle from a neighbouring dairy farmer, looking after them all winter in one of the sheds.

The sheep numbers have grown to nearly 400 ewes, many of these are Blackface, purchased as older ewes. They find they are a reasonable cost to buy and lamb successfully outside in April. A flock of Cheviot mules now numbers 140 and these are lambed inside a bit earlier. Part of the plan was to add as much value to the stock sold as possible and the couple now sell Mule ewe lambs off the Blackies at Ayr market and were delighted when they topped the second sale and saw them make £118 per head last year.

Michael's real passion is breeding Limousins and the herd now consists of 11 pedigree cows and 16 young stock. The herd is high health status and the objective is to sell the best heifer calves at Carlisle in December at a special sale which is called "Red Ladies Day." It's an exciting day of the year for the family and a real highlight was in 2014 when one of their eight-month-old heifer calves called Shaw's Josie sold for over £6000 and another for over £3000.

It's hard to imagine that all this has been achieved with Michael holding down a full-time job with the Scottish Government as an Agricultural Officer and Fiona juggling her farm duties while looking after the kids. They have also added to their family with the arrival of Tom in December 2015. It's taken a lot of hard work to get this far and they are farming in an area of very high rainfall so the weather is always challenging, but Fiona is a very bright and positive person and says they have settled really well in the farm and are already looking to the future. They are hoping that the experience helps them secure a new tenancy when their time comes to an end at Glenside. I'd like to say a massive 'well done' to Fiona and Michael; they have achieved so much in a few years and Kinross-shire wishes you all the best for the future.

Fiona

Gardens Open in August

Drummond Castle gardens in Crieff are open for SGS on **Sunday 6 August**, 1-5pm. The gardens were originally laid out in 1630 by John Drummond, second Earl of Perth. Admission on 6 August: £4, children £2. Benefits British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Assoc.

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, FK14 7JW. Open by arrangement, 1 Apr-31 Oct. Contact Liz and Peter Wyatt, tel: 0797 337 4687 or email: elizwyatt@aol.com

Rowberrow, 18 Castle Road, Dollar, FK14 7BE. Open by arrangement, 1 Feb-31 Dec. Contact Bill and Rosemary Jarvis, tel: 01259 742584 or email: rjarvis1000@hotmail.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



Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG (Charity no SC012555)
Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/kinrossparishchurch.org
Church E-mail: 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.

Regular Services and Events

Sundays: 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche. Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) restart 13 August. Meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church. 7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (\$1 upwards) in church centre.

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service (restarts 22 August).

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, church centre.

1.30pm: Craft Group.

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre.

Anchor Section 6 - 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 - 9pm, Company section 8 - 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

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

MEGA MAKERS: Family Week 2017

Mon 31 July – Fri 4 August

9.45am until 12 noon at Kinross Parish Church

Children participate in song, drama, games, crafts, and challenges. Each day there is a story from the Bible.

Additional activities afternoon and evenings (see *italics* below). For those about to start pre-school year up to those just starting S4.

Any questions? Contact church office 01577 862570

Other Events and Services

July

Sun 30 10.30am All-age Family Service to launch 'Mega Makers', this year's Family Week.

Mon 31 2.30pm *Family Scavenger Hunt, church garden.*

August

Tue 1 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

2.45pm: *Seniors trip to Factory Skatepark, Dundee, KPC car park.*

Wed 2 2.30pm: *Trip to 10 pin bowling for P6/7, KPC car park.*

Thu 3 2.30pm: *Family film afternoon.*

7pm: *Senior and P7 Film night.*

Fri 4 6.30pm: *Mega Makers final celebration, followed by 7.20pm: BBQ in church garden. All Welcome.*

Sun 6 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Mon 7 8am: Silent Meditation.

Thu 17 9pm: late-evening service of Compline.

Sat 19 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

Tue 22 10am Pram Service restarts.

Tue 29 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

Reader: Brian Ogilvie

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

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

Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org



Sunday Services 11.15am

August

Sun 6 11.15am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the Village Hall served by Guild members in aid of Guild funds. Traidcraft Stall.

Sun 13 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 20 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 27 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sacrament of Holy Communion.

All welcome

Refreshments will be served in the Young Room after the service on Sundays 13, 20 and 27 August. 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.catholicinross.com Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com

m.facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/

m.facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/

Regular Services

Monday	7pm	Mass followed by Confessions
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Thursday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Friday	10am	Mass followed by Morning Prayer
Saturday	10-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Saturday	7pm	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)
Sunday	9.30am	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall)

Confessions also on request.

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

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

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

The Ladies' Group meets in the hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

The weekly newsletter, Mass times, news and updates or changes can be found on our website.

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website

www.kinrossnewsletter.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

Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

Our church is a very warm and welcoming place situated in the Crook of Devon, a small village about 6 miles from Kinross. Come and join us, we would love to meet you.

Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

August

Sun 6 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship, followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.

Sun 13 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 20 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship.

6.30pm Summer Songs of Praise service.

Sun 27 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship and celebration of Holy Communion.

Café Refresh

Every Thursday in the Church Hall, 2 - 4pm. Join us for a friendly blether with scrummy home baking, teas and coffees. *All are welcome.*

House Group

The House Group will resume on 6 September. Please contact Debbie Hill for details, 01577 842268.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group

Will resume on Friday 1 September, 9am - 11am.

Film Evening

Our next Film, 'Lion' will be on Friday 4 August, 7.30pm - 9.30pm in the Church Hall. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*



St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

St Paul's is open, friendly and welcoming to **all age groups** (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do.)

We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. Our aim is to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile.

Children are equally welcome to stay in church during the service or go to the Meeting Room for Sunday School and everyone is particularly invited to stay together during our monthly 'Whole Church' services (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).

August Services and Events - all welcome

Sun 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 13 Pentecost 10 (Proper 19)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 20 WELCOME (BACK) SUNDAY

(We're always friendly and welcoming, and especially today for the cautious and inquisitive!)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am *Whole Church* Sung Eucharist.

Sun 27 Pentecost 12 (Proper 21)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

5.30pm BCP Evensong (said).

Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens, Historic Buildings and more, visit

www.visitlochleven.org

Classified Advertisements

Check the Classified Ads section on **www.kinross.cc**

Buy or Sell Goods up to the value of £750

Items are advertised free of charge for up to six weeks

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during the services.

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

Prayer Meeting held 30 mins before each service.

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Dates and events for your diary

6 Aug Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.

No service at Portmoak Church.

3 Sep Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am.

No service at Orwell Church.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

Christian cards, gifts, bibles and books for sale. Printing and copying facilities available. Recycling for ink toners, stamps & batteries. Donations of food can be made for the local Foodbank.

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com



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Contact **Eric or Fiona McNeil**

01577 863000

For free advice

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday 10.30am Breaking of Bread

12.30pm Sunday School

4.00pm Gospel Meeting (1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, Friends and Neighbours Tea)

Monday 7.30pm Prayer Meeting

8.15pm Bible Study

Thursday 9.30am Toddlers Group (Montgomery Toddlers)

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.

Obituary

BRADY – Ernie Brady died peacefully in Albany, Western Australia, on 29 June 2017, aged 100.

He was born on 4 June 1917. Ernie was husband of the late Jean Adam. He lived in Bowton Road, Swansacre and EliBank, Myre Terrace in Kinross prior to emigrating to Western Australia.

He is survived by his son Jim, daughter-in-law Lyn, grandsons and great grandchildren.

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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!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun

call 07745 804539

Email milnathortbt@gmail.com

Or find us on Facebook



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

Aka Swansacre Playgroup

Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748

Tel: 01577 862071

Mobile: 07592 392235



We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.05am - 11.50am

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

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

For availability or more information, please contact:

Lisa 07736 642070, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com

or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45 - 2.45pm

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

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

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts

Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,

debileighs@hotmail.com

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Glenbank Cottage, Powmill

Partner-provider for P&K Education



Places available for 3-5-year-olds and Rising Fives

Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,

9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or

www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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



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

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

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

For all queries please email

portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com

or find us on Facebook

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

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

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

Notices



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

7 Aug: Duncan McCrone and Cy Jack, two of the club's favourite artistes. Appearing as a duo, they will doubtless perform many self-penned songs.

14 Aug: Singaround. Are the children/grandchildren filling your time during the school holidays? With that in mind, how about "Tiredness" or "Fatigue" or "Weariness" for this week's theme?

21 Aug: Celine Donoghue and Neil Sturgeon. Now a truly established, internationally-renowned fiddle and banjo player and singer, Celine is joined tonight by Neil on guitar and vocals. Two wonderful artistes for the price of one!

28 Aug: Other Roads. Pete Abbott, Gregor Borland and Dave Walmilsley come to town! A superbly talented trio, they offer a wide-ranging mix of songs and tunes from haunting ballads to Celtic fiddle tunes.

Charity Race and Raffle Night

in support of

Haiti Help

Thursday 17 August

at 7.30pm in the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort

Tickets £5 (includes food)

Raffle prizes welcome

Tickets and Donations: J & G Wilson, 18 High Street, Kinross
or telephone 01577 862302

(See page 8 for more about Haiti Help and this event)



Fossway & District Horticultural Society

(Ninety-ninth Competition)

Saturday 19 August 2017

Doors open 2pm followed by presentation of Trophies

Village Hall, Crook of Devon

Admission: Adults £1, Children free

Schedules available from: Fossway Store or Garage,
Crook of Devon; or from George Harley 01577 840752

(Entries can be left in the Hall between 7pm and 9pm
on Friday 18 August and from 7.30am until 9.30am
on Saturday 19 August)

**ALL VERY WELCOME - PLEASE COME AND SEE THE
FRUITS OF OUR LABOUR AND SHOW YOUR OWN!**



KYTHE – Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise

KYTHE invites you to meet our recently appointed Youth Worker, **Barry Dougall**, who is working with young people in the High School and across Kinross-shire.

Do come and join us for an informal hour at Kinross Church Centre, High Street, Kinross on **Wednesday 23 August** at 7.30pm. There will be a presentation of the programme which Barry is developing to give encouragement and support to our young people. Meet members of the KYTHE team over tea, coffee and nibbles. They will be happy to answer any questions.

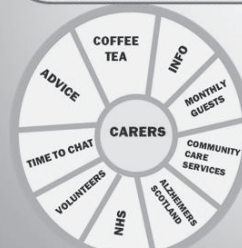
It would be good for as many local people as possible to meet Barry and to hear about his work and future plans.

Contact: Ewan Cathcart 01577 862039.

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**Monday 7th August
Skeins & Bobbins
(Talk & Demonstration)
Monday 4th September
Moving & Handling Talk
(P & K Council Staff)
Monday 2nd October
Vision PK
(Jill Sutherland)**

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT



Contact Gail Boath

Tel. 01577 867306

Or Annette Bond

01738 567076

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**



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

The Thursday Group

This is a women's group meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the lower hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 01577 863421.

7 Sep

Scottish Charity Air Ambulance

5 Oct

Scottish Bank Notes Dr Martin Hepburn

Social Networking for Individuals and Community Organisations

You are invited to attend a face-to-face networking afternoon hosted by Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association

Saturday 16 September 2017

1pm – 4pm

Milnathort and Kinross Allotments

(by Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross Services)

This is an opportunity to bring together individuals and organisations from Kinross-shire and their families to share information, resources and knowledge and learn what others are doing in the area.

If you would like to showcase what your group does, please contact: **Sid Grant at sid.j.grant@gmail.com or call 07713 582628.**

We hope you will get involved and support the event by coming along.

- **Free BBQ**
- **See the Allotment site and enjoy the Community Garden**
- **Meet new people and learn what others are doing**
- **Find out what is on offer and sharing resources**

For further information please contact:

Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Loch Leven Community Campus,

Tel: 01577 867124 or email tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Organised by: Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group

Dr Donald Duncan Bequest Committee

The above Committee have for many years provided Grants for educational purposes for persons whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received some of their education in the County of Kinross. In recent years, the Committee have followed a policy of providing awards only for University Degree Courses. The Committee also have followed the policy that once one award had been received, no further awards would be given. The Committee has, for the last 2 years or so, been prepared to consider a more flexible approach to awards, the Committee will in future consider applications not just for University courses and will contemplate making more than one award in certain circumstances. Awards will still only be granted though for educational purposes. Application Forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN.

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2017-18

Term	Start (for pupils)	End
Autumn	Tue 15 Aug 2017	Fri 6 Oct 2017
Winter	Mon 23 Oct 2017	Fri 22 Dec 2017
Spring	Mon 8 Jan 2018	Thu 29 Mar 2018
Summer	Tue 17 Apr 2018	Thu 28 Jun 2018

Holidays and In-Service Days:

Autumn holiday:	Mon 9 Oct – Fri 20 Oct 2017
In-Service days:	Thu 16 Nov and Fri 17 Nov 2017
Christmas holiday:	Mon 25 Dec 2017 – Fri 5 Jan 2018
In-Service & occasional holidays:	Wed 14 Feb – Fri 16 Feb 2018
Spring holiday:	Fri 30 Mar – Fri 13 Apr 2018 (Easter Sunday is 1 April 2018)
In-Service day:	Mon 16 Apr 2018
May Day holiday:	Mon 7 May 2018

FREE PVG Information Session Delivered by VSDS (Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services)

As a follow up from our Networking session organised by the Resource Sub-group we invite Community members, clubs and organisations to find out about the **Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG)**

Loch Leven Community Campus

The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Monday 2 October 2017

7pm till 9pm

Free Refreshments

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

- To ensure voluntary groups and organisations are prepared and understand their requirements and obligations under the new PVG Scheme.
- To determine who within organisations should be asked to join the Scheme
- How to access disclosure applications under the new Scheme
- Understanding the new types of disclosures that will be available under the new Scheme
- Defining regulated work with children and protected adults
- Organisation's legal responsibilities for making a referral in relation to PVG

Organised by Kinross-shire Community

Learning and Development Group (Perth and Kinross Council).



To book your place please contact:

Tracey Ramsay

tramsay@pkc.gov.uk 01577 867124

Senior Community Capacity Building Worker

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.



Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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.

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

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

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

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
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

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 to find out more and ask for an application form.

Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

Notices

Kinross Recovery and Conversation Café

This weekly group is for anyone with an interest in improving their wellbeing and needing support on their recovery journey from addiction or substance misuse. The Café aims to get people speaking about recovery and wellbeing in all its many forms and provides the opportunity to:

- share ideas, information and resources
- explore support networks and ways of moving forward
- breakdown isolation
- improve health and wellbeing

The Café takes place **every Tuesday**, 1pm-3pm, at Millbridge Hall, Kinross. Drop in and have a cuppa and a chat.

For more information, contact:

Shona Fowler: 07896 280843, shonafowler@nhs.net

Richard Lister: 07885 971298, richard.lister@cairscotland.org.uk



Supported and funded by Broke Not Broken, a local charity tackling the effects of poverty.

Broke Not Broken

Drop off donations at:

**Sainsbury's, Kinross
Glenfarg Village Shop**



Open to clients:

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm

The Beacon, St Paul's Church, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU

Contact: Tel: 07709 107640

Email: admin@brokenotbroken.org



Broke Not Broken. Tackling the effects of poverty.
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Grants for good causes

**Kinross Community Council
Newsletter Limited (KCCNL)
Charity No. SC040913**



All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are: **30 September** and **31 March**.

More information is available on the kinross.cc website. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, tel 01577 865004 or email barrydavies57@btinternet.com

Mindspace Recovery College

Mindspace Recovery College runs free courses covering all aspects of mental health, co-delivered by people with lived experience, and are open to all.



Newsletter Deadlines

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
September	Friday 18 August	Saturday 2 September
October	Friday 15 September	Saturday 30 September



Kinross-shire Fund

Grants available for local community projects



e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare, Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations

For more information and to download an application form, see www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund or telephone 0131 5240300

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



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

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

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am -12 noon
at the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office,
29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential. No charge.

No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website

www.healingrooms-scotland.org

Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 – 2130 Thursdays 1630 – 1900

Wednesdays 0830 – 1100 Fridays 1000 – 1630

and 1930 – 2130 Sundays 0800 – 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.

We're here for you, anytime.

Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

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** Forever homes needed **
** for rescued Greyhounds **

Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!

Please call or email for details
Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)
email us on femiejimmyf@aol.com





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

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP
www.hopepregnancy.co.uk
email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com
Helpline 01738 621174
We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

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



Perth 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 visit is: **22 August**

[Note: there will be NO surgery on 8 August]

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

Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580.

Appointment line 01738 450581.

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

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

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

Debt and Money Advice Service

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

Blythswood Care collection in Perth

Blythswood Care collects second hand items to help with
"Christian care for body and soul". The uplift is in Perth, at
Asda on Dunkeld Road, on the following Tuesdays, from
11.30am until 1.30pm:

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

t: 07747 018 550

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Eileen Thomas, 01577 863714
Email: KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Steven Young, 01577 864529
Email: skyo5763@gmail.com

Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel, 01592 840459
Email: PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Chair: Trudy Duffy-Wigman, 01577 840669
Email: fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser, 01577 850253
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Kinross Community Councillors

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Jonathan Bryson	4 Burnbank Meadows	(01577) 531141
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	(01577) 864037
Dave Cuthbert	8 Highfield Circle	07799 750289
Barry Davies	60 Lathro Park	(01577) 865004
Bill Freeman (Chair)	64 Muirs	(01577) 865045
Ian Jack	Burnbrae Grange	(01577) 863980
David MacKenzie	12 Torridon Place	07703 820051
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	(01577) 864603
Eileen Thomas (Secy)	50 Muirs	(01577) 863714
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Portmoak Community Councillors

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Dave Morris		01592 840500
Alison Robertson		01592 840131
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Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

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54 Lathro Park, Kinross, KY13 8RU

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Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000
(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 1, 15 & 29 August:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny School		1430-1530

Visiting on Wednesdays 9 & 23 August:

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

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

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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

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

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

Kinross Heart Start: Campaign to secure funds for public access defibrillators in Kinross. Contact Pamela Hunter to find out how you can volunteer on 01577 862419.

Kinross in Bloom: Volunteer group that provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment of Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Iain Todd at: iandmtodd@talktalk.net

Kinross-shire Day Centre: We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation): If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events (concerts, comedy and the festive street market), please join the KLEO team! For more info about KLEO events, go to www.kleo.org.uk. If interested, please contact Bouwien Bennet at info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

The Potager Garden is a small community garden in Bowton Road in Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, and a main aim is to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven: We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk or call 01577 862355.

Swansacre Playgroup: A long established charity playgroup for children aged 2-5 years, we need volunteers to help support us with play sessions. For more information, please email swansacre@gmail.com

Light Up Kinross is a small local charity with responsibility for Kinross Christmas lights and decorations. We require additional volunteers to assist with fundraising and administration of the lights. If you are interested, please contact David Colliar, email davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk or Bill Freeman, email billywhizkid78@gmail.com or through our Facebook page.

For more volunteering opportunities, go to the community website www.kinross.cc and look for 'Volunteering', or look at www.vaperthshire.org

Organisations: If you would like a volunteer appeal to be added to the list above, please email the Newsletter Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.

Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Carpet Curling	11am		
	Relaxation Class	1.15pm		
	Games	1.15pm		
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm		
Thursday	Carpet Curling or Boccia	11am		
	Art Class	1.30pm	Film or music Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
	Balance & Strength Class		1.30pm	
Friday	Balance & Strength Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games or music		1.30pm	
	Bingo		1.30pm	



Additional Events for August

Community Health & Wellbeing Support
Chiropody

Tuesday 1st 11am - 12pm
Thursday 3rd, 24th 9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

Hearing Loss Support and Advice
Tai Chi
Barge Trip
Library Visit

Monday 7th 11am - 12pm
Wednesday 9th, 23rd 1.30pm - 2pm
Wednesday 23rd 9.30am - 4pm
Thursday 31st 1.30pm

Important message!

We are getting new windows in the Day Centre the middle of August so some activities will change or be cancelled; sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



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

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers
Linda Freeman

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La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

First Thursday of the month, 10am - 12 noon

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

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

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

For more details, contact:

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

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside



LA LECHE LEAGUE
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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

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.

Electric Power Wheelchair	Offers
Invacare Pronto. Very good condition.	
Seller Details:	
Alisdair Stewart	07825 698613
alisdairstewart@yahoo.com	
Bremshey Orbit Cross Trainer	£120
Perfect condition with instruction manual.	
Seller Details:	
Caroline Flory	01577 865103
Bosch Washing Machine	£80
Excel 1400	
Neff Dishwasher	£50
Bosch Fridge Freezer	£100
Poggenpohl Kitchen Units	Offers
Excellent condition. Must view. Kitchen being replaced.	
Seller details for above 4 items:	
Ian Mclellan	01577 863663
ianmcl1@btopenworld.com	
Solid Oak Dining Table	£80
Rectangular, depth 33ins, width 62ins. In good condition.	
Seller Details:	
Pat Hughes	01577 840385
Fibreglass Pram Dinghy	£150
8ft long with oars and rollocks. Includes Seagull Silver Century motor (needs some attention).	
Seller Details:	
Sandy Wilson	01577 864339
awilson222@btinternet.com	

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

Milnathort & Kinross Scottish Country Dancing Class every Wednesday

at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall
New and Past Members welcome

For more information, contact Helen on 01577 861349 or visit our website: milnathortcountrydancingblogspot.com

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').

Shop Assistant, Giacomazzi Store, Kinross

Join our team! We currently have a vacancy at our Kinross store, 25-30 hours. Are you warm, friendly and approachable with a passion to deliver great customer service? Do you thrive whilst working in a supportive team and would you go the extra mile for your customers? Can you adapt to working in a fast paced ever changing environment? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please email CV and covering letter to danjbrownemail@gmail.com

Nursery Chef, Lauriston Nursery, Kinross (full time)

The successful candidate should be an enthusiastic, qualified chef. You will be required to work Monday to Friday and all meals are cooked fresh daily, adhering to company policies and procedures. Main responsibilities include: preparing and cooking all meals and snacks, maintaining kitchen cleanliness, ordering weekly groceries and reviewing/updating menus. Essential skills and qualifications include, food hygiene, understanding nutritional guidelines for children and having a sound knowledge of allergens, dietary requirements and religious needs. You will be required to join the PVG scheme and references are essential. Apply online at letslearnyoung.com.

Nursery Practitioner, Lauriston Nursery, Kinross

Due to increasing demand we require full time/relief nursery nurses. Applicants must be qualified with an HNC or equivalent in Childcare and Education. They should be enthusiastic and committed to delivering the best possible care and education within current frameworks. The position will require working to a variety of shift patterns on a rota basis. Successful candidates will be required to undertake an enhanced PVG check and be registered with SSSC. References are essential. Apply online at letslearnyoung.com.

Beauty Therapist (Weekends Only and also Part Time hours), The Green Hotel, The Windlestrae, Kinross

You will promote a friendly, relaxing and professional environment to ensure all our members and guests receive an exceptional experience. You will be required to carry out all treatments to a very high standard. You must maintain exceptional standards of customer service and be prepared to work hard as part of the team to continue to grow the business. You will be expected to act in a professional manner to all clients and staff within the site and to keep the treatment areas clean and all equipment safe and in good working order. Weekend only positions and also part time posts of 16 hours per week available. Salary: £7.50 - £8.25 per hour. Contact Lindsay on 01577 866509 or email LindsayRobertson@green-hotel.com.

Part time Bar Positions, Kinross Curling, Kinross

Kinross Curling requires part time workers to serve meals/snacks and drinks. Hours are variable, by rota, including evening and weekend shifts through the curling season (September - April). Experience in hospitality services is preferred. Hourly rate - up to £8.00 per hour depending on experience.

Part time Cook/Bar position, Kinross Curling, Kinross

Kinross Curling requires a full time person to work with the existing friendly team to provide meals, snacks and bar service throughout the curling season (September - April). Hours are variable, by rota, including day, evening and weekend shifts. Catering and hospitality experience preferred.

Hourly rate - up to £8.50 per hour depending on experience. References essential.

Please contact Steven Kerr, Manager, expressing your interest in either of the above posts, giving details of your experience. Please provide a CV if appropriate.

email: iceman@kinrosscurling.co.uk By mail: Steven Kerr, Manager, Kinross Curling, Green Road, Kinross, KY13 8TU.

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