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Editorial

Price rise: As from the next issue (October), the price of the Kinross Newsletter will rise to £1.10. This is the first price rise for four years. In that time, the Newsletter has moved to printing some pages in colour and feedback is that this is popular with readers. However, our printing costs have risen. We are sure you will agree that for a 100+page magazine, £1.10 is still excellent value.

Grants for good causes: As regular readers will know, any profits made by the Newsletter are given away to local good causes. The next deadline for applications to the KCCNL charity, which administers this fund, is Saturday 30 September. See page 8.

Mary Queen of Scots: There are several events relating to Mary Queen of Scots this month, particularly the weekend this Newsletter is published. See page 7.

Superheroes at September Market: As this Newsletter was in preparation, we learned that planning permission has been granted for a public access defibrillator to be located at Hunters of Kinross. Pamela and Iain Hunter have been a driving force in fundraising for this and enabling local people to be trained in CPR. They are arranging for superheroes to attend the Farmers' Market on 22 September, which should be a special day. See p 65.

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

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

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

Double speak or?

I was somewhat puzzled by the statement in the Newsletter's Police Box (August 2017) from Police Scotland which said "Whilst overall violent crime continues to drop across the country, we have seen increases in murder, serious assault and robbery."

Does this mean that Police Scotland does not consider murder and serious assault as violent crimes or is it simply statistical obfuscation!

George Lindsay
Whinfield Gardens, Kinross

Exhibition of Paintings by the Late Rev. David Reid

Dear Editor, I would be very grateful if I could use your pages to let my late husband's friends know of an exhibition of his paintings, as I believe that many of them would be interested to know that it is taking place.

David was called to the linked charge of Cleish with Fossoway in 1985 and immediately before coming to Kinross-shire he was the minister of Helensburgh Old and St Andrews Church (now Helensburgh Parish Church). His private pastime throughout his life was watercolour painting; he had an exceptional natural ability but the talent was not given full scope until his retirement when painting became his chief hobby.

A group of his former parishioners in Helensburgh have decided to mount an exhibition of David's paintings in Helensburgh Parish Church over the third weekend in September. The opening times will be Saturday 23 September from 10am till 5pm and Sunday 24 September from 12.30 till 4pm.

A number of people in Kinross-shire already have paintings by David Reid hanging on their walls and an invitation is now extended to plan a day out on 23 or 24 September to visit "the church in the square" in Helensburgh to enjoy this large collection of 175 paintings – all unframed – which will be for sale by donation (suggested minimum between £25.00 and £45.00). All proceeds will be divided between the Iona Community (of which David was a member) and Helensburgh Parish Church.

Thank you,

Isobel Reid
Flat 18, The Sycamores
16 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8GG

Weather July Weather Report from Kinross



Total rainfall	83.8mm = 3.35ins
Heaviest rainfall	13.4mm (26th)
Total sunshine for the month	139.4 hours
Sunniest day	11.2 hours (18th)
Maximum temperature average	17.73°C
Highest temperature	23.5°C (17th)
Minimum temperature average	6.45°C
Lowest temperature	2.3°C (12th)

A Bad Trade

The August issue of the Newsletter announced an "Early Christmas present from Persimmon" (the Lathro developers) of £1000 toward the provision of lights and a "festive **tree**" for Kinross.

Would that be a felled tree, then?

Felling trees is something Persimmon seem to be particularly handy at, given that thirteen mature (150-plus-year-old) 60ft oak trees have been destroyed, thanks to the instruction from Persimmon to have them felled as part of their so-called "Lathro Meadows" development.

I understand more oak trees within an adjacent group are now under threat from the chainsaw.

Are we now witnessing an attempted charm offensive by Persimmon? (Offensive being the operative word here, I think.)

It seems like a very bad trade; part-finance toward one severed, rootless, i.e. dead, tree for a temporary decoration as a swap for thirteen living trees likely tax deductible, too?

"Why choose Persimmon?", says the developer's website. Good question: why indeed?

As Britain's second largest homebuilders you might think that as a company they would care greatly about their environmental responsibilities and that public perception of their commitment to this aim would be of great importance to Persimmon.

The company Annual Report 2016 certainly claims they consider the environment a priority: "**As part of our development approach we aim to minimise the impact we have on the environment.**" (page 45)

So how come Persimmon have adopted such a contemptuous attitude when dealing with environmental issues associated with the Lathro site?

It seems to me that, as far as the evidence from Lathro is concerned, the wider environment, and trees in particular, have been sacrificed in a hasty and undignified scramble for profit.

Ken Miles

Turfhills House, Kinross

Perth Autism Support at risk

I am sure you are already aware of the devastating news about PAS not being able to continue due to no funding help from NHS or Council despite them referring countless families within PKC to Perth Autism Support.

I myself have used PAS countless times over the years with regards to my son and there has been times that it is the ONLY social input he had came from PAS activities. That lifeline was invaluable to him and stopped him becoming a total social recluse, they are also the only source of respite I am able to have through their short breaks services. I dread to think what would have happened without that! I know you will be doing your utmost for the families within PKC to keep PAS but I wanted to make you aware of my personal situation.

Thank you for your time,

[Name and contact details supplied]

This message was passed to local councillors. Since the message was received, it has been announced that PKC and NHS Tayside are to offer Perth Autism Support one-off funding of £30,000. See article on page 32.

Lauriston Nursery celebrates one year in Kinross

On 17 August 2016, Lauriston Nursery Ltd opened the doors of its second premises at Lathro, Kinross.

From day one, the nursery has been embraced by the families and community of Kinross and it has grown from strength to strength. Over 120 children are now enrolled in our fantastic facility and taking advantage of the quality childcare offered. We are incredibly grateful to the whole community for its continued support and hope to meet many more of you in the future. Lauriston Nursery operates an open-door policy; therefore, no appointment is required for you to come, visit us and see what we could offer you and your family.

Look out for some exciting events happening soon, which, as always, will be announced on our Nursery Facebook page first!

Laurison Nursery@Kinross

Lathro, Kinross, KY13 8SY

Meet Kinross-shire's New Superhero

Hunters and Kinross Heart Start are overwhelmed with the news that Lynne McKay from Kinross has passed her First Responder's exam. Lynne attended one of our evening courses and, after learning CPR and use of defibrillator and hearing what a First Responder does, decided she could help make a difference to her community.

With the encouragement of James Mathie, Kinross-shire's other volunteer First Responder, Lynne's application was accepted by the Scottish Ambulance Service to attend the advanced weekly courses in Penicuik, which have been running throughout the summer. Lynne has now passed her exams and is moving on to the next stage of the process.

Lynne and James are volunteers and will attend, if on duty, life-threatening emergency situations within a 10-mile radius of Kinross, before ambulance crews. That could mean within minutes! They carry an emergency kit bag, defibrillator, oxygen etc and can make the difference between life or death.

Please congratulate Lynne and thank James for the fantastic voluntary work they do. Come and meet them both at Kinross Heart Start Superhero Saturday on 23 September (part of the Farmers' Market). They'll show you and your family how to do CPR and be part of the 'Chain of Survival.'

If anyone else would like to become a First Responder, please contact the Kinross Heart Start Facebook page or pop into Hunters and I'll talk you through what's involved.

Pamela Hunter

(Founder, Kinross Heart Start)

Hunters of Kinross

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See page 65 for more on Superhero Saturday at the Farmers' Market.

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We have made use of the above facility since moving to Milnathort 21 years ago. We shop at many of the shops in and around South Street – High Street, Perth, so were interested to see the renovations being carried out over a long period during 2016/17.

The finished product is very disappointing. All of the under cover lower level is exclusively for the use of PKC staff to park their vehicles (bless).

The next section is for bicycles and motor bikes – under cover again and quite rightly so.

The last section on the ground floor – **not under cover** – is for drivers with disabilities. I would suggest that perhaps such drivers take longer to get out of their cars and remove their wheelchairs, rollators, elbow crutches or walking stick(s). Perhaps with the rain dripping down the back of the neck?

There is a mobility office where motorised wheelchairs can be hired – and yes that is under cover too – **but** a distance from the disabled parking. Incidentally, the men who man the office are very obliging and during the time the car park was closed made heroic efforts to keep their customers mobile.

Lastly, I know that some people will say that disabled people get their parking for free but blue badges are paid for by their holders.

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KAYLEIGH REID from Kinross has graduated from the University of Stirling with a 2:1 BSc Sport and Exercise Science. Kayleigh was also presented with Colours and Half Blues for her commitment and contribution to Water Polo, including being Club President and representing Scottish Universities at the Tri Nations Tournament. Congratulations; all the family are very proud.

RHONA WILSON has passed her HNC professional Cookery (B pass) at Perth UHI. Well done and congratulations, from her loving family Michael, Claire and Amy also her outlaws William and Rita.

Thanks



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Collection at Kinross Show

The total proceeds of the collection at Kinross Show on Saturday 12 August 2017 by pipers for Rachel House Children's Hospice, Kinross, amounted this year to £300.10. For yet another year this is marvellous support from the local community for this wonderful hospice in our midst. Our grateful thanks to all who donated and to Kinross-shire Agricultural Society for allowing us to make the collection.

Robin Webster MBE, MSTJ
Piping Organiser, St John Perth & Kinross

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National curling festival in Kinross

Kinross is hosting a curling festival in October for anyone who would like to learn a little bit more about this unique and exciting Scottish sport.

Kinross Curling is throwing open its doors to all comers for a fun, family-friendly morning which will include a surprising range of activities both on and off the ice, such as 'Beat the Pro', curling quizzes and a chance to meet international medal-winning curlers.

Similar activities will be taking place right across Scotland as part of the preparations for the 2018 Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

CurlFest is part of a national initiative from the sport's governing body, the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, in conjunction with the national charity Cash for Kids. Any monies raised through the events will go to support local Cash for Kids programmes to benefit local children.

"The overall aim of CurlFest is to encourage people across Scotland to come and discover what curling is all about. Moving curling stones on ice is a lot easier than you might think! This is a great sport and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities," said Ena Stevenson, chair of the local organising committee. "In addition to skill and strategy, at the core of curling lies courtesy, warmth and sociability. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, whatever your background, there is a place for you in curling."

In Kinross, CurlFest takes place on **Sunday 8 October** from 9.30am to 1.30pm on a drop-in basis. Entry to the event is free.

Kinross Curling is located behind the Green Hotel. The entrance is just off Green Road.

For the regular report from Kinross Curling, see page 79, where there is also a poster about CurlFest.

Persimmon Homes in Kinross

Perth-based Persimmon Homes North Scotland is said to be investing £45 million in the creation of 391 new homes at two sites in Kinross.

The 'Weavers Loan' development on the site of the former Kinross High School will offer a wide selection of 91 two-, three-, four- and five-bedroom homes.

The second development, 'Lathro Meadows,' will feature several different house types in a phased build that will initially create 145 new homes.

Persimmon say that, so far, interest has exceeded all expectations with a high demand being shown for both developments.

A showhome in the 'Ettrick' style opened in mid-August at the Weavers Loan development.

Lorraine Clelland, Sales and Marketing Director at Persimmon Homes North Scotland, said: "It's an exciting time in Kinross with the launch of both of our fabulous developments. We have a wide variety of different house types on offer and should have something for everyone wherever they are on the property ladder and whatever their budget might be.

"We are extremely proud of our new showhome and have had fantastic feedback from all who visited.

"Kinross is a beautiful place to live and we have worked extensively with the council planning team to create an environment for new homes that meets the needs of the local market.

"So if you are a first time buyer or looking to move up or down the property ladder, why not visit us at Weavers Loan on Main Street to see how we can make the dream of a new home become a reality."

Another Persimmon representative said: "In addition to the new homes, Persimmon Homes is also creating a 60-acre country park which can be used by the public and will include the planting of over 2,000 young trees.

"A further financial contribution of £2.4 million from Persimmon will be used to fund education provision, maintenance of open space, an upgrade of the Green Road Play Park and pedestrian crossings to Kinross High School."

Persimmon Community Champions

Local groups and clubs can apply for funds from the Persimmon 'Community Champions' fund. Community Champions donates £1,000 to two groups each month and the 'Healthy Communities' initiative offers £750 each month to a sporting group or team. The overall prize for the Healthy Communities is £200,000.

More information can be found at:

www.persimmonhomes.com/charity

Persimmon have donated to Light Up Kinross to help towards the cost of Christmas decorations and have also contributed to the cost of the Mary Queen of Scots event at the Market Park to be held over the weekend 2-3 September.

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Doors Open Days is back! Doors Open Days is Scotland's largest free festival celebrating heritage and the built environment. This annual event gives you and your family the opportunity to visit historic, civic and interesting buildings not usually open to the public, **all for free**.

This year in Perth and Kinross, Doors Open Days is being split across three weekends in September, with 52 venues over five geographical areas participating.

Sat 2 and Sun 3 Sept: Kinross-shire and Strathearn
Sat 9 and Sun 10 Sept: Highland and Eastern Perthshire
Sat 16 and Sun 17 Sept: Perth City

Kinross-shire Events

Portmoak Priory Site and Scottish Gliding Centre, Portmoak Airfield, Scotlandwell.

Once home to the early Christian Culdees, Portmoak chapel dates back to about 850AD. The monks were of Irish origin and established a monastery on nearby St Serf's Island in Loch Leven. Archaeological investigations this summer have added to our knowledge of this site.

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 September, 11am-4pm.

Guided tours every 2 hours. Booking essential via www.dod_portmoak.eventbrite.co.uk. (Ten spaces per tour.)

Wash House and Well, off Main Street, Scotlandwell

It is just over 150 years since the wash house was first opened next to the well. Both were designed by the eminent architect David Bryce as part of a scheme to enhance the village. Scotlandwell in Bloom, who recently restored the buildings, invites you to come along and find out more about them and how they were used. Fife storyteller Sylvia Troon will be there with her puppets to tell a variety of Scottish traditional and historical tales.

Sunday 3 September, 11am-4pm.

Please park in Scotlandwell and walk to the Wash House and Well. Visitors with a blue badge for their vehicle may drive to the venue.



The Well and Wash House, Scotlandwell

DOD Highlights elsewhere in Perth & Kinross

A new venue for 2017: The Birth Place of John Buchan

A notable addition to the programme for 2017 is Buchan House, a mid-19th century category C-listed double villa on York Place, Perth. Formerly the manse of the Knox Free Church, Number 20 is most famous as the birthplace of the prolific Scottish novelist John Buchan. For several decades,

the building stood empty and was on the Building at Risk Register for Scotland. Between 2014 and 2015 the building underwent comprehensive repairs and was converted to offices through financial support from the Perth City Heritage Fund. Local charity Mindspace took up residence in January 2016 and will be opening their office doors for the first time to show the public around the childhood home of one of Scotland's most famous authors.

Full address: Buchan House, 18/20 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EH

*Date and time: **Saturday 16 September, 10am-3pm***

Event Details: Tours of the building by staff will be available throughout the day.

Perthshire Photographic Society Exhibition

Perthshire Photographic Society are celebrating the 150th anniversary of their parent body, the Perthshire Society of Natural Science, by holding a major exhibition in the Civic Hall of Perth & Kinross Council Headquarters at 2 High Street, Perth. The exhibition starts on 16 September and runs for two weeks. The exhibits will range from historical photographs dating back to the earliest days of Scottish photography to modern contemporary fine art digital photographic composite images. Landscape, wildlife, travel, portraiture and street photography will all be featured. It is open every day from 10am to 5pm and entrance is free. There will be Society members on hand to answer questions and handle sales of prints and cards by local artists. You can even join the Society and buy tickets for events hosted by PPS.

Tibbermore Church: Film venue for Outlander

Maintained by the Scottish Redundant Churches Trust, Tibbermore Church is an incredibly atmospheric building of medieval origin set in beautiful surroundings with a fascinating walled graveyard.

Tibbermore Church is now an international TV star, better known to worldwide audiences as Cranesmuir Church, the dramatic setting for the infamous Witch Trial in the Outlander TV drama series.

On Saturday 2 September, view props, hear about filming at the church, and about the hugely popular series.

On the Sunday, explore the church and graveyard with guided tours and hear stories about centuries of local history from Covenanters at the Battle of Tippermuir to the WWI war work of the women of the parish. Hear local tales and Scottish mythological lore from Storyteller Owen Pilgrim from 12pm until 4pm.

Full address: Tibbermore Church, Tibbermore, PH1 1QJ

*When: **Sat 2 and Sun 3 September, 11am-4pm***

Event Details: Saturday: Outlander theme day; Sunday: Graveyard Guided Tours & storytelling.

Further Information

For opening times and further information, pick up a Doors Open Days programme from libraries, museums or Visitor Information Centres, or download one from Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust's website, www.phht.org.uk. Programme listings for all of Scotland are also available on the national Doors Open Days website www.doorsopendays.org.uk.

Look out for the blue banners and balloons marking the open venues and enjoy Doors Open Days!

Councillor Richard Watters

Since the election in May, I have doing a lot of listening, while learning how the Council actually works. While participating in numerous meetings, I continue to raise questions about the many proposals put in front of us.



The long saga of what will happen to the **City Hall** in Perth took a major step forward on 16 August, at an emergency Full Council meeting where councillors voted unanimously for the preferred architect and the concept design for the new visual arts attraction for Perth and Kinross. I was disappointed that out of the five concept designs entered, two were deemed to have significant material changes, and four were calculated to be over budget. That left only one option that was close to the 11 million pound construction budget specified in the brief. I think that the process would have been better if we had been offered more designs within budget. The architect chosen to develop the detailed design of the project is firm Mecanoo. As the project moves into the next stage of the design, one element of importance will be ensuring that the civic spaces around the hall are developed in a manner that enhances the attraction and the locality.



Users of mobility scooters are sometimes forced to use the roadway

I have been approached by a number of Kinross residents with **mobility issues** who depend on wheelchairs and mobility scooters to get around the town. They have raised issues regarding problems with paths, especially the ramps up on to the pavements at junctions. One of the main problem areas is on the Muirs, where individuals are forced to travel down the busy road in their wheelchairs. I have raised this with roads department who have committed to send an officer along with someone from the 'Centre of Inclusive Living' to assess the key issues. The council officers have made a further commitment to doing a full 'Community Street Audit' throughout all of Kinross with all interested parties later in the year.

While preparing this report, I have just learned that **Perth Autism Support** have had to suspend their services for financial reasons. I am greatly concerned about this, so I will be writing to NHS Tayside and Perth & Kinross Council to ensure a sustainable financial package is put in place to ensure we do not lose this valuable resource.

Councillor Richard Watters

Mental Health and Learning Disability Consultation



NHS Tayside and Angus, Dundee and Perth & Kinross Health and Social Care Partnerships have been reviewing their General Adult Psychiatry and Learning Disability Services across Tayside. They would welcome your views and ideas to help them shape the future. They are holding public events as part of a three-month consultation to gather comment and feedback on the proposals being considered.

Kinross event:

Loch Leven Community Campus
Thursday 21 September
11am – 2.30pm

This is one of several information-sharing events across Tayside and is a drop-in style event. (A poster showing the other venues and dates can be viewed on the kinross.cc website and the Kinross CC Facebook page.)

At these events, you can come and hear about the proposals and also hear about the wide range of current community-based services provided by both local voluntary and third sector organisations working across mental health and learning disability services.

The consultation will run until **Wednesday 4 October 2017**. Information about the consultation is available at: www.taysidementalhealthredesign.scot.nhs.uk where you can complete an online questionnaire and share your views.

Remembering Mary Queen of Scots

Shortly after this Newsletter is published, the **Mary Queen of Scots Festival** will be taking place in the Market Park, Kinross (opposite the Green Hotel).

The festival will have its own royal encampment filled with the sounds and scents of 16th century Scotland.

The Clanranald Trust, Scotland's premier living historians, will provide spectacular activities throughout the day.

Attractions will include: Tudor pottery, falconry, blacksmith armoury and jousting.

There will also be talks on subjects such as genealogy (could you be descended from the Stuarts?) and Mary's influence.

The Mary Queen of Scots Festival takes place over the weekend of **2-3 September**. For more information, visit: maryqueenofscotsfestival.co.uk

On the same weekend, the Rotary Club of Kinross & District will once again host the **Mary Queen of Scots 'The Great Escape' Boat Race** at Kirkgate Park, on **Sunday 3 September**. See page 55 for details.

This year is the 450th anniversary of Mary's imprisonment in Lochleven Castle. The volunteers at Kinross Museum have put on a special **Exhibition** about Mary Queen of Scots. Most of the exhibition is on display in cases adjacent to the community library in the Loch Leven Community Campus and can be viewed whenever the library is open. To see more, and to speak to Museum volunteers, visit when the Museum Study Room is open (Thursdays 10am-8pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm).

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Councillor Purves

Kinross Show

I was delighted to attend the Kinross Show last month at RSPB Loch Leven. It was great to meet with the myriad community groups and local businesses that were in attendance and to hear of the great work that they are doing in the county.

Kinross High School

A number of constituents have raised concerns with me about whether there will be enough places at the high school for people who move into new developments during the school year. Given Kinross-shire's location, a significant number of pupils who live in Fife or Clackmannanshire attend the high school. Pupils who reside within Kinross High School's catchment area prior to the start of a new school year get priority and there are more than enough places for all of these children. In addition, a number of places are reserved in each year group to allow for pupils who move to the area during a school year to attend the high school. By law, the council must allocate a place to a pupil outwith the catchment area if there is an available non-reserved place. I shall soon be meeting with the officer who deals with the Council's reserved places policy to ascertain whether or not there will be sufficient spaces for pupils who move to Kinross-shire within the school year.

Speeding

Several issues around speeding have been raised with me in recent months, particularly in Carnbo and in Easter Balgedie. Council roads officers have agreed to undertake new traffic surveys on the roads through these two communities in order to inform a decision on whether any remedial action is necessary. The Council are actively considering a 30mph speed limit through Easter Balgedie but Carnbo would not meet the criteria for such a speed limit under the Council's current speed-limit policy.

A977

The Council's roads team recently appointed a new officer who will be specifically responsible for designing the traffic calming measures on the A977. At the budget earlier this year, Cllr Barnacle and former councillor Dave Cuthbert secured £650,000 for improving this stretch of road. By the time this edition of the Newsletter has been published, the four ward councillors will have had our initial meeting with this new officer and we have been assured that he will fully engage with the Community Council and local residents throughout this process.

Perth City Hall

At the most recent meeting of the Full Council, councillors unanimously backed proposals to appoint an architect for the City Hall project, which will see it reopened as a modern art gallery and museum. I have been a strong critic of what I see as Perth vanity projects that have been dreamt up by Perth & Kinross Council over the years. The new administration is currently evaluating other plans put up by our predecessors but I was happy to support the approval of this project for a number of reasons. While many have argued in favour of knocking down the City Hall in the past, Historic Environment Scotland simply will not allow it; hence, I think that—regardless of one's view on the architectural merits of the building itself—it is far better to have something in it rather than for it to remain closed to the public. Moreover, the design for the building that we have chosen has the lowest



estimated construction cost of the five options that were presented to councillors. I have also been appointed to the board that will oversee the project and I shall stress the need for it to be completed within the allocated budget.

Full Council

One of the key priorities of the new partnership administration is to improve the ways in which the Council engages with communities throughout Perth & Kinross. For too long, the Council has been solely focussed on the city of Perth to the detriment of outlying areas. To that end, we have committed to taking each committee outside of Perth once a year. The first such committee to be held will be the next meeting of the Full Council, which will take place at 2pm on **Wednesday 4 October** in Loch Leven Community Campus. Members of the public are welcome to attend and I would encourage anyone who wants to see the Council in action to come along to the meeting.

*Councillor Callum Purves
Scottish Conservative & Unionist*

Newsletter grant deadline

Local groups are reminded that the next deadline for applications to the Kinross Newsletter fund – **30 September** – is approaching.

The fund was built up from past profits made by the Kinross Newsletter. It is administered by Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL), a registered charity.

Applications must comply with the aims of the charity, which are:

- The advancement of citizenship and community development within Kinross-shire, including support for community events, support for community information, community transport and community welfare (including health care support), support for physical amenities, recreational facilities, voluntary organisations and the financial support of the elderly.
- The prevention and relief of poverty within Kinross-shire.
- The advancement of education within Kinross-shire.

KCCNL welcomes applications from local organisations or individuals for all types of funding. Applications for grants towards running costs will be considered, although organisations will need to demonstrate a certain amount of self-funding. All applications must comply with at least one of the charitable aims listed above.

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



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Giacopazzi's celebrate one year in Kinross



There was a lively atmosphere at Giacopazzi's Kinross store on 19 August as the branch celebrated its first anniversary. Customers had the opportunity to make their own strawberry tarts as well as sample fresh fruit, authentic Indian foods and an interesting variety of beers.

There was plenty to keep children amused too, with face-painting in-store and a bouncy castle outside.

Below left: Authentic Indian snack sampling with PK Foods

Below right: Some tuition for a budding fire-fighter



The emergency services had been invited along, and children (and some adults!) thoroughly enjoyed pretending to be a prisoner in the police van, sitting in the fire engine, and, perhaps best of all, spraying the grass verge with the water-hose!

The event raised £210 for Broke Not Broken through the sales of burgers, strawberry tart making and face-painting.

For more photos of the anniversary event, see Giacopazzi's Facebook page.



LUKE GRAHAM MP

Ochil & South Perthshire

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Friday 22nd September

9:30am – 10:30am Abernethy Williamson Hall

10:45am – 11:45am Bridge of Earn Institute

12:00 – 1:00pm Glenfarg Village Hall

1:45pm – 2:45pm Milnathort Guide Hall

3:15pm – 4:15pm Dunning Village Hall

4:30pm – 5:30pm Forteviot Village Hall

5:45pm – 6:45pm Forgandenny Village Hall

Friday 29th September

9:30am – 10:30am Kinnesswood Portmoak Village Hall

10:45am – 11:45am Kinross Parish Church

12:00 – 1:00pm Crook of Devon Village Hall

1:45pm – 2:45pm Muckhart Coronation Hall

3:00pm – 4:00pm Dollar Civic Centre

38 Primrose Street, Alloa, FK10 1JG, Telephone: 01259 764407



Tasmin Little to perform in Dollar

Tasmin Little, internationally renowned violinist, will perform in Dollar on 14 October as part of the *Music in Dollar* programme.

Julian Reeves from *Music in Dollar* said: "Everyone is welcome, with ticket prices to hear Tasmin Little just £10 for members and £15 for non-members."



World famous violinist, Tasmin Little

Julian continued: "For over 50 years we have been bringing first-class musicians from the worlds of classical, opera, folk, jazz and traditional music, right to the heart of Dollar. And because we are a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers on behalf of the community, we can do this at a fraction of the usual cost.

The *Music in Dollar* season runs from September 2017 to March 2018 and features five concerts. *For more details, see page 104.*

Kinross Show



Results from the 187th Show

The weather was pleasantly warm, without being overly sunny, for the 187th Kinross Agricultural Show, held on 12 August 2017 at RSPB Loch Leven. There was a strong entry of livestock and a record number of trade stands.

It was the last show as secretary for Mary Morgan, who has carried out that role for the last 13 years. After tying up the loose ends of this year's show, Mary hands over to new secretary, Jane Drysdale.

Please note: this is not a comprehensive list of all show categories and winners. Generally, only local winners are shown.

Right: The Ultimate Legacy from Methven, Champion of Champions



Livestock

Highland Cattle: Supreme and Reserve: D & B McNaughton, Kinross.

Dairy Cattle (Paton Cup): A & S Lawrie, Cuthill, Milnathort.

Limousin: Champion: Andrew Orr, Wester Balgedie.

Best Young Beef Handler: Bank of Scotland Trophy: Katie Watson. Goudie Trophy: Keiran McIntyre.

Mules: C & K Malone, Cardenden.



Prize-winning cattle Photo: Vincent Johnston

Texel Sheep: Champion: David McKerrow, Freuchie.

Sheep Young Handler: Elaine Weir, Bannaty, Milnathort.

Beltex: W S Young & Sons, Mawcarse, Milnathort.

Blackface Sheep: Champion and Reserve: A & I Cullens, Dollar.

Shepherds Class: Charlie Turnbull, Fruix Farm, Kinross.

Blue Faced Leicester: Champion: C & K Malone, Cardenden. Reserve: Alan McIntyre, Glenfarg.

Any Other Pure Bred Sheep: Champion: W S Young & Sons, Mawcarse, Milnathort.

Shetland Sheep: Rena Douglas, Craigrothie.

Clydesdale Horse in Harness: Champion: Ross Kinnaird, Findatie.

Clydesdale Horse: Champion: D L Young, Kinglassie.

Clydesdale Ridden: Adam Young, Cleish (Natalie Young).

Highland Ponies: Champion: Jo Jack, Leven.

Shetland Ponies: Donna Lochtie, Tillycultry.

In hand Hunter: John Bennett, Aberdargie, with Brackenbrae Coruscation.

Overall Champions

Horse: Emily Simpson, Methven. Reserve: D L Young, Kinglassie.

Sheep: David McKerrow, Freuchie.

Champion of Champions: Emily Simpson, Methven. Reserve: David McKerrow, Freuchie.



A sheep-shearing demonstration drew the crowds

Crops

Spring Oats: W S Young & Sons, Mawcarse, Milnathort.

Spring Barley: W Nelson, West Brackley, Kinross.

Winter Wheat: Andrew Baird, Kirkness, by Scotlandwell.

Winter Barley: Robin Niven, Channel Farm, Wester Balgedie.

Winter Oats: W S Young & Sons, Mawcarse, Milnathort.

Seed Potatoes: Kirkforthar, Milnathort, with Manhattan.

Companion Dog Show

Overall Champion (Walls Cup): Natalie Young.

Reserve Champion: Linda Suttie.

Best Puppy (Kinnesswood Quaich): Lisa Cartwright, Cuthill, Milnathort, with Australia Shepherd, Skye.

Best Sporting (Balkello Quaich): Linda Suttie, Kinross, with Golden Retriever, Chester.

Best Non-Sporting (Farmer Trophy): Lisa Cartwright, Cuthill, Milnathort, with Australia Shepherd, Skye.



Overall winner of the dog show
Photo: Vincent Johnston

Children's Fancy Dress Competition

Winners: Annina & Rafe Leavey (Wizard of Oz).

Scarecrow Competition

Under 14 years: Ella Kerr, Powmill.

Over 15 years: Sarah Smart, Kinross.

Trade Stands

Best Large Stand: George Colliar Ltd, Balado, Kinross.

Best Small Stand: Rotary Club of Kinross & District.



Elite Falconry put on an impressive display to entertain the crowds



Fiona Alexander's top prize-winning entry on the theme 'Secret Love'
(Flower Show class 18, to feature roses and foliage)

Flower Show

Cairns Cup (most points overall): Potager Garden, Kinross.

Balado Salver (outstanding entry): George Reid, Milnathort.

Fisher Rosebowl (most points, Dahlias): Rab Ritchie, Kettlebridge.

Caesar Trophy (Sweet Peas): Roberta Carmichael, Powmill.

Kirkness Trophy (Floral Art): Fiona Alexander, Milnathort.

Renton Trophy (most outstanding in the Floral Art section): Fiona Alexander, Milnathort.

Best Single Rose: Jane Smith, Milnathort.

Scott Davidson Cup: Katie McCormack, Milnathort.

Lena Graham Quaich (large): Isla Kinns-Brown, Maryburgh.

Lena Graham Quaich (small): Alice Taylor, Glenfarg.



The Lomond Hills provide a stunning backdrop to events in the Horse Ring
Photo: Vincent Johnston



Barry Davies on duty with the 'wiggly wire'
Rotary Club won the prize for best small stand

SWI at the Kinross Show



It was a relief to find our marquee intact on Friday morning, once again having survived the very high winds. Saturday started wet but the sun came out mid-morning and brought the crowds to the show, many of whom came in to see the items on display from the SWI members.

The theme for community competitions were "Birthday Celebration" for the handicraft section and "Celebration" for the housewives' section. There were 460 entries on the day, which all combined to produce a fantastic display of handicraft, baking, produce and floral art. The judges, who came from Stirling, Clackmannanshire and West Perth Federation, certainly had a busy afternoon's judging on the Friday.

On Saturday morning Mrs Janie Buchanan was made Kinross Group SWI Honorary President. She was presented with her badge and certificate by Mrs Linda Retson, SWI National Chairman.



Mrs Janie Buchanan receives her Group Honorary President badge from Linda Retson, SWI National Chair

Proceedings were ended on Saturday with the presentation of trophies by Kinross Show President, Andrew Marshall, and his wife, Nicky. Nicky was then presented with an embroidered cushion which was made by members from Blairadam SWI. Congratulations to all the winners.

The committee would like to thank everyone who kindly sponsored classes for this year's show. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, thanks are due to all those who helped make the day in the 'rural' tent run smoothly and successfully. Finally, we must express our gratitude to Kinross-shire Agricultural Society for giving us such an excellent location and tremendous facilities for our annual show.



The top-scoring entry in the Community B Competition

SWI Trophy Results

Aldridge Sealy Trophy
Stewart Cup

Enid Scott-Davidson Cup
Benarty Trophy
Teenage Trophy
Balado Cup
Morris Quaich

Hilton Cup
Jane Elliot Bell
Ann Watson Trophy
Arnotlea Trophy
Irene Whitson Salver
The Group Rose Bowl
Community A Paperweight
Community B Paperweight
Margaret Ironside
Memorial Trophy
Frances Drysdale Quaich
Arbuckle Cup
Fleming Embroidery Trophy

Carnbo
Kirsty Warnock, Blairingone
Beth Pringle, Cleish
Glenfarg
Carnbo
Cara Warnock, Blairingone
Iona Sands, Carnbo
Thomas Stewart, Blairingone
Kyle Paterson, Carnbo
Jacob Pringle, Cleish
Mary Nisbet, Bishopshire
Cleish
Norma Smith, Bishopshire
Helen Buchanan, Cleish
Allison Messenger, Glenfarg
Molly White, Carnbo
Molly White, Carnbo
Mary Ramsay, Blairingone

Margaret Nelson, Cleish
Beth Pringle, Cleish
Margaret Greener, Carnbo
Josephine Paterson, Carnbo



Carnbo's Community B entry had a horse-racing theme referencing 'One for Arthur', Kinross-shire's own Grand National winner

SWI Community Competition Results

Community 'A' Handcrafts

- 1st Cleish (51)
- 2nd Bishopshire (49½)
- 3rd= Glenfarg, Carnbo and Blairingone (49)

Community 'B' Housewives

- 1st Glenfarg (63)
- 2nd Carnbo (61½)
- 3rd Blairingone (60½).



Floral display by Sharon Buchanan celebrating 100 years of SWI

Kinross development main focus of formal complaint to European Commission

The bitter dispute over Perth and Kinross Council's handling of planning applications for three developments in the local authority area has taken a significant new turn following the submission of a formal complaint to the European Commission by a Kinross resident.

The events leading up to this began in mid-March, when contractors working for Persimmon Homes started work on the Lathro Farm site before planning approval had been issued. Although PKC did issue a Temporary Stop Notice, halting work at that time, Ken Whitcombe, whose Lathro Park home overlooks the site and who had spotted the unauthorised work, began to check the background to the proposed development when a number of written questions he had submitted to planning officers were not answered satisfactorily.

Kinross CC also submitted a number of questions to the planners, along with a request that Persimmon should not be allowed to resume work on the site until a number of important issues had been clarified. However, PKC approved planning permission on 31 March, and many of the issues which had been raised with PKC remained unresolved.

In the meantime, Mr Whitcombe had continued to check the documentation submitted by Persimmon and contact some of the consultees who had submitted reports and questions on the application to the council. His checks revealed what he described as "a surprising number of inaccuracies,

inconsistencies and obvious omissions in some of the reports that planning officers seemed to have accepted without question, while sound advice from authoritative sources in others appeared to have been completely ignored."

He also noted that official Scottish Government planning guidelines, which seemed relevant to some of the more questionable aspects of the application, did not appear to have been adequately considered before it was approved.

In the Report of Handling recommending approval of the planning application, PKC's Development Quality Manager stated that "the development is considered to comply with the current Local Development Plan" despite the fact that both the total number of homes and the planned annual build rate were significantly higher than the numbers specified in the Local Development Plan.

Scottish Natural Heritage and the RSPB both raised questions with planning officers on this issue, in view of the site's close proximity to Loch Leven and the fact that surface run-off from the development was planned to discharge into the North Queich.

They explained that, as the Queich was recognised as an important fish spawning area and wildlife corridor, it was therefore functionally connected to the Loch Leven SPA, SSSI, RAMSAR and National Nature Reserve, but their questions did not even merit a reply from the planners.

What Mr Whitcombe found even more alarming, however, was that the council's decision to approve the Lathro development failed to comply with flagship European Environmental Directives that all member states are bound to follow by law.

For example, EC Directive 92/43, more commonly known as the Habitats Directive, states that "a detailed survey 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 a species being present on a site **prior to determination of the planning application**".

The importance of this EC Directive had been recognised by the Scottish Government, which sent a letter to Heads of Planning reminding them to consider its binding implications before making planning decisions, and emphasising that case law had shown the EC was willing to take action against member states when the Directive was not followed. The question why PKC's Development Quality Manager recommended approval of Persimmon's application, when the required surveys clearly had not been carried out, still remains to be answered.

Mr Whitcombe also raises queries about the performance of EnviroCentre, the environmental consultants used by Persimmon to carry out the Environmental Impact Assessment required as part of their planning application.

EnviroCentre's report of August 2015 stated that bats (a specified EPS) "were scoped out of" [i.e. excluded from] "the assessment as residential development is only proposed in a small portion of the site." They also stated that nesting birds were also scoped out, claiming that crop growing and livestock rearing on the farmland was intensive, implying that there was too much disturbance for nesting birds, and that "the mature oak trees, which offer the most suitable bird nesting habitat on the site, are outwith the residential development zone."

Yet Lathro residents who had lodged formal objections to the development had referred to the abundant and varied wildlife on the farmland, and Mr Whitcombe's own records, which



Phase 1 of the Lathro site on 13 August with the North Queich in the foreground and Lathro Farm steading centre.

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Kinross Development continued...

were regularly sent to the RSPB, included a surprising number and variety of birds, some of which are notably in decline due to habitat loss. In another report, EnviroCentre advised that Persimmon should not carry out activities which might disturb birds during the nesting season, which ran from March until August. This indicates EnviroCentre's awareness of the recognised nesting season. However, EnviroCentre also claimed to have found no sign of nesting birds in a survey, but this was carried out on 8 February – well before the start of the nesting season. "It is therefore no surprise that the validity of EnviroCentre's conclusions in reports Persimmon submitted to support their application have been queried by the RSPB in particular," said Mr Whitcombe, "but the planning officers seem to have accepted these reports without question."

When Mr Whitcombe tried to contact relevant staff at EnviroCentre on a number of occasions, he was simply advised they were not available and referred to PKC or Persimmon to discuss the results of their surveys.

Mr Whitcombe therefore asked one of the planners who had worked on the Lathro application to explain why Persimmon had advised him in writing that a stand of ancient oaks was scheduled to be felled in four weeks' time, despite a statement by EnviroCentre that the oaks were "the most suitable bird nesting habitat on the site" but were "outwith the residential development zone."

"Alarm bells really began to ring when I was informed that PKC could not be expected to check the details of every environmental report,"

said Mr Whitcombe, "as these are the very reports the local authority certainly has the responsibility to check in order to ensure they have been carried out to the specifications required by the relevant EC Directives prior to determination of the planning application."

By that time, Mr Whitcombe had received replies to letters he had sent to Kevin Stewart, Scottish Minister for Local Government and Housing, and Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform. Both made it clear that the Scottish Government had decided not to "commence" the relevant "Assessment" sections of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2006, which were obviously intended to give them the power to monitor, investigate and, if necessary, police the planning activities of local authorities, and that, furthermore, they had no intention of bringing this section of the Act into use.

This has since been confirmed in replies received by Kinross CC and Kinross-shire Civic Trust to letters they also sent to the Scottish Government. Having already discussed the Lathro situation with the appropriate bodies in the UK, Mr Whitcombe then contacted the relevant section of the European Commission directly, and was surprised by their much more positive response to environmental issues.

Within a few minutes he had received an email directing him to all the information he had requested and a link to exactly the right form required to make a formal complaint to the EC, if he so wished.

After liaising with residents in the Scone and Bankfoot areas, who had experienced similar problems with planning issues, Mr Whitcombe then lodged a formal complaint with the European Commission detailing the council's apparent breaches of relevant EC Directives in all three locations.

Significant groundworks are still under way on the Lathro site, however, and other problems are now emerging. Several of the consultees and nearby residents had referred to the frequent flooding which covers the fields along the North Queich before Persimmon's planning application was approved. A number of neighbouring residents even included photographs of the flooding along with their objections to Persimmon's planning application. PKC are officially recognised as the lead body responsible for flood control in the local authority area, but "their flood control team seemed remarkably unconcerned by these reports," says Mr Whitcombe. A member of the team who met with him and Cllr Purves on 31 July to discuss potential flooding issues admitted he had not seen any of the photographs of flooding, either before, or more than a week after, his visit. His considered conclusions are still awaited.

This is not the only potential flooding issue that needs to be addressed, however. Mason Evans, the respected geoscientist, carried out detailed surveys of the Lathro site before planning permission was granted. They reported that groundwater levels were less than 1.5m below the surface across 75% of the site, and considerably less in some areas.

Mr Whitcombe explains: "SEPA has specified the SUDS drainage systems that must be used on all greenfield sites. However, widely accepted expert opinion has concluded that these drainage systems do not perform adequately when the base of the lowest SUDS pond is not more than 1m above groundwater levels. This does not bode well for future residents on this site, or existing residents around it, especially as the gardens of some properties on the neighbouring Lathro Park estate already suffer from waterlogging."

Finally, he warned: "Residents should be advised that the vast majority of home insurance policies no longer cover property damage caused by rising groundwater levels."



High groundwater levels seem to be causing regular problems, even for specialist vehicles on the Lathro Farm site

Andersons scale the peaks for Rock Challenge!

Staff from local law firm Andersons scaled Britain's highest mountain in July, raising funds for a local good cause.

Departing from Ben Nevis "base camp" around 9am, the team dragged their aching limbs to the finish line just after 6pm. The pain, however, merely added to the great sense of achievement enjoyed by the whole team. The seven intrepid adventurers taking part were Lorna Miller, Campbell Watson, Stewart Baillie, Lorraine Henderson, Yvonne Pearson, Alexa Mewse and Donna Wright.

Each year, Andersons select a small local group to be the beneficiary of fund-raising efforts. Prior recipients include the Day Centre and Kinross After School Club. This year's cause is the Rock Challenge group at Kinross High School. Rock Challenge UK is a series of performing arts events which promotes healthy life choices.

To date, Andersons have exceeded their fund-raising target for the High School's Rock Challenge group. The total now stands at over £1600 against an initial aim of £1000.

A further fund-raising effort will take place on 29 September, when Andersons hold their Annual Quiz. [See below.]

Meantime, the Andersons' team have their thinking caps on for next year's challenge. Another mountain adventure is not being considered!



The Andersons team on Ben Nevis

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Councillor Robertson

Mill Street

For some unknown reason, the amenity areas at the eastern end of Mill Street seem to have been missed off the Council's grounds maintenance rota. The area was very untidy when I visited it and I have asked for this to be attended to. Hopefully the area will have been tidied up by the time you read this.

I have also requested that the whole area around Mill Street, Coventry Place and Burns Begg Street be considered for a revamp. The Council operate a scheme called the Estate Based Initiative, which was originally suggested by the Council LibDem group. This is a fund for upgrading public spaces in social housing areas. It has already been used in various parts of Kinross and Milnathort. It has now been agreed that the fund will be used for the public areas around Mill Street, Coventry Place and Burns Begg Street.

I have met with the Council's Roads Safety Officer to discuss various issues which have been raised with me concerning Gallowhill Road and Springfield Road.

Gallowhill Road

Pavement widths: All the hedges have been trimmed but the pavement on the north side is still only wide enough for a pram, which isn't ideal. Because of the carriageway widths, little can be done to widen the pavements here. It is essential that householders continue to keep hedges bordering the pavement trimmed back to keep the pavement as wide as possible.

Crossing point: Anyone standing on the north side of the crossing point on the bend in Gallowhill Road can't see vehicles coming from their right. It was agreed to move the crossing point further north on to the bend. This gives pedestrians much better sight lines. New dropped kerbs will be installed on both sides of the road and the barriers on the south side (which are very unsightly) will be moved and the area where the barriers sit currently tidied up. This should be done this financial year.

Dangerous parking at Muirs/Gallowhill Road junction: It was agreed that the Council will begin the consultation process required prior to installing double yellow lines on the south side of Gallowhill Road around the corner with the Muirs.

Springfield Road

Speeding traffic: According to speed monitoring carried out, excess speeds are uncommon on Springfield Road. On the latest Police speed checks, the highest recorded speed was 35mph. However, this is not the experience of local residents. It was agreed that if the crossing point at the Zebra crossing was raised, this would act as an additional speed reduction measure. This work will be added to the works for financial year 2018/19.

Pavement at Wilson Court: The pavement width here can be substantially reduced because of the laurel hedges that border the pavement, which makes life difficult for pedestrians. The hedge owners are aware of the problem and many try to restrict the width of their hedges. The Council will continue to contact householders who fail to keep their hedges cut back.

Other road safety measures: The roads department are currently working on additional measures for Springfield Road. The pavements are needing widened in certain areas and this will be considered as part of this process.



Milnathort

Path from Auld Mart Road to Burleigh: The western end of this important and well used path was badly puddled. I couldn't find funding to address this problem so asked if it could be done by offenders carrying out community service orders. This was agreed to, and the Council supplied five tonnes of materials and the offenders did the rest. Hopefully, this will improve the surface for all who use this popular path.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

Scottish Natural Heritage have taken over responsibility this year for cutting the verges of the LLHT in the land they manage. I think everyone who uses the trail will agree they have done a really good job! The rest of the path, in the land owned by the RSPB, is still maintained by Perth & Kinross Council.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Community Councils discuss LDP2

A meeting of the "Kinross-shire Forum" took place on Tuesday 15 August. The Forum consists of representatives of all the Kinross-shire Ward Community Councils, plus the four ward councillors. It meets occasionally to discuss issues that affect, or could potentially affect, the whole ward.

On this occasion, the Forum met to discuss Cllr Mike Barnacle's recent letter to Peter Marshall and Brenda Murray of PKC's Planning & Sustainable Development. Cllr Barnacle's letter raised numerous "ongoing issues of concern" that Cllr Barnacle believes the community would expect to see addressed in PKC's Local Development Plan 2, which is due to be published this autumn. An abbreviated version of Cllr Barnacle's letter appeared in the August issue of the Newsletter.

At the Forum, there was a broad measure of agreement on most, though not all, issues. Cllr Barnacle will circulate notes from the Forum meeting to CCs by early September.

The meeting on 15 August replaced one previously scheduled for 27 July, which was cancelled due to Cllr Barnacle's bereavement.

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is available from:

The Co-operative	High Street, Kinross
Baillies	High Street, Kinross
Sainsbury's	Station Road, Kinross
Costcutter	Green Road, Kinross
Giacopazzi's	Lathro, Kinross
Giacopazzi's	New Road, Milnathort
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort
Heaven Scent	South Street, Milnathort
Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Fossway Store	Crook of Devon
Fossway Garage	Crook of Devon
Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Powmill Stores	Powmill
Moto Shop	Turfhills
RSPB Shop	RSPB Loch Leven
Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg

News from the Health Centre



Annual Flu Campaign

We will again be holding the first of the season's flu clinics on the first Monday in October, **Monday 3 October**.

Saturday morning clinics will be held on:

Saturday 21 October

Saturday 28 October

Saturday 11 November

Appointments may now be booked with reception. **Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to**

make an appointment. If you are eligible you may make your appointment now.

We would encourage all those in the **groups listed below** to come for a flu injection. Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination.

Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

Over 65s	Those aged 65 and over on 31 March 2018 (Born on or before 31 March 1953)
Those aged 6 months or over in clinical 'At Risk' Groups	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions. COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease: kidney failure or transplant, nephritic syndrome Chronic liver disease: cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis Chronic neurological disease: stroke, TIA Diabetes Immunosuppression Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
Pregnant women	Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
Long stay residential	Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
Unpaid carers and young carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Shingles

The shingles vaccination is available to all those aged between 70 and 79, except those born between 02/09/1941 and 01/09/1942. Those aged 80 are also not eligible. The shingles vaccination is only administered once and it can be given at the same time at the influenza vaccine. If you are eligible for both vaccinations, please advise our receptionist of this on booking your appointment.

Children's Nasal Flu

We will again be offering the nasal flu vaccination to all pre-school children aged 2-5. Dates for these clinics will be announced in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Monday 3 October

Please note that the only patients who will be seen on Monday 3 October are those with pre-booked flu vaccinations. Patients who have a medical problem which requires attention on that day should contact NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service on 111.

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Surgical services in Tayside to change?

NHS Tayside is carrying out a consultation on surgical services at Perth Royal Infirmary, Ninewells Hospital and Stracathro Hospital.

The proposed changes would mean that all unscheduled general surgery would take place at Ninewells, allowing more planned procedures at PRI and Stracathro Hospital.

The consultation runs until **3 October 2017**.

Information is available at www.transformingsurgery.scot.nhs.uk or by emailing surgicalservices.tayside@nhs.net or by post: Public Involvement, Tayside NHS Board, Freepost SCO 6181, Dundee, DD3 8RZ.

This topic will be discussed at the September meeting of Kinross Community Council with a local GP present. See page 34.



Cycling on pavements is illegal

The P&K Local Area Police Commander's bulletin of 23 August contained the following statement:

"I have received recent complaints regarding the increased number of cyclists who choose to use the pavement instead of the road. I would like to remind cyclists that it is an offence to ride on a pavement unless it is a designated cycle path.

"Not only is cycling on pavements illegal, it is anti-social and creates a risk to pedestrian safety in particular those with impaired sight.

"Cyclists should use the designated cycle lanes which are there to provide a safer route leaving the pavements clear and safer for pedestrians."

Stagecoach ticket change

Stagecoach has announced price revisions to its 'Unirider' tickets with effect from Monday 28 August for students within East Scotland.

Unirider tickets offer unlimited bus travel between set boundaries, at a discounted rate exclusively for students enrolled in either college or university.

For more information, visit www.stagecoachbus.com

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Aero Space Kinross Art Competition 2017 FLIGHT INTO THE FUTURE! Open for entries now!



Inspiration for your art

Human curiosity and exploration is what continues to drive us forward on a journey to discover the unknown. Our interest in what's 'out there' is universal and enduring, so we should never underestimate the strength of the human spirit to want to keep going even further.

So, for your art entry, think Planet Earth, Outer Space, Flight, Aviation and set to work on your depiction of what this means for you!

Artists at all levels welcome

Entry fee: £10 for one entry and £15 for two and free entry to under 16s.

Exciting prizes for winners: Young artist and adult – one winner from each category.

Top five entries from young artist categories will be put forward for the Global Young Artists contest for 2018, run by the Light Aircraft Association and Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI).

Opening for applications: 1 September 2017

Closing: 30 November 2017

Exhibition: Aero Space Kinross will stage a full exhibition from entries next March, partnering with the prestigious Light Aircraft Association and Kinross and District Art Club

For entry form and full terms and conditions for the art competition check out:

www.aerospacekinross.com/artcompetition2017

Aero Space Kinross is a hugely exciting community benefit society, with a big ambition to create a uniquely themed aviation, astronomy and space flight science centre in the heart of Scotland.

Sport nominations invited

Sportscotland are inviting nominations for the sportscotland Coaching Officiating and Volunteering (COV) Awards.

There are 13 categories in this year's awards.

For more information, visit: sportscotland.org.uk

The closing date for nominations is Friday 15 September 2017.



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Autumn Classes at Kinross Learning Centre

If you are thinking of taking up a new hobby or learning a new skill this Autumn, take a look at the extensive programme being offered at the Learning Centre. As well as the regular Language, IT and Photography classes, there are a wide range of courses in practical crafts. We have added Soft Pastels to the art class palette for the first time, and for history enthusiasts there is 'The Auld Alliance - Nine Centuries of Scottish-French Relations'. Our classes take place at various times of day to cater for all schedules, including, in response to requests, Beginners French and Creative Watercolours in the evening, in addition to the established daytime groups.



If you would like more information or to book a place, please contact Maureen Ross at the Learning Centre, 15 Swansacre, Kinross, KY13 8TE, tel 01577 863863, email pc.kinross@perth.uhi.ac.uk

Course	Start Date	Time	Weeks	Cost
LANGUAGES				
Spanish Beginners	Tue 12 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£80
Spanish Improvers	Tue 12 Sep	4.30 – 6.30 pm	10 weeks	£80
Basic Everyday French	Thurs 21 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£80
French Improvers	Wed 13 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£80
French Intermediate	Tue 12 Sep	1 – 3 pm	10 weeks	£80
French Advanced	Tue 12 Sep	10.30-12.30 pm	10 weeks	£80
German Beginners	Mon 18 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£80
German Improvers	Wed 20 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£80
Italian Beginners	Tue 19 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£80
Italian Improvers	Tue 19 Sep	4.30 - 6.30 pm	10 weeks	£80
Italian Advanced	Thu 21 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£80
Gaelic Beginners	Wed 20 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£80
Get set to Learn – Maths, English and more for all	Thursdays	12.30 – 2.30 pm	ONGOING	FREE
IT				
Get the most from Social Media	Mon 11 Sep	7 – 9 pm	8 weeks	£65
Get to Grips with your Computer	Tue 19 Sep	1 – 3 pm	8 weeks	£65
ART				
Textile Screen Printing	Thu 21 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£80
Soft Pastels	Wed 13 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£80
Painting with Acrylics	Wed 13 Sep	1 – 3 pm	10 weeks	£80
Watercolour Painting	Mon 11 Sep	9.45 – 11.45 am	10 weeks	£80
Creative Watercolours	Thu 21 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£80
Understanding Art	Tue 19 Sep	1 – 3 pm	10 weeks	£80
CRAFTS				
Upholstery	Wed 20 Sep	4.30 – 6.30 pm	10 weeks	£90
Upholstery	Wed 20 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£90
Sew Smart – Sewing, Mending, Altering, Recycling, Tailoring	Tue 19 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£90
Learn to use your own sewing machine	Mon 18 Sep	1 – 3 pm	6 weeks	£50
Stained Glass Intermediate	Fri 22 Sep	2.30 - 4.30 pm	10 weeks	£80
Stained Glass Beginners	Thu 21 Sep	2.30 – 4.30 pm	10 weeks	£80
Floristry for Autumn & Christmas	Fri 22 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£80
Cake Decorating for Beginners	Tue 19 Sep	10 am – 12 noon	10 weeks	£80
GENERAL INTEREST				
Photography: Taking Better Pictures	Wed 20 Sep	7 – 9 pm	10 weeks	£80
History of the Auld Alliance	Thurs 21 Sep	2 – 4 pm	10 weeks	£80

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www.kinrossnewsletter.org
 Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

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 Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit
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Luke Graham MP for Ochil and South Perthshire



I would like to start by thanking the people of Kinross-shire for electing me as their MP in June's election. My team and I worked hard throughout the campaign to visit every part of Kinross-shire and speak to as many people as possible to find out what issues matter most. I will continue to work hard throughout my time at Westminster to help all constituents, regardless of who they voted for. I will work with councillors and MSPs of all parties to get the best deal for the people of Kinross-shire in these turbulent times, with a focus on investment, connectivity and tackling unemployment.

Since the election I have been involved in negotiations for Tay and Clackmannanshire City Deals. The recently signed Edinburgh City Deal secured a momentous £1bn investment for Edinburgh and the South-East of Scotland, and I have been working to ensure that a deal can be reached for my constituency, including Kinross-shire. I have been working to ensure that Kinross-shire will get its fair share of the pot, so that money can be brought into the area to make well-overdue improvements to vital infrastructure which until now has been neglected. This investment, combined with the Government's commitment to increasing the national minimum wage and the roll-out of Universal Credit, will also help to tackle ingrained inequality and access to employment.

Throughout the campaign I have championed connectivity as key to improving the economic performance and liveability of our constituency. To achieve this, I have already met with major network providers to progress improvements in mobile coverage and broadband that this area needs. I have also met with banking representatives to understand what can be done to increase the number of loans being given to the small companies and start-ups that are the heart of Kinross-shire's economy so that they can grow. These meetings have been promising and constructive, showing a great number of opportunities for Kinross-shire.

On 12 August, I attended the Kinross Show. The show not only provides a great day out, but also provided me – and all other attendants – with insight into the great products that Kinross-shire (and the wider area) has to offer. Since my election I have held over 40 surgeries including a Summer Tour, which took me to every corner of the constituency, allowing me to get stuck in and listen to issues that bother you most. As an MP, bringing Parliament closer to people, and for people to feel involved, is crucial to me. The Summer Tour was great for this, and it is something that I intend to continue throughout my tenure in Parliament. In addition to my office in Alloa, I will be opening an office in Crieff at the end of August, and all constituents are welcome to visit should they ever need any assistance. I can also be reached by email (luke.graham.mp@parliament.uk), or by telephone (01259 764407). I also post regular updates on Facebook (fb.com/Luke-Graham-for-Ochil-and-South-Perthshire-392788644215614) and Twitter (@LukeGrahamMP).

We recently launched our website, www.lukegraham.org.uk. Let me know your thoughts!

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

For details of forthcoming local surgeries, see page 11.

Loch Leven Community Library

Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross

Tel: 01577 867205

Email: lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk

Website: www.culturepk.org.uk



Opening Times

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

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

Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

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

Author Talk:

The Industrial Heritage of Perthshire and Fife

Illustrated talk on **Thursday 7 September** at 7pm. Free event, but **booking is essential**, as places are limited.

This illustrated presentation by Dr Margaret Bennett is based on an oral history project in Perthshire and Fife, recording the working practices, conditions and experiences of retired workers. With wit and humour, as well as pride in a job well done, retired engineers, mill workers, miners, bricklayers and hydro workers recount the hey-day of apprenticeships that trained experts in the field of industry and technology.

Book Groups at the Library

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

- **Crime Book Group:** Once a month on a Tuesday evening, 6.45-7.45pm
- **General Book Group:** Once a month on a Friday morning, 10.30-11.30am
- **Café Book Group:** Once a month on a Saturday morning, 11.15am.

Please contact the Library for the next book group date.

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Council and NHS Tayside to offer funds to Perth Autism Support

Perth & Kinross Council and NHS Tayside confirmed on 22 August that they are seeking a meeting with the Chair of Perth Autism Support to offer one-off funding of £30,000 (£15,000 from each organisation) to help the charity continue to deliver planned services to young people, and their families, in Perth and Kinross.

Senior officers within Perth & Kinross Council first became aware on 17 August that Perth Autism Support was suspending services. Since then the Council and NHS Tayside have been working together to determine what support it may be appropriate to provide to the organisation in the current circumstances.

A statement from PKC said: "Both the Council and NHS Tayside's absolute priority is to ensure that appropriate and reliable services are provided to support young people and their families in Perth and Kinross. We recognise the role Perth Autism Support has played over the years in supporting local people and welcome their announcement that planned services will re-start."

Councillor Ian Campbell, Leader of Perth & Kinross Council, said: "I was pleased to hear that Perth Autism Support will be re-starting planned services, which I am sure will be a great relief to the families they work with.

"I hope that the offer of funding from the Council and NHS Tayside, matching that provided by the Scottish Government, will be accepted, and that Perth Autism Support will engage positively in discussions about how a similar situation can be avoided in the future." As is normal with funding from the Council and NHS Tayside this money is conditional upon receiving certain reassurances from the Perth Autism Support Board. This includes receiving copies of up-to-date accounts for the organisation.

Councillor Campbell added: "Ensuring the future of reliable and accessible services for children and young people in Perth and Kinross is about more than just providing funding to organisations. Any funding application should be expected to also provide details about the quality and type of services being provided, and the business plan in place to manage and sustain the services in the longer term.

"I appreciate that Perth Autism Support did not take the decision to suspend services lightly, but it is disappointing that there was no attempt to contact either myself as Leader of this Council, or any other senior members of the administration to discuss the situation before the decision to suspend services was made. I have also been advised by senior officers within the Council, and this has been confirmed to me by the Chief Executive of Perth Autism Support, that there were no formal requests to Senior Officers of Perth & Kinross Council for financial support in the period before the decision to close was made. It may well be that this is due to a lack of understanding about the way funding applications to the Council are normally made, and this is an issue officers will be seeking to address with the Board.

"It is vitally important that children and young people living in Perth and Kinross get access to appropriate services to support them and their families. Perth & Kinross Council will continue to work with NHS Tayside and our other partners in the private and voluntary sector to ensure that this continues to happen now and into the future."

Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

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



Kinross-shire Roll of Honour, 1917 September

20 September	Malcolm McLeod
21 September	David L Keir
22 September	William A Dewar
25 September	John Sharp Miller

Zero Day – The Battle of Passchendaele

'Zero Day', 31 July 1917, was the first day of the Battle of Passchendaele, also known as The Third Battle of Ypres. The War Diary for the day records reveille at 2.30am, breakfast at 3.00am and "march out from camp" at 4-7.00am. At the foot of the page is recorded a list of officer casualties for this day's fighting, including 2nd Lieut. D Robertson.

David Robertson, whose family lived in Montgomery Street, Kinross, had served his apprenticeship as a solicitor with J & G Wilson before enlisting with the 6th and later the 13th Battalion of the Royal Scots. At a "very critical moment in the engagement" on 'Zero Day,' Robertson was "killed instantaneously, probably by rifle or machine gun fire." Aged 27 years, he was described by his senior officers as "a fearless leader of men." He is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

The Battle of Passchendaele, which lasted three months, one week and three days, resulted in 325,000 allied casualties and 260,000 German casualties. Over the course of the battle, one tonne of explosives was fired for every square metre of battlefield.



One of the display cases about WWI at the Kinross Museum, located just off the library in Loch Leven Community Campus. The WWI displays have been changed recently to reflect the events of 1917.

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Police Box



It's been a busy old month again for the Kinross Community team, with lots of community engagement over a very wet and miserable school summer holiday.

Atholl and Dougie attended a great event at Kinross Show, taking along the Community Mobile Police Office along with the wee Police Van. This certainly had more attention with the cage at the back, which many a child, and some adults (after the beer tent), took great delight in climbing inside and taking a few selfies.

PC Willie Johnstone, one of Police Scotland Rural Crime Officers, came along and offered some great advice to the many farmers who popped their heads in, with lots of crime prevention leaflets being passed on. Overall, a great event and a great day.

Kinross Fire Service were also in attendance, pitched next to us, and again great community spirit and engagement by the local Fireys. So much so, that Dougie and I were kindly invited to the Kinross Firemen's yearly summer BBQ (off duty, I may add), which was a great night with "plenty community engagement of a different kind".

Again, we were also in attendance with the Fire Service at Giacomazzi's family fun day to mark a year of the new shop having opened and, again, a great turn out by the Kinross community to support the shop and the community.



PC Atholl Spalding, local fire chief Iain MacKay and PC Dougie Stapleton at the Giacomazzi's fun day

We also held a "Coffee with the Cops" Police surgery at Heaven Scent in Milnathort. Thanks again to Andrew and his team for having us. We plan to hold these around the villages as well, with a view to having an informal chat with locals and getting feedback on any Policing issues or concerns. Keep your eyes on PC Spalding's Twitter page for forthcoming events.

Crime News

Speeding

Dougie and I have carried out several speed checks over the last month at locations we were advised via a Twitter poll and by attending several CC meetings and were pleased to report

that most local drivers were not speeding and warnings were given to those who were slightly over.

Crime Appeal

This week we attended the report of a despicable crime whereby a local 79-year-old lady was the victim of an attempted handbag snatch around 3.40pm on Saturday 19 August on Station Road at the junction with Douglas Crescent, Kinross. The suspect is described as late teens/early 20s, casual clothing and got into the passenger side of a white small car similar to a Ford Fiesta. Any sighting or information regarding this, please call 101 or Crimestoppers. I would also like to thank the members of the public who stopped to assist the lady and helped her to her home address and gave vital statements to Police which will hopefully identify the person responsible.

Bank Telephone Frauds

Again, we had a high value telephone banking fraud this week whereby an elderly female has passed her personal account and banking details over the phone to a person pretending to be from her bank. Please DO NOT pass any details to anyone over the phone or at any time. Please have a look at the Police Scotland website for lots of good advice re personal safety, scams and tips on keeping your house and shed secure.

Police Scotland – local community

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PC Atholl Spalding and PC Douglas Stapleton.

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

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

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

Ways of following the Police:

Twitter: @KinrossPc or twitter.com/policescotland

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland

Website: www.scotland.police.uk

Community Watch

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

Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

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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 August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 August 2017 were: Councillors Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Jonathan Bryson, David Colliar, Dave Cuthbert, Barry Davies and Thomas Stewart; P&K Councillors C Purves, R Watters and W Robertson; and PCs D Stapleton and A Spalding. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Apologies were received from Councillors M Blyth, I Jack, D MacKenzie and D West; and Cllr M Barnacle.

Police Report: PCs Stapleton and Spalding referred to the current Police Scotland summer campaigns. There was an incident involving young people entering the compound of Kinross Primary School, but no vandalism took place. Some scaffolding has been stolen from the Persimmon site at the former Kinross High School (under enquiry).

When schools return, the PCs will check on parking behaviour at Douglas Crescent.

They carried out speed checks on Springfield Road recently. 35mph was the highest speed recorded. They plan to check Sutherland Drive and asked for other suggestions. The Chair suggested the Muirs in the evening. The Chair wondered if any further thought had been given to cut-out figures to deter speeding. These are being used in Fife again.

Sgt Forrester had responded to the item in the minutes of the July meeting about a Community Youth Team by contacting the local youth worker. Sgt Forrester is happy to progress this idea in some form, although incidents involving youths are down since the return to emphasis on local policing at the start of the year.

Forum: A meeting of the Kinross-shire Forum to discuss LDP2, scheduled between the July and August meetings, has been postponed. [Post-meeting note: re-arranged for 15 August.]

Health & Social Care PB: Cllr Purves reported that there will be a participatory budget exercise for Kinross-shire. £90,000 has been allocated to three localities. These are different to the five Area Partnership localities. If the Area Partnership holds a participatory budget event, then it would be combined with the health and social care one.

Gallowhill Road junction: Cllr Robertson reported that he has written twice to PKC's Daryl McKeown asking for a site meeting. He awaits a reply.

Grounds maintenance programme: Cllr Purves contacted Environment Services. They had not changed their schedule this year. A two-week window to cut the grass at Springfield Road was missed; cutting was a month later than planned. There is no plan to change the schedule for next year.

Grass at Leisure Centre: Cllr Robertson said this was cut within 24 hours or so of his reporting it.

Employment opportunities: Cllr Purves reported that various options are being looked into. He will report back on a future occasion.

Muirpark Road: Cllr Purves reported on technical problems with resurfacing of Muirpark Road. PKC will observe how the new surface on Muir Grove performs over the winter. Muirpark Road is part of the rolling programme for resurfacing works. (This does not mean that resurfacing is guaranteed.) Cllr Cuthbert asked if the CC could have a copy of the roads maintenance schedule. Cllr Purves will ask Stuart D'All for this.

New Planning Applications: The CC considered the following applications and decided not to make comments on any of them:

17/01168/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 9 Douglas Crescent, Kinross.

17/01239/FLL Siting of 30no. storage containers and erection of a screen fence (in part retrospect), 2 Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate for Webster Storage. Cllr Colliar explained that the location is in the older part of the Bridgend Industrial Estate.

17/01253/FLL Erection of an agricultural building at land 500m NE of Leepark, Coldrain. (Later withdrawn.)

17/01273/ADV Display of signs at 121 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AQ for Mr J Mair.

17/01281/FLL Erection of ancillary accommodation at Braeside House, Hatchbank Road, Gairney Bank, Kinross.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC:

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

17/00816/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 14 Burnbank Meadows. Approved.

Planning Correspondence and Other Planning Matters

Social housing query: The Secretary had asked as part of the CC's consultation comment on application 17/00893/FLL whether this application would affect the social housing provision already agreed for the larger Lathro application. However, PKC does not answer questions raised in comments on planning applications so she has also emailed the case officer separately. No reply received as yet.

Letter to Minister for Local Government: As agreed at the July meeting, the Secretary drafted this, circulated for comment, then sent it. The letter detailed various concerns with PKC planning, including the handling of the Persimmon application at Lathro Farm which has resulted in oak trees being felled recently, and asks for an inquiry into PKC planning.

Lathro Farm update: Contractors for Persimmon felled 13 mature oak trees at Lathro Farm over the dates 14, 17 and 18 July (in relation to its planning consent for 300 houses), despite efforts by the CC Secretary and local Councillors to have this stopped or postponed. Cllrs Robertson, Purves and

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Watters met with PKC officers Steve Callan, Geoff Fogg and Jamie Scott on 21 July to express their concern at officers' handling of this, as well as other matters. At the meeting, the Councillors asked the officers to comment on the assertion that there was a legislative requirement for full ecological surveys to be carried out before such a planning application was determined, rather than conditions relating to checking for wildlife being added to the planning consent. The Councillors reported to the CC what had been said, but asked for it not to be minuted.

There was some discussion about the competency of officers and what, if anything, could be done. It was noted that the Scottish Government has chosen not to enact part 12a of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2006 and therefore cannot conduct an assessment of a planning authority's performance.

Cllr Purves reported that he and Cllr Barnacle, as Vice Chairs of the EE&I Committee, had met with senior PKC staff [Nick Brian, Barbara Renton and Jim Valentine]. Cllrs Purves and Barnacle made various suggestions to tighten planning, e.g. they asked that PKC consider commissioning independent surveys and then charge the developer, rather than the developer commissioning their own; and they suggested that neighbour notification could be wider than the minimum requirement. Reference was made to a recent application (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), land 300m NW of Lathro Farm). Because this application to move the SUDS basin was attached to an application for six houses, only a few properties had to be notified, even though the application actually has potential repercussions for the whole Lathro site as it involves changes to drainage arrangements, and therefore could affect the residents of Lathro Park. Similarly, this application did not require to be notified to SEPA. The Councillors asked the officers to consider consulting SEPA even when an application is not classed as a 'major' one.

Also on the subject of improvements to the service, Cllr Robertson said that perhaps in future 3D images of proposed developments should be made available; that would have been helpful in trying to envisage the development on the former Kinross High School site. There have been queries about the heights of some of the new-build houses and/or the extent of ground levelling that was supposed to take place before building began.

Flooding at Lathro: Cllr Purves reported on a meeting with Lathro Park resident Ken Whitcombe and David Linn, PKC officer with responsibility for flooding. Cllr Purves has asked Mr Linn to find out why he, Mr Linn, was not told about this site being prone to flooding. Cllr Watters said that Lathro Farm does not come up as a flood site on the national database. CCllr Cuthbert said the national database only shows fluvial flood risk, and not areas at risk due to groundwater. Cllr Purves reported that PKC disagrees with Mr Whitcombe's assertion that the local authority would be liable in the event of Lathro Park properties flooding as a result of the development on Lathro Farm. Cllr Purves is trying to find out more.

Radon: It was mentioned that the Lathro Farm development site is in a radon area.

Tree Preservation Order: The Secretary again raised the point that Nick Brian, in his response to the CC's letter of 10 April, had not addressed the CC's request for a Tree Preservation Order on the trees at Lathro Farm. The CC agreed that she should pursue this via further correspondence. Although one group of oaks had been felled, there is still another group of oaks at Lathro Farm.

SPSO: Complaints to the Scottish Public Service Ombudsman (SPSO) are taking 8-10 weeks just to be allocated for attention. Residents of Tullybelton near Bankfoot have complained to the SPSO about PKC's handling of a planning application.

Embargo on housing: The Secretary had emailed Peter Marshall to support Cllr Robertson's call for an embargo on new, large-scale housing in Milnathort area until junction 7 of the M90 is upgraded. The reply (31 July) said each application beyond those identified in the LDP will be assessed on their merits. Major applications are likely to require a transport assessment. PKC will arrange a demonstration of the traffic model to some CC representatives. Lathro resident Bob Mitchell had asked if he could attend that as a representative of the CC as he has a relevant professional background. This was agreed. No dates for the demonstration have been put forward yet. CCllr Bryson has been doing some independent research into the possible expansion of junction 7. He was told a detailed site assessment would be required but challenged this; a desk assessment could be carried out using GPS. CCllr Bryson suggested there should be a strategic transport assessment to gauge economic benefit. He had made a Freedom of Information request to Transport Scotland and ascertained that no economic appraisal of transport in Kinross-shire has been carried out. The CC should request one. CCllr Bryson will draft a letter to circulate



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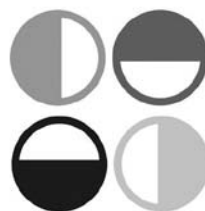
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to other CCs. This was agreed. It was also suggested that we should support reinstatement of a train link to Edinburgh. [Post-meeting note: Cllr Purves suggested that the CC could put its proposals to Transport Scotland's national transport strategy review.]

Cllr Davies predicts that traffic lights will be required at the Muirs/Springfield Road junction within a few years. Cllr Bryson said PKC are not looking far enough ahead. There will probably be major problems at Gallowhill Road as well.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration: Cllr Robertson reported that the additional bollards have been ordered and should be in place within two months. There is no news regarding a crossing at the south end of the regenerated area; a further meeting is required. Electric sockets had to be replaced recently. They are checked every three months. There was a foul water upsurge on the High Street near its junction with Burns Begg Street. This appears to have been resolved.

New Primary School: An update, including photographs, was received on 6 July. At that time, the roof was nearly finished and photovoltaic panels installed. Brick facings were progressing well and partitions installed to first and ground floor areas. Completion is scheduled for 11 December 2017. Tier 2 demolition and external works are due to finish by 27 April 2018. Cllr Bryson said that the photovoltaic panels are in addition to the biomass boiler, to improve on renewables targets. More information on progress of the build can be found on the school Twitter feed.

Community Engagement: Cllr Purves reported that PKC intends to hold some of its meetings outwith Perth to improve community engagement. [See page 8.]

Westfield: Cllr Robertson reported that a meeting involving Fife and PKC planners will take place to discuss Westfield. This is a planning application for the restoration and development of a former opencast site in the Fife local authority area. If granted, it will seriously impact on the B9097, as an estimated 1,000 extra HGV journeys per day will be generated. The B9097 is partly in the Portmoak CC area and partly the Kinross CC area. Cllr Robertson invited representation from the CC to the meeting with planners. Cllrs Colliar and Cuthbert will attend on 23 August.

Rural Transport: Cllr Robertson has had a meeting with Andrew Warrington to discuss possible improvements.

Wheelchair access: Cllr Watters described the difficulty of a wheelchair-using resident in getting around Kinross. Difficulties include hedges partially obstructing pavements (e.g. on Gallowhill Road) and a lack of dropped kerbs in key places. He has had a meeting with Chief Executive Bernadette Malone about this. It was agreed that Cllr Watters should ask PKC to carry out an audit of pavements in Kinross and Milnathort with a view to making these places as disability-friendly as possible.

Toilets at Pier: Cllr Davies reported. He has represented the CC at meetings with PKC, SNH, HES, Kinross Estate Company and TRACKS with regard to securing public toilet facilities at the pier. A site and funds have been identified. The group is now ready to apply for planning permission. It is envisaged that work will start in February 2018 with a view to being open for the start of April 2018. The plan is for the facility to be open April-October and managed by SNH. It is expected that the facility will have a 5- to 10-year lifespan. Cllr Davies thanked and congratulated Cllr Robertson for his work in organising the meetings and achieving this result. Cllr Robertson stressed that the stakeholders see this as a

short-term measure, with a proper visitor centre being the ultimate goal.

Mary Queen of Scots Great Escape Boat Race: Cllr Davies encouraged the CC to attend and/or enter this event, to be held on 3 September.

Survey: Cllr Bryson will progress the survey agreed at a previous meeting.

High School capacity: It has been rumoured that there is only one space in S1 due to the large number of placements from outwith the KHS catchment area. There was some discussion. Cllr Stewart queried the fairness of a house-builder having to pay thousands of pounds to PKC in education contributions when places are being taken by children from outwith the Perth & Kinross local authority area. Cllr Cuthbert said Scottish Government legislation requires a place to be offered if there is space available. Cllr Purves explained that various criteria come into play. He will find out if the number of reserved spaces can be increased in view of the large number of new houses due to come on stream locally.

CC Grant: The Treasurer had notified the Secretary that the grant from PKC (£697.81) is now in the CC account. The CC could now pay for the plaque obtained for the Queen's trees (now in situ).

Remembrance Sunday: It was agreed that a planning meeting should take place in the first week of October.

Kirkgate Park Play Equipment: Cllr Freeman notes that there is not very much play equipment at Kirkgate Park for children under 8 years of age. It was thought that some equipment may have been removed due to damage. Cllr Robertson will make enquiries.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 6 September

Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of Meeting of 2 August 2017. Police Report. NHS Acute Services: proposed changes. Matters Arising from Minutes of 2 August 2017. Planning Matters. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. New Primary School. Miscellaneous Correspondence. Reports from P&K Councillors. AOCB. Date of Next Meeting.

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

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Milnathort Community Council News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 10 August 2017 were: CCLRs K Heneghan, C Lawson, C Williams, M Leach and S McHardy; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, C Purves and R Watters; and two members of the public.

Apologies: CCLRs Elyse Kirkham and Caroline Flory.

Police Matters: No police in attendance.

Road Safety: Further to a very constructive site meeting with Daryl McKeown (Project Officer for Traffic and Network for PKC), attended by Campbell Lawson and Matthew Leach from MCC, the following matters to improve road safety in Milnathort were agreed to be taken forward:

Vehicle-activated signs (VAS): The location of vehicle-activated signs on Burleigh Road and Perth Road had previously been agreed by the CC and elected members during the Milnathort Placecheck project. At that time, a funding source was not available. The sites on Burleigh Road included facing the eastbound traffic approaching Mayfield Gardens and facing the westbound traffic approaching Balfour Crescent. The sites on Perth Road include facing the westbound traffic within the 30mph speed limit and facing the westbound traffic within the 40mph speed limit east of the Hattonburn Road junction. There is now a budget for this work as part of the Council-wide VAS programme. Works is scheduled for later this calendar year.

The site meeting indicated alternative sites on the Burleigh Road in the vicinity of Burleigh Castle. The final preferred locations agreed at the MCC meeting were eastbound approaching Mayfield Gardens prior to the bend, in the proximity of 19 and 21 Burleigh Road and Westbound near the track next to the Stackyard. In addition, Perth Road VAS to be progressed in accordance with the PKC proposal.

Since the announcement of funding directly for the VAS Programme, a number of additional sites have been requested. These are being assessed and prioritised so they can be installed if a funding source is identified. A site on North Street facing southbound traffic has been proposed by the CC.

Pace Hill Development: The Transport Statement for the Planning Application is available online through the Council's website in the "View and comment on planning applications" option.

Traffic surveys are scheduled for the C499 as part of the Green Route monitoring within the 30mph speed limit on North Street and on the new 40mph section leading to Middleton. This is linked to a possible Green Route extension to Tillywhally and Tillyrie.

Church Street: Concern was expressed about the potential obstruction of emergency vehicles by on-street parking. A parking review will be conducted with the aim of establishing demand and access. This may result in the recommendation of parking restrictions, for which details will be requested by the MCC.

Church Street/Stirling Street junction: The width of the junction from Church Street onto Stirling Road makes pedestrian movement to and from the primary school difficult. A design will be prepared showing the junction realigned, the footways widened on both sides and dropped kerbs installed. A funding source will have to be identified before the project is included in a programme of works. This will include the unsurfaced section of footway along Stirling Road to the east of the junction.

Victoria Avenue – One-way system: The additional No Entry sign has been installed following consultation about the sign location with the property owner. The misleading "Playground" sign has been removed.

To maximise visibility for pedestrians from Jessie's Park on to Victoria Avenue, discussion will take place with Community Greenspace about relocated the position of the gate. This had originally been raised during the Milnathort Placecheck project but was not identified as a community priority.

South Street – unauthorised parking on footway build-out: A bollard is proposed in the build-out at No 5 South Street to discourage unauthorised parking.

South Street – parking restrictions: Consultation has been sought regarding the re-introduction of the road markings to support the parking restrictions between The Cross and the bus stop. No formal response has been received from any party although three verbal objections, including the CC, have been lodged.

Back Loan – vehicle restriction: A sign advising drivers of larger vehicles that the road is unsuitable for commercial traffic will be erected west of the hotel car park. Public consultation will commence shortly regarding the possible introduction of a weight restriction.

Regarding the one-way system at the west of Back Loan, vehicles from a private access are permitted to reverse against the direction of flow for the purpose of executing their turning manoeuvre only.

On the south of Jessie's Park, Traffic & Network has no objection to the alteration of the path or the introduction of a section of pedestrian guardrail. Discussion will take place with Community Greenspace about this matter.

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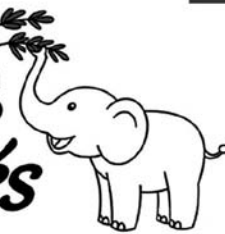
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Zebra crossings

- South Street: Concerns were expressed about the lack of compliance by some drivers of the Zebra crossing on South Street. It had been hoped that the introduction of the build-out on the east side of South Street and the relocation of the Belisha beacon would have made the crossing point more prominent. Vehicular and pedestrian surveys will be conducted after the start of the new school term to identify travel patterns and measure compliance rates. A flat-topped ramp will be considered as a possible speed-reduction measure, as has worked well in other locations.
- New Road: Similar to South Street, vehicular and pedestrian surveys will be conducted after the start of the new school term to identify travel patterns and measure compliance rates. A flat-topped ramp will be considered as a possible speed-reduction measure, where the current zebra crossing is located.
- Stirling Road: Linked to the School Travel Planning programme, vehicular and pedestrian surveys will be conducted in the vicinity of Milnathort Primary School after the start of the new school term to identify travel patterns. This will determine whether a flat topped Zebra crossing is appropriate. Concern was raised during the MCC meeting regarding the impact on vehicles and fuel consumption should flat topped Zebra crossings be introduced widely. Opportunity to look at the Pelican crossing option was requested during the MCC meeting, especially if it further enhances the safety of school children.

There will be **further consultation** between MCC and Daryl McKeown to oversee the progress of these potential works. Matthew also reported that in a transport statement regarding **Pace Hill**, PKC hadn't used the existing **traffic-modelling software** but had used cameras. Stuart McHardy asked if the traffic survey carried out at Lathro would affect junction 7. Cllr Robertson stated he has been promised a view of the impact of the traffic-modelling data. The Lathro data doesn't take Milnathort into account. It was felt that PKC should use the model to assess the Pace Hill impact. Matthew will go back to D McKeown regarding use of the model.

Planning Applications Submitted

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.

17/00964/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, stable block and riding arena at land 600m SE of Touchie Farm, Milnathort.
17/01008/FLL Extension to dwelling house and 17/01009/LBC Alterations and extension at Finderlie, Milnathort.
17/01269/LBC Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at 1 Arlary Steadings, Milnathort.

Planning Applications Approved by PKC:

16/00453/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and garage, land 30m South of The Manse, Perth Road, Milnathort.
17/00758/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 15 Mayfield Gardens, Milnathort.
17/00793/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 16 Curlers Crescent, Milnathort.
17/00833/FLL Alterations to dwelling house, Blairview, Milnathort.
17/00815/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 5 Wester Loan, Milnathort.
17/00404/LBC and 17/00405/FLL Alterations and extension, Orwell Church, Ba' Hill, Milnathort.
17/00452/FLL Erection of 2no. dwelling houses, land 70m NE of East Netherton Farm, Milnathort.
17/00495/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 6 Linden Park Terrace, Milnathort.
17/00467/FLL Extension to ancillary accommodation, Cloverlea, Path of Condie.
17/00520/FLL Extension to dwelling house and formation of ancillary accommodation, Cloverlea, Path of Condie.

New Matters and Correspondence

Campbell Lawson reported: incidences of **car speeding** on Back Loan; and a **fence** on the wall at Jessie's Park is becoming unsafe with spars breaking off. A young boy was injured by one of these spars.

Stuart McHardy reported that the **Guide Hall** is to have a ramp built to improve access. He asked about the placement of a **bottle bank** and a cardboard bank near the mini-roundabout on Bridgefaulds Road. He also asked if two **fences** would be built in the vicinity of the planned football pavilion to protect the gardens of the properties in Whyte Place and also asked for the path with broken-up tarmac opposite junction 7 to be looked at. Cllr Robertson agreed to take on the action regarding the path.

Kevin Heneghan reported that he has now taken delivery of the **defibrillator** bought with funds from Kinross Colts 2009s. George Shiels of Stewart and Smart garage has very kindly agreed to have the defibrillator installed at the garage and signage will be placed at Davidson the chemist indicating the location of the defibrillator. Kevin is also arranging for training in the use of the defibrillator to be offered to staff at businesses near the site of the defibrillator.

Kevin agreed to update the **information** about Milnathort CC held at various locations.

A member of the public had emailed MCC asking if the **vegetation** at the path at Burleigh Woods could be cut back as the path was becoming very overgrown. Cllr Robertson said he would action this.

It was reported by a member of the public that traffic turning right out of the car park at **Burleigh Sands** has very poor visibility as the vegetation is obscuring the line of sight. Willie Robertson agreed to look into this.

Comments/Questions from the floor

A member of the public asked for the latest version of the lease pertaining to the football pavilion in the park to be

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made available. Willie Robertson agreed to provide this to the member of the public.

PKC Councillors' Comments

Planning: Cllr Purves reported that in their roles as Vice-Conveners of the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, Cllr Barnacle and Cllr Purves have asked the planning officers to look at a number of ways of addressing some of the issues that members of the public have with the planning system in an effort to improve transparency. Examples of some of the suggestions they have made include a more flexible neighbour notification policy and independently commissioned surveys.

Maintenance: At the last meeting of the full council, it was agreed by councillors to allocate £750,000 of uncommitted reserves to a number of the new partnership administration's priorities. This comprised £500,000 for road improvements (including the reinstated potholes policy and more verge cutting, particularly at sight lines) and £250,000 for community greenspace and tree maintenance.

Mobility: Cllr Watters reported concerns expressed to him that mobility scooters were having difficulty with access in some areas, particularly going from The Muirs on to the main road. He asked that any such issues in Milnathort should be reported to him.

PKC Engagement: As part of the new administration's drive to get the council out of the city of Perth and engage more with communities across the PKC area, each year one meeting of each committee will be held outside outside Perth. The first such meeting will be full council, which will be held on Wednesday 4 October at 2pm in Loch Leven Community Campus.

Old Mart Road: Cllr Robertson reported that the path at Old Mart Road is to be improved by the laying of an additional surface on it. This will improve access and render it less muddy. The Community Payback team will undertake this work. He also reported that public toilets will be built at The Pier at Loch Leven, with the work being carried out over the winter.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 14 September 2017 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

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Portmoak Community Council News from the August Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 8 August 2017 were: Cllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), A Muszynski, D Morris, A Robertson, and T Smith; Ward Cllrs C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters; PCs D Stapleton and A Spalding and 13 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr S Forde and Ward Cllr M Barnacle.

Members of the CC expressed their condolences for Ward Councillor Michael Barnacle at this time of his bereavement.

Approval of previous minutes: The Minutes CC meeting held on 13 June 2017 were approved subject to the following amendment: 2. Westfield Opencast site: Key points raised in discussion; bullet point 5; final sentence "It intended to prepare....." This sentence to be presented as a separate bullet point.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Recycling provisions, Kinnesswood. The new bins had been installed and were being emptied weekly. The site remained tidy. A new sign to indicate their position would help. The school would be approached to suggest a design.

Planning. 17/00658/FLL Land 100m north of 3 Middleburn Cottage: Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian centre. PKC had confirmed that, because they had been long established, the existing buildings/stables did not require planning permission.

Westfield Opencast Site - Restoration and Regeneration Project (Fife 16/03661/EIA)

The CC would shortly submit a revised letter of objection to Fife Council. Since its letter of objection of January there was now greater clarity on a number of critical points and a pressing need to make the case for mitigation plain were planning consent to be granted in the near future. This the CC would do. The CC would shortly meet with the Fife lead planner in advance of submitting its objection. It was important to understand what role PKC would now take. The CC had so far been unable to meet with PKC planners but a meeting with both Fife and PKC planners, Ward Councillors and representatives of the CC had been arranged for 23 August. Ward Cllrs confirmed that PKC officials had determined that PKC would not require the application to be called in by Scottish Ministers. It was unclear whether or not PKC would pursue any mitigation measures.

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Key matters identified were that:

1. the vehicle management policies to support the Westfield site should be underwritten by a three way agreement between: the Applicant, Fife Council and Perth and Kinross Council. Enforcement would be a particular challenge.
2. the operational impact of the significant increase in traffic on agriculture and the tourism and leisure industries would be considerable.
3. part of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail already provided a safe off-road experience for walkers and cyclists alike. This should be extended to include the whole of the B9097 between its junction with the B920 and the B996.
4. any vehicular management plan to support the site must be complemented by a construction management plan.
5. there were good reasons to require that there should be flexibility in the hours that the B9097 could be used by HGVs. For example, such traffic should be precluded on agreed statutory holidays, and for particular events (The Kinross Show, The Loch Leven Half Marathon and certain cycling events).

The CC's letter of objection would be copied to the adjoining Kinross-shire CCs - a broader circulation list was under consideration.

Community Council Meetings. PKC had recently terminated the provision for hiring the school hall to the CC. As a result, all CC meetings from September onwards will be held in Portmoak Village Hall at 7.30pm. A revised calendar of events had been circulated and is available on the CC website. Meeting are ordinarily held on the second Tuesday of each month. Cllr Purves would explore why PKC had taken this action.

School access – policy on parking. The CC had followed up on the proposals to restrict parking on the access to Portmoak School, Kinnesswood. It had learned that, despite its support, PKC would take no action in taking forward the proposals. The access problem remained. Clear access to the school for emergency vehicles is essential. Ward Cllrs will pursue what action was now appropriate. The matter was linked to difficulties in achieving safe drop-off and pick-up arrangements for children at the school.

Arrangements for the maintenance of residual plots across Whitecraigs. The CC welcomed news that A & J Stephen and PKC were in discussion to achieve transfer of ownership and maintenance of a number of residual plots across the Whitecraigs estate. The CC had an interest in specific plots and in seeing that all plots were transferred. It had contacted PKC to seek clarity on the identity of all plots concerned before negotiations were concluded. Cllr Robertson would pursue the matter with PKC.

Reports

Police: PCs D Stapleton and A Spalding were welcomed. They reported that: there had been no crime in the Portmoak area although there had been an accident at the C50 junction with the Westfield access; the "Farm Watch" scheme was being reintroduced; and speed checks would be likely on the A911 as it passes through Portmoak. The Police will have an information facility at the Kinross Show. The Area Commander's Bulletins issued between 14 June and 2 August were noted.

Treasurer: Report for the months of April and May 2017. The balance at the month ending 31 May: was £584.40 in the General Account; and £639.18 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,223.58.

Planning: Progress with Developments:

Former Lomond Inn: proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwelling houses (16/03661/CON). No Progress. *Development at Glenlomond: proposals to build 13 houses (16/00751/FLL).* Final down-takings were in progress. It appeared likely that the site may be sold-on with planning permission.

Stephen's Field, Kinnesswood. Matters rested with A & J Stephen. It seemed possible that the recent planning application may be withdrawn and new proposals made. Details are awaited.

Roads: CCllr Bruce Calderwood presented an updated Roads Report. There were a number of matters on which to make progress. The narrow footpath alongside the A911 between Scotlandwell and onwards to the Church and Hall remains a serious problem. Cllr W Robertson would raise the matter with PKC Roads department. Road surfacing from Easter Balgedie through Kinnesswood was noted. Cllrs were reminded that cats eyes should be replaced. Cllrs C Purves reported that a request to reduce the speed limit through Easter Balgedie was being considered while PKC would be reviewing its policy on 20mph limits.

Paths: CCllr Tom Smith reported that due to holidays the work parties had had fewer volunteers than usual. It was anticipated that this would correct soon. There was a considerable challenge as the weather had ensured a prodigious growth along all paths. The strimmer had required repair on three occasions. New arrangements for the maintenance of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail between PKC, SNH and RSPB were noted.

Consultations: The CC were currently considering 7 requests on a disparate range of topics.

PKC Ward Councillor Reports:

Cllr Robertson reported that in addition to the new Kinross Brewery there would soon be a Kinross micro distillery.

Cllr Purves reported that PKC had released £750,000 from reserves to enable improved road maintenance (including removing excess growth from verges at junctions) and support for Greenspace projects. The full Council would move from Perth to hold an open meeting on Wednesday 4 October in Kinross at the campus.

Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor: There had been an informal contact from Kinross CC. In view of the projected increase in housing in both Kinross and Milnathort support was sought for the "completion" of junction 7 on the M90 to have four slip roads. The CC has consistently supported this development and, once the Kinross CC request is received, would write in support.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 September 2017 in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

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

Fossoway and District CC News from the August Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 1 August 2017 were: CCCllrs Cameron Brown, Angus Cheape, Jennifer Donachie, Carol Farquhar and Graham Pye (Chair); P&K Cllrs Callum Purves and Richard Watters; and six Members of the Public (MoP).

Apologies: CCllr T Duffy; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

Welcome: Cllr Barnacle is unable to be with us as his wife sadly passed away last week. The CC extends its sympathies to Mike and his family.

The CC welcomed Cllr Watters to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest: CCllr Brown declared an interest in planning application 17/01200/FLL.

Police report: Unfortunately, no officer was able to be present at the meeting. There were no incidents to note in our area in the last two months from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch.

Minutes of the previous meeting: In Cllr Purves report, change pothole depth from 6mm/4mm to 60mm/40mm. The minutes were signed off without other amendment.

A977 Defects and Mitigation Measures: There was a road traffic accident in Crook of Devon on 25 July, which resulted in damage to a wall and lamp post. Fortunately, no pedestrians were injured as a result; however this is yet another example of vehicles travelling along the A977 at excessive speed. Cllr Robertson has written to Chic Haggart of PKC's Roads Department to urgently request the long promised meeting with the officer appointed to look into issues with the A977. One MoP queried if speed was known to be the cause of the accident.

Crook of Devon and Drum Growing Together: CCllr Duffy sent a report that they did not win the Best Kept Village award; however, there are many plans for the future; a new Wildlife Friendly flower bed is being created on the Crook Village Green [see p. 70].

Powmill in Bloom Group: CCllr Farquhar reported that they did not win Best Kept Village either but were commended on the lack of litter and good level of maintenance of the grass verges within the village. CCllr Farquhar felt there was a lack of feedback from the judges which could have benefited the group in where to focus their energy over the coming year.

Hydro Scheme: The fund has received a small grant that will enable the community consultation to start in the middle of August.

Glen Devon Bridge: CCllr Brown notes that the bridge has been repaired and restored along with some additional landscaping, however littering is still an ongoing issue. One MoP informed the meeting that there are missing coping stones on the Crook of Devon Bridge towards Naemoor Rd. CCllr Brown reported that Cllr Barnacle was aware of this.

Station Road Adoption: Works seem to be nearing completion. One MoP brought the CC a copy of a letter he had sent to PKC's Roads Department regarding the adoption.

Rural Broadband: Cllr Purves has looked into the issue of broadband provision and has made contact with the 'Smart Perth project'; there is an aim for the area around Rumbling Bridge to have broadband by 2018 and Cllr Purves will forward further details on this to the CC.

Matters Arising With No Update Since Last Meeting: Crook Moss Travellers Site, Ivy Cottage, Powmill and Blairingone War Memorial.

Community Council Business

Meetings Attended: CCllr Brown attended the Planning Users' Forum, renewables engagement exercise on Tuesday 9 August. A Planning glossary has been put together by PKC which is available to view at: <http://tinyurl.com/PlanningGlossary>

Treasurer's Report: The CC has received its annual grant from PKC. The old bank account has been closed.

P&K Councillors' Reports

Cllr Purves: There has been cross party support for further release of funding to go toward verge cutting, hedge cutting, improving junctions, improving green space, etc. Cllrs and some members of the public have been calling for the PKC planning department to improve its performance - particularly questioning how specific conditions are enforced or met within planning applications. This has partly come out of community response to recent development and tree felling by Persimmon Homes at Lathro. Cllr Purves met with Cllr Barnacle, Colin Stewart and the Environment Committee to discuss LDP2 and planning issues.

Cllr Watters commented that the council are trying to enforce conditions at the start of the planning application process to avoid scenarios like that seen at the Persimmon Homes development at Lathro.

Cllr Waters noted the importance of maintaining some reserves of funding for situations such as heavy snows, etc., however he fully supported the releasing of funds to improve roads in this instance.

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Planning Matters

17/00915/IPL Erection of dwelling house (in principle), land 40m west of The Dell, Rumbling Bridge. Comments were due by 30/06/17; After email discussion, the CC objected on the grounds that it was contrary to the Housing in the Countryside policy.

17/00947/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle), land 60m north-west of Craighead House, Drum. Comments were due by 30/06/17; No CC comment.

17/00997/FLL Erection of an indoor equestrian arena and café at North Kilduff Farm, Fossoway. Comments were due by 21/07/17; After email discussion, the CC objected on the grounds of scale, setting and lack of information.

17/01065/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and garage (in part retrospect), land 40m south-west of Muirfield, Fossoway. Comments were due by 17/07/17; No CC comment. One MOP queried the retrospective nature of the application.

17/01200/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of a biomass boiler house/store at Fossoway Lodge, Fossoway. CC objected due to lack of information regarding tree surveys and historic structures on site. One MoP commented about tree felling occurring in the area recently.

17/01227/FLL Change of use of agricultural shed and yard to general storage and distribution (class 6) at Lambhill, Blairingone. CC objected on the grounds of increased noise disturbance and increased heavy goods traffic through the village.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing: There has been ongoing correspondence regarding the proposed Dollar / Muckhart bus service and a meeting with Roseanna Cunningham has been arranged.

A list of various funding opportunities is regularly made available by PKC; the CC can provide further information or individuals can ask PKC to be added to mailing list. Ongoing correspondence regarding A977 issues prior to RTA, particularly from Cllr Barnacle calling for A977 issues to be urgently addressed.

Other Business: A977 issues, ongoing concerns, funding and measures for slowing traffic.

One MoP raised concerns of standing water on A91 between Old Fossoway Bridge and Ballingall Bridge due to blocked road gullies, particularly at driveways etc. It was brought to their attention that a request has to be made for such maintenance to take place.

Some drain covers have dropped on the approach to Carnbo. One MoP brought forward the question of who is responsible for maintaining roadside hedges and noted that they have taken it into their own hands to maintain some hedges at the Powmill end of Aldie road.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: A977 Mitigation, Crook and Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Hydro Scheme.

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.

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News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 7 August 2017 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, H Somerville, F Principe-Gillespie, R Cairney, M Traylor), P&K Cllr C Purves; G Lawrie of TRACKS; and six members of the community.

Apologies from CCllr F Whalley; and P&K Cllrs W Robertson, R Watters and M Barnacle. The CC has offered condolences to Mike, and again acknowledged his ongoing support for our community.

Crime Prevention: The Police were not present tonight, which was disappointing after the more positive discussion at the last meeting.

There have been some complaints recently that the Cleish Hill Road is being used again as a 'meeting site'. It is noticeably busier, and with parked cars in the passing places making it difficult to allow oncoming vehicles to pass.

Correspondence: There has been Facebook correspondence regarding speeding on the A996. Local residents explained how the speed and volume of traffic makes it dangerous at times, in particular for the school children waiting for both primary and secondary school buses. There is no waiting area or bus shelter for the children, surface water is also pooling on the road adjacent to the pick-up spot and speeding vehicles. A recent survey identified 4000 cars passing per day, with an average speed of 50 mph.

This Lochran building group was already named as a Settlement Area in a previous LDP, but was subsequently removed. If reinstated, then the protection of the HICP no longer remains. It was agreed to support the communities' wishes for a H&S Risk Assessment for this area, in particular for the safety of the school children waiting for and getting on and off the buses on a fast stretch of road.

Financial Update: £700 is in the account due to the PKC funds being received. Bank of Scotland reported that there were still previous signatories on the account from many years ago. Hopefully this matter is finally being sorted.

Newsletter: The new newsletter was sent out after our last meeting and has been well received. There were two comments received relating to the small font size. There is space for more local information, activities, clubs, societies and hall events. Feedback is always useful. It was agreed that this newsletter is an excellent way and promoting more discussion in the community.

Planning

Two applications submitted, which are alterations of previous granted applications. Riding Arena at the Paphle: new proposal for it to be moved out of the garden to the field. This is a better proposal with better access, outwith the Conservation Area and fewer trees needing to be removed.

New house in Nivingston: this is an improved application.

The CC will write to both applicants supporting the applications.

There is a fifth house being built at Benarty Road with ground works already underway for a sixth.

Village updates – Blairadam

The pot holes have been repaired down from Jn 5.

Congratulations to Keltybridge and Maryburgh for the Best Kept Hamlet.

The demand taxi service is not free for school children needing to be taken to their bus from Kinross to schools outwith the catchment area (e.g. Dollar). It was agreed with the P&K Cllrs that PKC shouldn't be expected to fund this transport for these cases.

The village hall had its licence changed from 1am to midnight. It was confirmed that this hasn't been linked to any antisocial behavior or noise.

Village updates – Cleish

On 19 August there is an event at the playing fields.

On 3 September there is a community treasure hunt.

There have been more discussions in the village about a possible broadband upgrade, however we have to wait for Community Broadband Scotland to either confirm more projects or alternatively that is disbanding, and then we could look at other private ventures.

There is more dog mess around – could it be picked up and flicked using the shovels provided.

Tracks and Trails

There is some grant money available from PKC, who want to offload some of the local maintenance responsibilities onto local Path Groups. There are set-up grants of £1500. Paths for All are doing a similar thing.

There is a Community Challenge Fund to upgrade facilities within an area. The CCs can apply for this, as well as assistance from Tracks if for new links.

The Green Routes in Cleish are now completed and signed. The local Councillors were instrumental in supporting this.

Two paths were discussed. It was unclear if they were rights of way or historic paths: firstly, along from Dowhill up through Sunnyside into Blairadam; secondly, from Flockhouse up past Ryebog into Blairadam.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC takes place on Monday 2 October at 7.30pm at Cleish Village Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk

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Our Portmoak Summer Highlights and Autumn Programme



"Summer" has seen the majority of Our Portmoak's outdoor events take place including our three archaeological digs. Our photos show that the weather often lived up to expectations – wet – but that didn't deter the many people who came along to join in.

Just some of our Summer highlights were:

Dig at Old Portmoak Chapel

The sterling efforts of our volunteers were rewarded by the discovery of what we think is a medieval ditch round the settlement at the old Portmoak Chapel site. Soil, charcoal and pottery samples will be analysed to provide specific dates. Watch this space for news.

Old Portmoak Churchyard Survey

Using the latest in GPS technology, a small team of volunteers created a map of the location and the size of all the

visible gravestones. The resulting data has been used to create a digital map of the site to create a comprehensive record of the gravestones and burial monuments in the old graveyard. Some of these date back to the 1700s.

Portmoak Moss Time Travelling:

Tales of the Peatbog

We celebrated National Bog Day on 23 July with the Portmoak Woodland Group and Scottish Natural Heritage. Andrew McBride, Peatland Action Manager for SNH, took a five metre long core sample from the peatbog to bring to light some of the flora and fauna that were deposited in the bog during its evolution over thousands of years.

David Munro told the story of how the bog has been used by the inhabitants of Portmoak through the ages.

Dig at Dunmore Fort

Many of the residents of Portmoak and over to Balingry and Lochgelly will walk, see or pass Dunmore on a regular, if not daily, basis. Although prominent, it's a fairly unassuming looking hill but Dunmore (meaning Big Hill) is the site of one of many hillforts scattered across the Lomonds.

We dug a 3m x 2m trench at the edge of the hill and down to the cliff at a point where the remains of the fort's wall were clearly visible; not a job for anyone with a fear of heights.

Over our two days digging, we uncovered a very large wall, enough to show that the fort on Dunmore would have been a substantial one and of some importance.

Come along to our **Celebration Day on 28 October** to learn about the story of Dunmore and what we uncovered.

As Autumn approaches, we seek the shelter of Portmoak's cosier locations. We hope you can join us at one of our final events:

Live Music and Prose Evenings

Local performers will tell tales of Portmoak across the ages through music, song and stories presented in Portmoak's two historic pubs.

The performances will take place in The Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell on **Thursday 7 September** and The Balgedie Toll Tavern, Wester Balgedie on **Thursday 5 October**.

We will share some wonderful words, music and song based around the people and places of Portmoak. Each evening will have a different



John, Stephen and Esther digging on Dunmore Hill: a head for heights was definitely required

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programme, but both will feature the words, poems and songs of local writers and passers-by both past and present. As with all Our Portmoak events, the pub nights are FREE. You can sign up to come along in the pubs, or contact us.

Portmoak Stories – an Oral History

We are currently compiling an oral history of Portmoak which will be available online and at Kinross Museum. If you have a story or a memory to share about Portmoak life, please contact us. We are running two sessions in Portmoak Hall on **13 and 20 September** where we will be recording words and memories, but we can make arrangements to talk to you another time if those days are not suitable.

Our Portmoak Celebration Day Saturday 28 October

Portmoak's history and heritage will be the focus our Celebration Day on Saturday 28 October. The celebration will take place in Portmoak Hall. Finds from all our activities will be on show and historians and archaeological experts will share their knowledge of Portmoak through the ages. We guarantee to shed new light on some of Portmoak's better known stories along with presenting some new ones.



In the evening, we will mark the end of the project with a family ceilidh.

Our events are FREE and open to all. If we haven't seen you at one of our events so far, then we hope you can come along to one or more during the autumn.

Our Portmoak is a community based project run by Kinross (Marshall Museum) and local volunteers and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund

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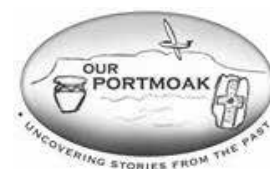


Another Summer's day digging for Su, David and Anne

Our Portmoak Events Calendar

Join us to celebrate Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology. All Our Portmoak events are FREE.

Event Key: ❶ Talks and Presentations; ❷ Guided Walks and Tours;
❸ Archaeology Digs; ❹ Portmoak in Words and Music; ❺ Special Events



Date	Day	Key	Event	Location / Notes
13 Sept	Wed	❹	Portmoak Stories – an Oral History	Portmoak Hall
20 Sept	Wed	❹	Portmoak Stories – an Oral History	Portmoak Hall
7 Sep	Thu	❹	Live Music and Prose Evening	The Well County Inn
5 Oct	Thu	❹	Live Music and Prose Evening	The Balgedie Toll Tavern
28 Oct	Sat	❺	Celebration Day & Ceilidh	Portmoak Hall

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

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Where do we begin? Despite the continual onslaught of rain showers, our spirits couldn't be dampened since our last report. Attendance at our project lunch brought smiles all round and our volunteers had to be quick off the mark to set up extra tables as an ever-increasing audience kept coming through the doors. In the end over 50 enjoyed the homemade soup, bread and tasty home bakes. Everyone's efforts were suitably rewarded by an inspirational speaker in young Emma Patton from On Call Africa. It was not only her enthusiasm, but her in-depth knowledge that captivated us all. The total raised was equally impressive; a magnificent £440. Thanks to all our volunteers and friends for their contribution to the event's success. There was a real buzz that lasted for some time afterwards! Details of our next project lunch are below.



Project Lunch on 19 July - guest speaker Emma Patton flanked by Elspeth Caldwell (Convener) and Helen Pearson (Project Co-ordinator)

Further good news came for two Saturday Duke of Edinburgh Awards volunteers with their excellent exam results. Congratulations to Ailsa Brown who is heading off to Oxford and to Rhona Brown, now taking up the challenge of Highers. Truly, it was an extremely rewarding time for all.

Project: Our project for September is Omaleshe Projects, Namibia. (Omaleshe is an oshiwambo word meaning 'young and vibrant'). These projects support the teaching of dancing and drumming to orphans and vulnerable children, many of whom have been affected by the HIV pandemic. Dance is an effective approach to dealing with grief and sorrow and a way of building confidence and self-esteem for the children. The charity especially teaches young girls how to look out for themselves and to say 'no' to the 'uncles' who prey upon them in a country where both teenage pregnancy and HIV prevalence rates are high.

Project lunch: Our next Project lunch will be on **Tuesday 26 September** with speaker Victoria Masters from Omaleshe Projects, Namibia. The talk will begin at 12 noon and will be followed by a lunch of homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and Fairtrade tea and coffee. Everyone welcome.

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

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

For more information, see our website.

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

Meetings resume in September. The speaker at our meeting on **Thursday 7 September** will be Mr J Burrell who will give a talk on "Vienna".



Notices

Annual membership (£3) will be due next month (October).

Away Days

14 Sep Traquair House, Peebles.

28 Sep Cruachan.

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

Friday Walkers

8 Sep The Fish Supper Walk; St Monan's to Anstruther and return.

22 Sep Kinnoull Hill and Deuchney Hill, Perth.

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

Friday Hill Walkers

1 Sep Auchtermuchty (no bus) Pauline 9am

15 Sep Dunkeld Alan 8.30am

29 Sep Linlithgow Loch and aqueduct Carolyn 8.30am

Contact Pauline Watson, telephone 01577 862865.

Activities

Many activities 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 Ferguson, 01577 866961.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

Our Summer (!) activities have continued with various trips out when weather has permitted. As well as our monthly barge trip at Ratho (which we obviously have to plan in advance) we took the opportunity on the spur of the moment to take an afternoon run out along the Fife coast, both to Burntisland and Kirkcaldy.

We had an excellent informative and illustrated talk on the new Queensferry Crossing from Alistair Templeton, who is an engineer on the new bridge. It really looks a wonderfully elegant structure and we're all looking forward to using the new crossing when it opens.

Terri, the granddaughter of one of our service-users, came along to entertain with her singing one morning and she encouraged us all to sing along too. Her talent is obviously inherited because Cathy, her granny, is a wonderful singer too and she keeps us all in tune every Tuesday afternoon when we have a regular singing group accompanied by Alex Cant. It's great to have the occasional one-off, different event as well as our regular programme of activities.

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

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

July Draw

1st	No 6	Enid Brown, Scotlandwell.
2nd	No 14	Lesley Johnston, Kinnesswood.
3rd	No 13	Jean Strathern, Kinnesswood.

Kinross & District Rotary Club

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Fund raising events and activities

One of the highlights of the year, **The Great Escape Boat Race** will take place on **Sunday 3 September** at the Kirkgate in Kinross.

This is a fun event for all the family! It's centred round a race to and from the island on which Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned. The objective is to be the fastest to row over and back, to rescue her.

Register your team now and join the fun. Teams cost just £30 to enter with all proceeds going to charity. Teams consist of five adults (over 16 years) and **one person must be dressed as Queen Mary** (yes, you take your own Mary with you!) The race is a timed out-and-back competition. There will be prizes. Food and drink is available and there's fun for the whole family including a bouncy castle, treasure hunt, face painting and more. For more information, or to register, contact either Barry Davies (email barrydavies@btinternet.com or mobile 07809 644 760) or Brian Timms (email secretary.kdrc@gmail.com or mobile 07880 503 288). You can also just come along and, if there's room, we'll register you on the day!

KDRC, as usual, had a presence at the **Kinross Show** and this year the club won the prize for the best small stand.

The Rotary stand featured a unique smoothie making machine. The liquidiser was driven directly from a bicycle wheel and proved a great hit with the children. Also on the stand was the ever popular 'wiggly wire' where contestants needed to have a very steady hand to be able to complete the course without setting off the alarm.

Two lucky winners found the right key to open up the locker containing bottles of whisky. The stand also featured photographs and other details of the various projects undertaken recently by the club.



*Jim Henry, perhaps Kinross's best-known cyclist, tries out the Rotary Club smoothie-making machine
Photo: Fr David Mackenzie Mills*

Recent talks

The speaker at the breakfast meeting on 17 July was our own associate member, John Ross, who gave a very interesting talk on the history of **Kinross-shire Cricket Club**. John, who is the current Club Captain, told us how the club had been formed as far back as 1855 by William Briggs Constable. Despite setbacks caused by the World Wars, the sale of Kinross House and the subsequent loss of the ground and facilities, the club has grown to become one of the major players in Scotland in all sectors of the game. Thanks to the Nivens of Channel of Pittendreich Farm, the club now operates from facilities by Loch Leven's Larder and is going from strength to strength, having now produced fourteen international players.

On 24 July Rotary club member Mike Hughes spoke about his fascinating experiences during his two years of national service in the **Black Watch**. Mike chose to be posted in Kenya where he helped to control the Mau Mau rebellion. He talked of his time living under canvas and of the difficulties of patrolling some of the most inhospitable parts of the country. He also revealed how he obtained a leopard skin which he subsequently had made into a handbag for his mother!

Julian Reeves, a trustee of **Seamab**, was our speaker on 31 July. Seamab care for and educate vulnerable children aged between five and thirteen who have complex needs. They provide a unique service in Scotland and are nationally recognised for their specialist work with children. The talk was gripping and Julian gave several moving insights into the challenges that the children have to overcome, and the dedication the job demands of the staff.

Alistair Smith spoke about the **Kinross-shire Civic Trust** on 14 August. Alistair spoke about the aims of the society in helping to continue to enhance the beauty of the area and make it a great place to live and visit, by considering both the 'built' and the 'natural' environments.

He highlighted the importance of the current conservation areas in Kinross, Cleish, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell and Wester Balgedie and explained how the trust is also interested in the history of the area.

Alistair pointed out that the trust encourages and welcomes sympathetic development that respects the local traditions and its natural beauty.

Talks in September

Topics include **'The V&A Museum of Design'** by Peter Nurick on **Monday 11 September**.

At the breakfast meeting on **Tuesday 19 September** our speaker will be Rotary District Governor Graeme Archibald.

On **Monday 25 September** Alistair Robb will talk about 'A Different Type of Rotary Club'.

Join Us

We meet most Mondays in the Kirklands Hotel, Kinross, at 6.30pm. On the third week of the month the Monday meeting is replaced by a Tuesday breakfast meeting at 7.30am, also at the Kirklands. Come along and find out what's happening in the club and meet some of our members.

Contact and further information

Contact Brian Timms, Club Secretary, by email at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com to find out more, or visit us on Facebook.

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

Potager Garden

www.potagergardenkinross.com

Despite the fairly wet summer, we have been able to grow some good vegetables and flowers at the garden. We were very pleased to win points in 13 classes at the flower show of Kinross Show and to be awarded the Cairns Cup. We are grateful to all the volunteers who help with watering, weeding and other jobs over the summer.

In the next few weeks we will be welcoming back the school children, now in P6, for their harvesting and tasting session with some vegetables to take home and recipes to try.

In mid-August, we had an outing to three interesting gardens in Perth for the volunteer group.

On another rainy day, we followed secret paths around Branklyn Garden, with a lovely cup of tea and scones, then headed to the walled garden at Murray Royal. That is a PKAVS project, supporting people recovering from mental ill health. After lunch there, some of us continued to Kincarrathie House (another walled garden which is similar to our own) with flowers, fruit, and vegetables growing in profusion. We also had an interesting chat with the gardeners.

On **Saturday 30 September**, from 10.30am, we will be taking part in the **World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support**. There will be a raffle and plant sales and we look forward to welcoming you then.

For further information about our activities, contact Amanda James on 01577 8408098 or by email at amanda@tyafon.plus.com.



Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Despite the very wet summer, we have managed to carry out our walks programme. Hopefully, Autumn will bring some dry and sunny weather.

Whether you're new or returning to walking, or an experienced walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome. The benefits? Exploring new areas, improving mental and physical fitness and walking with other people in a relaxed and social environment. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

Weekend Walks

Saturday 2 September: Almondell and Lin's Mill Aqueduct, 6.5 miles.

A circular walk near Livingston, mostly on good woodland paths and minor roads. It takes in Almondell Country Park, a fine stone Naysmith Bridge and the impressive Lin's Mill Aqueduct which carries the Union Canal.

Sunday 17 September: Ochil Hills from Glen Sherup, 9 miles.

Circular walk taking in three peaks, including Tarmangie Hill. Good paths for most of the walk but boggy in places.

Saturday 30 September: Falkirk Wheel Circular, 10 miles.

From the Wheel, along the canal path (through a tunnel) towards Pirleyhill and along country tracks, returning to the car 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 12 September: Cupar to Cairnie Fruit Farm.

Easy country walk on quiet roads and tracks, breaking for refreshments at Cairnie Fruit Farm. Then return the same way.

Tuesday 26 September: Kinghorn Loch.

The walk follows tracks, paths and pavements through agricultural land to the loch, with its mallards and geese, and through Craigencaft Ecology Centre.

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

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



We are delighted to have been selected as Dobbies' Local Charity again and would like to thank all the people who have chatted to our collectors and donated on several weekends recently. Over the weekend of **16/17 September** we are going to be running a **Tombola Stall** in Dobbies and our volunteers look forward to, again, meeting and chatting to people while, at the same, time raising money.

KVG&ROS drivers continue to take people, who do not have access to transport, to medical and dental appointments as well as to do their shopping, take them to the hairdressers, etc. Basically, our drivers will take people on the journeys that most of us take for granted. Interesting figures are that in the first three months of our financial year (April to end June) our drivers have responded to over 500 requests for journeys, donated 525 hours of their time and travelled over 10,000 miles!

Many thanks to Dobbies for giving us the opportunity to raise much-needed funds and to the staff who are always helpful and supportive.

We look forward to seeing you over the weekend of 16/17 September at the Tombola Stall; do please come along to say "hello" and support the work that our volunteer drivers do.

Club Correspondents

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Portmoak Community Woodland Group

Bogs and Apples

Portmoak Moss hosted an event to mark International Bog Day (23 July). It was the first peat bog in Scotland to do so and the idea was initiated by Our Portmoak, who are running a huge programme of activities to mark Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

By using a number of connected poles, bog expert Andrew McBride was able to drill down to a depth of 5½ metres and expose plant and insect remains which hadn't seen the light for 5,500 years. His deepest peat core sample clearly showed parts of a tree which may have been rowan or alder, as well as the bright blue wing case of a beetle. This was spotted by one of the eight children who came to the event, along with 20 adults.



Andrew McBride (right) shows an ancient peat core to delighted children

Portmoak Community Woodland Group were delighted to join forces with Our Portmoak in hosting 'Tales of the Peat Bog'. Professor David Munro, from Our Portmoak, explained the history of the bog and how generations of local people had cut a lot of the peat for fuel. Andrew McBride, Peatland Action Project manager with Scottish Natural Heritage, explained how the bog had been formed, since the last Ice Age, by rotting plant matter.

Peatland Action have generously funded parts of the peat bog restoration project and reminded everyone why it is vital to look after the few remaining lowland raised peat bogs, like Portmoak. "Bogs are important not only for their biodiversity, which is very specialised, but also for the very important aspect of climate change and the ability of bogs to hold on to carbon," said Andrew McBride.

Scotland's peat bogs hold so much carbon that, if we didn't preserve them, it's been calculated that 47,000 people would have to make radical changes to their lifestyles and become carbon neutral in order to tackle climate change. The Woodland Trust Scotland, who own Portmoak Moss, have been making a huge effort to restore the peat dome in the centre of the site and we're now seeing the spread of species like the sphagnum mosses, which turned into peat all that time ago.

Jeff Gunnell, Chair of PCWG, likened Andrew McBride to Dr Who, a Time Lord with a Time Machine, who had taken us back thousands of years and, unlike the Tardis, successfully returned us to the present.

Speaking of which, PCWG are grateful to a member of the public who reported and attempted to extinguish a small fire started by a BBQ in the depths of Portmoak Moss. Once fire takes a hold in the drier areas of peat, it's incredibly difficult to put out and tends to spread beneath the surface. It took trug-loads of water, wheelbarrowed some distance, to eventually extinguish it.

On a cheerier note, the community orchard in Kilmagad Wood has a good crop of apples this year and we are holding another **Apple Day** at 2pm on **Sunday 1 October**, when anyone can come and have apples from their gardens identified (bring two or three apples and a twig with leaves on it from the same tree). If you bring enough apples we can turn them into delicious juice. We'll also provide home-baking and games for children. The event is free but we'd appreciate a donation for the refreshments. Please check out our website www.portmoakcw.org.uk or Facebook page for further details.



A 5,500-year-old tree fragment extracted from the bog

The Newsletter on Facebook

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Kinross and District Art Club

A local Newspaper in 1967 reported: 'Nearly 200 entries have been received for Kinross's first ever art show, opened at Mill Street Hall on Wednesday by Dr W. S. Haldane, headmaster of Kinross Secondary School. The Exhibition closes tomorrow (Saturday) at 4.00pm. The adult section is housed in the main hall and about 140 pictures decorate the walls, adding bright splashes of colour to the usual sedate surroundings. The organisers are more than pleased with the response, saying, "It is surprising to realise that so much talent exists in Kinross in Kinross and district."'

Shortly after this momentous event, in August 1967, Kinross and District Art Club (KADAC) was formed, and this year the club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a number of special events.



Spring in Provence by Barry Carnegie will include a selection of paintings on the theme of gold.

In June, club members were guests of RSPB (Scotland) Loch Leven, who also celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year, for an outdoor painting day. In August, members and guests enjoyed a fun sixties-themed picnic in the grounds of Hatchbank House, hosted by club member Carole Drummond and her husband John.

The Annual Exhibition, from 6 to 9 September,

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As in the 1967 show, there will be around 200 paintings on display and for sale (original art at affordable prices!). The Exhibition, in the Parish Church on Station Road, will be opened on Wednesday evening, 6 September, at 7pm, by Kinross High School Head Teacher, Mrs Sarah Brown. Thereafter it will be open on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th from 1pm until 8pm and on Saturday 9th from 1pm to 4pm. Crafts and produce will also be on sale and refreshments available. See club website for more information: kadac.co.uk The exhibition is part of a larger art event, **Perthshire Open Studios**, in which local artists open their studios and workshops to the public for nine days, from 2 to 10 September. In the Kinross area, in addition to the Art Club Exhibition, a further eight artists are participating. More information can be found at perthshireopenstudios.com and brochures will be available at the KADAC exhibition.

The annual exhibition attracts visitors from many parts of Scotland and beyond, but for the past 50 years the people of the town and district of Kinross have supported the club loyally, allowing it to thrive and develop from its early beginnings to a membership of just over 60. We look forward to welcoming as many as can make it to our special 50th Anniversary Exhibition this year!

Glenys Andrews, President KADAC



Members and friends at the Sixties-themed summer picnic

Fairtrade Group

Support for the Fairtrade Mark is more important than ever!



We hear the words 'trade deals' almost daily in the news. Every one of us makes decisions every day about what products to buy. Please choose products with the Fairtrade mark, where you can, so that you are helping poor producers all over the world to support their families and, in many cases, also help them to have access to education and health.

Often we feel that there is nothing we can do, on a local level, to tackle the major problems which we see in the news every day, but by buying Fairtrade goods in the supermarkets or through the church stalls or the local shops and businesses who support our Traidcraft sales we are making a difference.

We would like to be able to sell more Traidcraft goods and Kilombero Rice from Malawi. To do that, we would like to know of any businesses who would like to buy catering tea, coffee and sugar from us, and any individuals who would like to look at the www.traidcraftshop.co.uk website and then order through the church office or kjarvie@btinternet.com. We stock most items of food and can deliver any item ordered within a fortnight.

Please think about Traidcraft for some of your regular shopping basket items and also when looking for gifts for birthdays, weddings etc. There are also Gifts for Life which go straight to Traidcraft's charity Traidcraft Exchange to support

education for farmers, to help them diversify their crops and learn about sustainable methods of increasing their yields.

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Members of the local steering group promoting Fairtrade goods in Kinross-shire at a walk on the Heritage Trail in April



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celebrating 100 years

As part of our centenary year celebrations, Milnathort SWI Group asked Milnathort in Bloom to plant up a tub in the colours of the Scottish Women's Institutes to go outside the Town Hall in Milnathort.

The tub, which was kindly donated by George Shiels of Stewart & Smart Garage, is now in place, complete with a celebration plaque.

We recently met with Milnathort in Bloom to hand over a cheque for their work.

*Members with the
commemorative
tub outside
Milnathort Town Hall*



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DATE	EVENT DESCRIPTION	WHERE	WHEN
1-30	The Carpow Logboat	Perth	10:00
2-3	Doors Open Days: Kinross-shire & Strathearn	Various	Various
2	Tracing the Tunnels: Geophysics Demonstrations	Comrie	11:00
3	Navigation Archaeology	Pitcarmick	09:30
3	Cultybraggan POW Camp	Comrie	11:00
7-30	Perth Society of Natural Science	Perth	10:00
7-19	King's Seat Hillfort Community Excavation	Dunkeld	10:00
8	The Archaeology of Pitcarmick	Kirkmichael	10:00
9-10	Doors Open Days: Highland & Eastern Perthshire	Various	Various
12	The Black Watch: Fighting in the Front Line	Perth	18:30
13	King's Seat Hillfort	Dunkeld	10:30
15	Scottish Coinage 1136-1603	Auchterarder	19:30
16-17	Doors Open Days: Perth City	Various	Various
16	Greyfriars Burial Ground	Perth	12:00 & 14:00
16-17	Ways with Wood: The Turnery Prize	Kenmore	10:30
18-19	Traditional Building Skills Event	Perth	10:00
23	A Spin along the Ericht	Blairgowrie	10:30
23	Walking in the Bloody Footsteps of James I	Perth	13:00
24	Moredun Top Hillfort	Perth	13:00
27	£2 Talk: Guided Tour of Exhibitions	Perth	12:30
30	Fruit Heritage Festival	Carse of Gowrie	TBC



Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Superhero Day at Kinross Farmers' Market

Learn how to do CPR and meet the superheroes from the Scotland Charity Air Ambulance, Kinross Fire & Rescue and local paramedics on **Saturday 23 September**, 9.30am-1.30pm at Kinross Farmers' Market! Prizes for best dressed super heroes – adults and children! Also great food and stalls! Come along and enjoy this special event.

Words theme at Kinross-shire Winter Festival

KLEO is a Book Week Scotland 2017 partner this year and, together with Loch Leven Community Library, we hope to bring an exciting programme of words-themed events during Kinross-shire's Winter Festival.

Liz Lochhead & The Hazey Janes

A concert with new collaborative pieces from national poet, author and playwright Liz Lochhead with indie pop band The Hazey Janes.

Friday 3 November / 8pm / Loch Leven Community Campus / Tickets £10 (£8 concession).

Beginning to Write Workshop with Liz Lochhead

Always wanting to write? This is your chance to undertake a workshop with a real professional! Liz Lochhead's 'Beginning to Write Workshop' is an event whereby a maximum of twenty people (who may be of any age or gender, experienced or keen beginners) take part and meet round a big table in a private room. During this two-hour workshop, you will make a start on two or three pieces. No one will ever be forced to read anything out loud if they don't want to, but the learning part is in listening to other people's emerging work and sharing.

Saturday 2 December / 2pm / Loch Leven Community Library / Tickets £10 (from the library)

Katie Morag Comes to Life in Kinross

We are also delighted to announce that Mairi Hedderwick, author and illustrator, comes to Kinross during Book Week Scotland to talk to children (and adults) about her most famous creation, Katie Morag and how a Katie Morag book is made. She will talk about the Katie Morag illustrations, storytelling and writing. Mairi will also draw parallels with her ideas and preparation for a book and children's own efforts to write stories. A fantastic event for all!

Wednesday 29 November / Loch Leven Community Library / 4pm / Children free, adults £5.



Mairi Hedderwick, with (below) Katie Morag



Other Winter Festival events

- **Lights Out By Nine** (Sat 4 Nov, 8pm, Backstage), Tickets £15 (www.mundellmusic.com)
- **Home-Bru Concert** (Sat 4 Nov, 3pm, Kinross Parish Church), Free
- **Comedy with Billy Kirkwood** (Fri 10 Nov, Milnathort Town Hall) Tickets £10 (£8 concession)
- **Handel's Messiah in a Day** (Sun 12 Nov, 4pm participants and 7pm concert), Tickets £10 (£8 concession) for concert and £15 for participants
- **All Dance event** (Fri 17 Nov, 7pm, campus), Tickets £5 and £3 concession
- **Choirs Together** (Sun 19 Nov, 7pm, campus), Tickets £5 and £3 concession

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

Festive Street Market

The Festive Street Market will take place on the High Street of Kinross on Saturday 25 November (4pm-7pm). Like last year, 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

Leven Voices

Leven Voices starts again with Horsecross Arts Tutor Dougie Flowers on **Tuesday 12 September**, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £6 registration fee which is used to pay for the hall for ten-week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

For more information about KLEO events, please see our website www.kleo.org.uk or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

Kinnesswood in Bloom

The competitions are over for another year. We were delighted to get the sign back for best village in Kinross-shire and it now sits proudly in the Picture Garden.

The judging for Perth and Kinross and for Beautiful Scotland has taken place. When we entered, we had no idea what a wet summer it would turn out to be and that roadworks would disrupt two of our judging days. A great deal of weeding, sweeping and general tidying up has gone on and we were well pleased with our efforts on the days the weather was a bit better than forecast and we managed to circumvent the roadworks.

We also played lovely music to the judges; 'Loan to the Hill' composed by Ian Dunnett. Thank you to the golf course for the loan of the clubhouse where we held our presentations and entertained the judges.

We had a very kind donation recently from Mike Thomson in Bishop Terrace who gave us a strimmer. It's really handy to have a spare, especially during the busy growing season.

We have spent a lot of time in the Michael Bruce Garden this year with the 250th anniversary to commemorate. As well as the knitted and glass birds, one of our work parties was visited by a real robin, still with very fluffy wings. Do come and visit this garden and admire the bottle brush plant which is really flourishing this year. Visit the cottage museum and see how many birds you can find.



The glass bird in the Michael Bruce garden

As well as spotting birds and bees in the village, you can now spot members of Kinnesswood in Bloom in our new smart tee shirts, sweatshirts or fleeces. We have bought these ourselves from a local company and are enjoying our new corporate look.

Due to the Beautiful Scotland Awards and other meetings, our next meeting will be on **Thursday 21 September** at the Well Inn at 7.30pm.

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FUN NATURAL Spontaneous

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Rich Cheese Biscuits

Janette made these biscuits for the Bishopshire SWI Community competition. They are delicious, especially with a dip. This recipe makes about 32 biscuits.

Ingredients

- 175g plain flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teasps dry mustard powder
- 75g butter
- 175g grated cheddar
- 2 large eggs
- Sesame or poppy seeds for sprinkling

Method

Heat the oven to 200 degrees celsius. Lightly grease three baking trays. Sieve the flour, salt and mustard powder into a bowl and rub in the butter until fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the grated cheese. Beat the eggs, then stir just enough egg into the flour mix to form a soft dough. Wrap the dough in clingfilm and chill for about 15 minutes.

Roll the dough out to a thickness of about 5 mm and cut into 5 cm rounds. Place on baking trays and brush with remaining egg. Sprinkle lightly with sesame or poppy seeds (optional). Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes or until crisp and golden. They can be reheated before serving.

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Kinross High School

SQA Results

It has been another very good year for pupils at Kinross High School, with over 2000 SQA awards being achieved across S4-S6. With continued hard work from staff and pupils, the majority (82%) of pupils have achieved awards at A-C in graded courses. In new courses such as the Baccalaureate (Science and Languages), more than half of the pupils achieved a distinction. The number of pupils achieving five National 5 awards in S4 increased to 65% and pass rates for pupils were approximately 10% above the national average.

There are many personal triumphs within the results and many pupils will now achieve their first choice of post-school destination. Around 60 pupils achieved all of their qualifications at the top grade possible for the courses undertaken.

A full review of all results will be undertaken once the National Benchmarking tool "Insight" is updated. This provides an opportunity for comparison with similar schools.



Above: Summer School in China

Below and right: KHS pupils in Madagascar

Kinross High School Overseas

Staff and pupils have travelled far and wide over the summer months. In early July, Paul Becher led an excursion which provided an opportunity for nine Kinross pupils to attend a Summer School in China. This Summer School included more than 100 Scottish students and provided the opportunity for young people to learn Mandarin and to visit some cultural sites in Beijing, Tianjin and Shandong Province.

In late July and into August, Elaine Carruthers, Stacey Macnab and Senga Morran led approximately 30 pupils in a world challenge to Madagascar. In addition to Lemur spotting, the pupils have undertaken personal challenges including trekking and scaling the highest non-technical peak on the island along with cultural activities. While in Madagascar, the groups visited the orphanage they had been fundraising for. They also installed a new floor for the dining room.

Staff Leavers

A number of long serving staff retired at the end of last year. We wish the following staff a long and happy retirement: Mrs Cargill (Business Manager), Mr Cairnie (Depute Headteacher), Mrs Murray (Teacher of Art), Mr Peddie (Teacher of Chemistry), Mr Forbes (Principal Teacher of Biology) and Mr Ferguson (Principal Teacher of Guidance).



Boys Brigade

Our new session begins on **Friday 8 September** in Kinross Church Centre. Current members and new members are all welcome.

Anchor Section operates from 6pm to 7pm and is open to boys and girls in primaries one, two and three.

Junior Section operates from 7pm to 9pm and is open to boys and girls in primaries four, five and six.

Company Section operates from 7pm to 10pm and is open to boys and girls in primary 7, S1 and S2.

Senior Section operates from 7pm to 10pm and is open to boys and girls in S3, S4, S5 and S6.



Junior Sections around the world are celebrating 100 years of service with various special events taking place locally and nationally.

Company Section members have been busy with Duke of Edinburgh Award work, expedition training and weekend trial run hikes and camping.



New members (girls and boys!) are always welcome in the Brigade

Crook and Drum Growing Together

At the end of July, we spent an interesting morning with judges from the **Take a Pride in Perthshire competition**, showing them around our villages, and highlighting the planters, the Luke memorial at the church, and the wildlife friendly plants at the village hall, and the new bed in the Green. They seemed happy with our developments, but we will not receive official feedback until the awards ceremony in Perth on 14 September.

We sold plants at the village flower show, and our **new wildlife bed** on the Green was officially opened by Lord John Wheatley on 20 August. The photo shows John with some members of the group and local residents at the event. We are grateful to Fossoway Church for their donation of a colourful, bee-friendly plant for the bed.



beekeepers, with information about gardening for wildlife, children's crafts, and bulb planting, and tasty teas. We look forward to welcoming everyone then, and would welcome any helpers with the event.

We are also looking towards changing the planting in the tubs for autumn and winter, and planting more daffodils in the verges between Crook and Drum. **If you would like to help with our activities**, or have ideas for future developments, please contact Amanda James on 01577 840809, or amanda@tyafon.plus.com.



Lord John Wheatley opening the new flower bed on the Green

On **Saturday 16 September** at 2pm we will be holding an **Autumn Fayre** in Crook of Devon Village Hall, which will feature an art exhibition by children from Fossoway Primary School, Guess the Weight of the Cake, and stalls from Phoenix cards, Rutherford Jams, Rumbling Bridge Nursery, and local

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It has been a hive of activity over the summer months. We have invested in updating our kitchen facilities at The Beacon. This means we can store more food more efficiently, we have hot water (hooray!), space for a fridge and microwave. We also have a little waiting area for clients if we get busy, which is great as privacy is an important factor for some.

We would like to say a huge thank you to GRL joiners. They worked tirelessly to turn around the kitchen in time, as we didn't want to have our doors shut for too long, and Guy donated his personal time for free. We were gifted an ex-display kitchen from Howden's in Kirkcaldy.



Before: the kitchen at The Beacon

The garden has come along in leaps and bounds. As we only planted things this season some won't bear fruit (pun intended) until next year, but we now have fresh potatoes, courgettes, kale and salad for our clients. We owe a massive debt of gratitude to Rory Stewart for his hard work and dedication, as well as everyone who has lent a hand in the garden, including Gutters to Glory for wielding the lawnmower and helping with deliveries.

Thank you also to those donating food regularly. Sainsbury's drop-off has been full every week, and the Co-op drop-off is now in use. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Rutherford for their speciality jams.



And After: Guy from GRL Joiners - total legend!

If you would like to donate, we are currently in need of the following items: UHT milk (blue), tinned meats, tinned meals, tinned potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, fairy liquid, soap powder, fruit juice, toiletries.

For more information please email us at admin@brokenotbroken.org or look at our website.

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Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus
www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk
[www.Facebook.com/Kinross.Museum](https://www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum)

Launched on 3 August, the Museum's latest exhibition – *Loch Leven & Mary, Queen of Scots* – tells the story of the imprisonment, abdication and subsequent escape of Scotland's most famous queen in 1567-68, how she has been remembered by writers and artists to the present day and the life and times of people living in Kinross-shire in the mid 16th century. Do come to the Loch Leven Community Campus to see this new display and try your hand at medieval writing with a feather quill.



Many thanks to those who dropped by our tent at Kinross Show and took part in the Historic Walk at the Kirkgate Park on 27 August. Also thanks to volunteers who helped complete the survey of memorial stones in the kirkyard at Kinross Parish Church.

If you would like to find out more about being a volunteer or have a historical query you would like to research, drop by the Museum Study Room on Thursdays (10am-8pm) or Saturdays (10am-3pm).

Milnathort & Kinross Allotments Association

www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org

We are holding our annual **Harvest Open Day and Fete** at the allotments site behind Dobbies Garden Centre at Turfhill on **Saturday 16 September** from 1pm to 4pm. All welcome. We will have a number of stalls selling plants, produce, jams, crafts and cakes as well the usual kids games, a tombola and a raffle. Once you've had a wander around the site and stalls, then why not have a seat and enjoy a tea or coffee and maybe a homemade scone with homemade jam. We will also have a plant stall at the farmers' market in October, so if you are looking for some winter bedding plants, then why not pop by and have a look at our selection of pansies, primroses and primulas. We'll also be at the Christmas market with plants and crafts. All proceeds go to the association's charity funds.

If you are interested in growing your own fruit and veg, you can join the waiting list for an allotment plot or register an interest in one of our Learn-to-Grow beds in the Allotments Community Garden by emailing the association secretary at mkaasecretary@gmail.com. More details about the association, upcoming events, meetings and membership can be found on our website.

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Kinross Garden Group

In August, we went to Kelso for lunch and then spent a very pleasant afternoon at Floors Castle and Gardens. The depth and colours of the herbaceous borders were outstanding. The weather was warm and dry all day.

Our final outing is to Drummond Gardens at Muthill on Thursday 14 September. Our new season will start again on Thursday 12 October in Millbridge Hall at 2pm where everyone is welcome; especially if you are new to Kinross-shire, come and join us. For more information contact vice chairman Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785.



Portmoak Film Society

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

After this damp squib of a summer, our first movie of the new season will warm you with its inspirational true story of three African-American women who helped the US win the space race with their mathematical, engineering and computer skills, against all the cultural and racial odds of US post-war society. Don't miss the 2016 box office hit **'Hidden Figures'** showing on **Saturday 9 September**; if you're a Pharrell Williams fan, you'll love the soundtrack!

After carrying out our annual audience survey in April, we discovered that you favoured an eclectic mix of film genres. So we're showing the foreign language thriller **'The Page Turner'** on **Saturday 14 October**. This will be followed by an animation in November and a documentary film in December. For synopses of the featured films and all 2017/2018 dates, visit our website.

We hope that you will like our selection, and as always, we're open for newcomers as well as loyal 'old timers'! The films start at 7.30pm prompt in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell. Tickets cost £5 on the door or only £4 if you buy a season's membership at £32, available from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood (contact 01592 840638). Refreshments and hot drinks are generously provided after the film by Helen from Lochend and you may bring your own bottle. See you soon!

Kinross in Bloom

Another dreich summer squelches towards its end. There have been some wonderful, bright, sunny and warm days, but many wet, rainy and miserable ones. The only bright patches to make you smile are the colourful planters about town, which, after a slow start, have come good, although not as good as previous years. Our hanging baskets are still looking good, and will do so for a few weeks yet.

Our thoughts are now turning towards next year's spring display. We are expecting delivery of some polyanthus soon. These will have to be transplanted into larger cells prior to planting out around town, so if you would like to help us out, please get in touch; you will be made very welcome. Call Aileen on 01577 861477 or Iain on 01577 208110.

Our 200 Club winners for August are as follows:

1. No. 12 Mrs M Dobson
 2. No. 6 Mrs M Blair
 3. No. 77 Mrs P Watson
 4. No. 36 Mrs R McCalman
- Congratulations to our winners.

Should you wish to join our 200 Club, there is still time; contact Aileen on 01577 861477.



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Best Kept Village Annual Competition

The judging for the competition was held on a perfect day and all the villages competing looked at their very best. The judges, as usual, enjoyed their sojourn around the villages and hamlets and were very impressed by the efforts that had been made by everyone. Their overall impression was that everyone cared about their villages and hamlets and took pride in presenting them.



Winners of the Best Kept Village Awards with BKV committee chair Patrick Milne Home (left) and Trust Chairman Alistair Smith (right)

The results were very close but the winners were:

Best Kept Village	Kinnesswood
Best Kept Hamlet	Keltybridge and Maryburgh
Most Improved Village	Easter and Wester Balgedie

The Balgedies joined together this year to have a joint entry. The other villages taking part were Crook of Devon, Cleish Glenlomond and Powmill.

A very successful evening was held at Portmoak Hall for the presentation of the Awards. Kinnesswood, Keltybridge and Maryburgh and the Balgedies provided an excellent spread of food which everyone enjoyed.

The Chairman welcomed judges Catherine Erskine and Frederick Maitland Dougall and Mrs Erskine gave the meeting a few impressions on behalf of the judges of how well the villages looked and the improvements that had been made since the previous year.

A Date for the Diary – Annual Dinner

The Trust will be holding its Annual Dinner on **Wednesday 25 October** at the Grouse and Claret. The guest speaker will be John Pelan, Director of the Scottish Civic Trust. The Scottish Civic Trust is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. John will be talking about the Tobacco Merchant's House, in Glasgow, which is the Trust's historical Head Office as well as talking about the SCT's past 50 years and its future.

Kinross Show

The Trust had its usual stand at the Kinross Show and it was a very successful day meeting and talking to Trust members and other members of the public. The weather stayed fine for the day and the tombola and second-hand book stall enabled the Trust to raise funds for its purposes. The Trust is very grateful for all that support it receives for what it considers its very important aims.

Friends of Loch Leven

Community Library

Monday Opening

In addition to our Saturday afternoon sessions, we've been opening Loch Leven Community Library on Monday mornings for six months now. How time flies! We're very pleased to say that more and more visitors have been coming to the library on Monday mornings to borrow and return books, use the library computers and photocopier, pick up dog bags and more. A huge thank you to everyone who has come along; we really appreciate your support and the very positive feedback you have been giving us. We have been so encouraged by how successful it has been that we are planning to open on Monday afternoons in addition to the morning sessions. We expect that we will be able to do this early in the new year and we'll let you know as soon as we have a definite starting date. In the meantime, please drop in on a Monday between 10am and 1pm, or on a Saturday between 1pm and 4pm. We look forward to seeing you!



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.

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Kinross & District Men's Shed

We've have had another busy month with our new temporary premises at the former Forth Wines depot in Milnathort. This is situated beyond Webster's building merchants and Drysdale's.

During the week of 7 to 11 August a number of members assisted with preparations for the stall at Kinross Show. On the Saturday morning of the show, repairs had to be carried out to the erected gazebo due to overnight wind and rain. The stall was a great success, with many members of the public interested in the wooden clock that had been made by one of our shedders. Another member had made wooden candle holders and these also proved to be very popular.

Our monthly committee meeting on 14 August at the school campus was well attended and, following on from a presentation on possible use of space within the Forth Wine Building, it was agreed that a working party should be set up to investigate how we can best utilise the area on a temporary basis.

We are continuing to consider other residence/workshop premises in the longer term.

Further consideration was also given to events coming up during the next couple of months. This includes the Mary Queen of Scots Festival, the next Farmers Market in Kinross and involvement with other local groups.

If you are over 18 and would like to find

out more about us, why not pop in on a Saturday morning between 10am and 12 noon for a coffee or tea and a chat? You can also keep up to date with our day to day news on our Facebook page, which can be found at:
www.facebook.com/MSKinross/

Thanks for your support from all at the Shed!



The Men's Shed stand at the Kinross Show

Portmoak Primary School

Welcome Back: A warm welcome to our new P1 pupils and their families and welcome back to our pupils and families from P2-7. At the time of writing this we have had a great couple of days already this term as the children settle into school life with their new teachers. It is great to see such high standards of uniform throughout the school. Parent efforts to maintain our high standards in this area are appreciated – they all very much look and act like Portmoak pupils.

Staffing Update: Our class teachers for this year are:

P1/2 – Ms MacGillivray

P5/6 – Miss Kettles

P2/3 – Mrs Mossom

P6/7 – Mrs Woods

P4/5 – Mrs Herd

Mrs Woods supports the management of the school in her Principal Teacher role. Mrs Fraser will cover P6/7 for some of

Tuesday and some of Wednesday to allow Mrs Woods time out for her PT remit, as well as providing a period of French for each class during the teachers' non-contact time. Mrs Milroy will continue as our Pupil Support Teacher and will be here for one day a week. Mr Ainsworth will provide PE on both a Tuesday and Friday – a reminder to please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor and indoor PE Kit in school at all times.

Our support staff hours have not changed from last session. Mrs Clark will continue in her role as Senior Clerical in the office assisted by Mrs Davies, who will split her time between the office and the classroom. Ms Gibbon and Mrs Williams will continue to provide support in the classroom along with Mrs Cox and Mrs Thompson our new support staff members.

Bags to School: If you have any rag bag donations (clothing, textiles, curtains etc) you are able to add to our Bags 2 School collection we would be very grateful. Community donations have a big impact on the amount of money we raise through this. The next date is 9am on **Friday 27 October**. Donations can be dropped off here or at Buchan's garage. Thank you to everyone in the community who supports us with this fundraiser; the extra bags really bump up our total. We are very grateful, too, for the support from Buchan's garage.

Twitter: If you haven't yet followed us, don't forget to check @PortmoakPS and the Parent Council @FriendsPortmoak for updates. Lots of photos and bitesize news article are posted every week. If you aren't on Twitter, you also can view an embedded twitter feed at the bottom of our school website www.portmoak.com

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



The P1/2 class at Portmoak Primary

Louise Gordon, Headteacher



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www.Facebook.com/KinrossCurlingRink

Steven and the ice crew are working hard to prepare the rink and lay the ice for the first curlers to start their season on Monday 11 September, with the **Opening Bonspiel** on **Saturday 16 September**.

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. See notice opposite for the first Try Curling dates of the season.

On **Sunday 8 October**, we are hosting an **open day** or '**CurlFest**' at the rink (9.30am to 1.30pm) to encourage as many people as possible from Kinross and area to find out more about the sport. [See article on page 5 and notice below right for more details.] 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 fund-raising activities and more news about this.

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. If you have not entered, get in touch with Steven without delay.



Why not try stick curling?

We would also welcome our local businesses to take part in the **Business Challenge**, an event that has grown in stature over the last two years. See advert on page 72 or get in touch with the ice team for more information. (See header.) 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.

Deadline for all Submissions
5pm, Friday 15 September
for publication on Saturday 30 September



Try Curling

Looking for a new sport to try this winter? Join us for one of our Try Curling sessions. It's a great fun sport for all ages and abilities. Why not get family or friends together and have a go? You can play from age 8 to 80+. It's inclusive for everyone; all welcome. Why curling? Well, the rules are easy to learn, it's good, physical exercise, mentally challenging and not expensive.

Saturday 23 September 12.15pm

Monday 28 September 8.20pm

Saturday 14 October 3.00pm

All sessions are £3 per person. Book a place by contacting our Curling Development Officer, Ena Stevenson, on: kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurling.co.uk



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Entry to CurlFest is free, though there will be a small charge for some of the activities. CurlFest is run in partnership with Cash for Kids, a charity benefiting from fund-raising on the day.

#CurlFest

There will be more information on CurlFest in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, check: www.Facebook.com/KinrossCurlingRink or

www.kinrosscurling.co.uk or royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org

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Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

Kinross Golf Club

www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk

Seve Ballesteros Charity Golf Day

The Seve Ballesteros Foundation Charity golf day held at Kinross Golf Club was a hugely successful day and all 92 golfers who took part thought the course was in magnificent condition (thanks to Andy Crawford and his green keeping staff). Thanks also to Jamie Montgomery for allowing the club to host the event at Kinross Golf Club and to everyone who sponsored a hole or donated a prize. Special thanks to Llyall at Perth Honda for bringing all the cars down. It made the event look extremely professional.

Congratulations to S Michie who won the singles with a magnificent score of 42 points and to 'Pars R Us' who won the team event with 93 points. From funds raised on the day, along with the sponsorship money that the very brave bar staff Lyn and Laura raised doing their tandem sky dives, we will be handing over £6000 to cancer research! A big thank you has to go to Stevie Hynd who organised the event. Thanks also to everyone who helped and took part.

2017 Ladies Open

Our Ladies Open Stableford is being held on **Saturday 9 September** on our Bruce Course. Mary Queen of Scots Enterprises Ltd have kindly donated prizes of their specialized products to coincide with the 450th anniversary. The entry fee is £8. To enter, download an application form from the website golfempire.co.uk or email office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk.

Perth and Kinross Ladies Handicap League

Kinross ladies won their home match against King James 5-0 and halved their away match at Dunning.

Junior Open

The Junior Open took place on Tuesday 18 July and the prize winners were as follows:

Age 14 and under scratch: 1st John Vogelpohl, Forrester Park; 2nd Cormac Sharpe, Blairgowrie; 3rd Gregor Graham, Blairgowrie.

Age 14 and under handicap: 1st Ramsay Scott, Milnathort; 2nd Oliver Devlin, Muckhart; 3rd Daniel Bullen, Auchterarder.

Age 18 and under scratch: 1st Jamie Roberts, Muckhart; 2nd Jack Lockhart, Pitreavie; 3rd Fraser Matthews, Blairgowrie.

Age 18 and under handicap: 1st Brian McCormick, Milnathort; 2nd Gregor Johnston, Dunblane New; 3rd Duncan McKie, Kinross.

Gents Annodata UK Golf Club Classic

In the fourth round of the Annodata matchplay competition, the Kinross team of A Jackson, R Campbell, S Hynd, J Scougall and S Michie won their match 3-2 against Strathtay. This was a great away win for the team round a quirky wee course where course knowledge is important.

Kinross are now the last club in Scotland still in the tournament and into the final 12 in the UK. They are a maximum of two wins away from getting to the finals in Spain in November. Good luck to the team in the next round.

Perth and Kinross County Team Championship

Kinross won this year's County Team Championship at Strathmore on Sunday 2 July. The team of Scott Michie, David Ewen and Andrew Jackson will now represent Perth and Kinross County at Eastwood Golf Club on Friday 24 September.

Members' Lounge Dining Room

The members' lounge dining room has been fully refurbished and is now open. The menu offers local seasonal farm to table dishes. Opening hours are from 6pm to 10.30pm on Friday and Saturday (last table booking 9pm), and from 12noon to 7.30pm on Sunday (last table booking 6pm). Please phone the bar on 01577 862237 for reservations.



The Members' Lounge Dining Room

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With the schools back, it seems the summer is over and that's a good time to be thinking about getting into new routines – a great time to join a friendly running group and get into the running habit. Don't let age deter you - our members are aged 12 to 81 and our most recent new member is in his seventies. There's even talk of a Kinross Parkrun, so get ahead of the game and join us at any or all of our training sessions.

We meet on **Tuesdays at 7pm at Kirkgate Park** (until 12 Sept) for speed work – you work at your own pace and this is a good place to start for those new to running.

On **Wednesdays**, we meet 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** for either a trail or hill run at a very leisurely pace.

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

*Kinross Road Runners
at the Graham Clark
Memorial Race, Knockhill*



Programme for September

Sat 2nd	Highland Perthshire Half Marathon
Sun 3rd	Informal run
Tue 5th	Two-mile Time Trial and hot choc and kit sale afterwards in Roger's garage
Wed 6th	Strathmiglo
Sun 10th	Informal run
Tue 12th	5 x 1k at Kirkgate Park
Wed 13th	Xmas 10k handicap route
Sun 17th	Informal run
Tue 19th	Winter training: road run from Medical Centre
Wed 20th	Diagonals at KGV Park
Sun 24th	Informal run and also East Neuk 10k
Tue 26th	Winter training: road run from Medical Centre
Wed 27th	Winter training: to be confirmed



Kinross Otters

We are back after a great summer with lots of keen returners and even some newbies from our open assessments held towards the end of August.

Welcome and welcome back to all!

July and August are quieter times for us. We still run a reduced training schedule and are indebted as always to our coaches Fiona and Simon and all the poolside helpers who make it possible to keep Otters going over the holidays.

The big news over the summer was that some of our members had the chance to swim with the fantastic Hannah Miley. Otters Ben Smallwood, Murray Pritchard, Emily Cumming and Helen Hamilton were lucky enough to take part at a special session held at Live Active Perth.



Murray Pritchard, Helen Hamilton, Hannah Miley, Bob Cumming, Emily Cumming and Ben Smallwood pictured at a special event at Perth Leisure Pool with Commonwealth swimmer Hannah Miley



Hannah has had a glittering swimming career, winning gold in the 400m Individual Medley at the Commonwealth Games in 2010 and silver in the same event at the World Championships in 2011. Most recently she took golds in Sheffield at the 2017 British Swimming Championships, in both the 200m and 400m IM events. This was an inspirational opportunity for our Otters and we're sure they'll be back to training with fire in their bellies!

A number of Otters attended the second Live Active Leisure Strathearn Youth and Junior Aquathlon in June. The event took place at Strathearn Community Campus and the team from Kinross did very well indeed, with some excellent placings in all age categories. Well done to Fiona Bayne, Duncan Crichton, Thomas, Murray and Stuart Pritchard, Kayleigh Branningan and Ross Telfer for trying something new and representing Otters.

Later in the summer, Live Active Loch Leven held an Aquathlon Camp here in Kinross for the first time during the summer break. Designed to hone the skills needed for Aquathlon and Triathlon competitors and novices alike, the camp involved swimming and running as well as the all-important transition between events. One of the Otters who attended declared it "absolutely brilliant".

Our back crawl ledges have arrived! Thanks to the tireless efforts of Pamela and her fundraising team, Kinross Otters now have top notch equipment to help improve their back crawl technique.

After a good start, the Leagues start up again in early September with the First Division meet in Perth. We're hoping for a strong finish, so hopefully the summer holidays have involved lots of activity and pool time!

Kinross Swimmers

After a dip in numbers during the summer holidays, we are back up to strength. The consensus seems to be that the new style programme is much more interesting and varied, making sessions way more enjoyable. Hamish has supplied a number of very interesting training drills that have been quite challenging but nonetheless enjoyed. Well done to Hamish and also to Lachlan who has chipped in with a rota or two of his own.

Things are progressing from the AGM and I hope to be able to give some positive reports in upcoming entries about the state of the club and future developments. It should be a good year - we now have a number of able members keen on driving the club forward.

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 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. 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 by email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or by mobile on 07944 503074.

Athletics

Local women compete at World Championships

EILIDH DOYLE (née **CHILD**), won a silver medal in the women's 4 x 400m relay on the last day of the World Athletics Championships held in London in August.

Eilidh also reached the final of her specialist event, the 400m hurdles, finishing eighth.

The Kinross athlete had the honour of being the GB & NI team captain for the World Championships.

LAURA MUIR of Milnathort just missed out on a bronze medal in the women's 1500m final, by an agonising 0.07 seconds. Laura also reached the final of the women's 5,000m, finishing sixth.

Afterwards the 24-year-old veterinary student tweeted: "10 days, 5 races, 2 finals, 4th and 6th place! Thank you so much for all your support out there it's been amazing."

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Kinross Cycling Club

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Well, it has been a pretty miserable summer so far this year. Every weekend seems to bring wind and rain. Despite this, it has been business as usual for the cycling club and the club rides at weekends have been well attended. It has been particularly good to see quite a few new faces on the Saturday social ride and it is rewarding to see how rapidly new members improve once they get going.

The ride captains have been providing great structure and support to the rides this year and their commitment is valued. Details of the weekend rides are regularly updated on our website.

Grand Prix Series

The Thursday evening time trial series is almost concluded for this season and, by the time the September Newsletter is published, there will only be the one-mile sprint left to contend. This ride may be short but it is a tough maximal effort, and there is always a great turnout and a bit of a party atmosphere.

After that, the final results of the series will be drawn up and the trophy winners for the season will be decided. It has been an open book all season this year and the final results are certainly not a foregone conclusion.

Summer BBQ at Loch Leven's Larder

This took place on 13 August. The weather was benign and there was a good turnout of club members and their families. We were able to eat and drink outside and the Larder put on a great spread for us. Once we were all too full for comfort, we logged it out over a game of Rounders (in the midges).

Ochils Road Race, Sunday 10 September

This event is back again after missing a year. Riders will be racing over seven laps of a challenging circuit between Milnathort and Glenfarg. Details are on the website. Any offers of help for marshalling and volunteering at this event would be particularly welcome. We would like to thank drivers and locals in advance for their patience during this national event.

Save the Date:

Awards Night Dinner on Saturday 18 November

Once again we will be holding our annual awards night dinner at the Grouse and Claret. More details to follow but we have another great night lined up with a high profile guest speaker.



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Kinross Rugby Club

Minis: Kinross Mini Rugby has now restarted for the season 2017/2018. This is open to all children aged 5 years or over who are currently at primary school. No experience needed, just a bit of enthusiasm and a willingness to give rugby a try. Coaches and parent helpers are on hand to show them the ropes, as well as players who have been playing for a while. In P1/2, players learn basic ball handling skills such as passing and catching, as well as focusing on agility, balance, speed and team play. In P3, the players learn how to play non-contact rugby, or touch rugby. Again, the focus is on team work as well as having fun. From P4 onwards, the children play contact rugby, albeit modified for each age group to promote safe play. Mini rugby is a fun, physical and energetic sport for all boys and girls. We look forward to meeting you all.

Midis: With pre-season training up and running from 1 August, all players - old and new - are welcome to come along to training on Tuesday nights at the KGV at 7pm. The Midis section provides training and matches for all boys in S1 upwards. No rugby experience needed - we are a small, friendly, fun club. Just come down and give it a try.

Kinross RFC Midis are pleased to announce that Cadenergy Ltd are the new kit sponsors for the Midis Under 15s team. The support of Cadenergy Ltd is a welcome boost to this young side. Look out for the new strip at the matches.

The Youth Section is also pleased to accept the donation of a portable defibrillator from Balfour Beatty plc. This life-saving piece of equipment will be kept at the rugby club for use in case of emergency. We would like to thank Alan Smith, Operations Manager, Balfour Beatty Power Transmission & Distribution, for arranging this (pictured below).



Alan Smith of Balfour Beatty with the donated defibrillator

For any information regarding Minis or Midis, please contact Morven Clark, Youth Convenor:
Tel: 07740 589647 Email: ianandmorven@hotmail.com

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Orwell Curling Club

The new curling season is not too far away and Orwell Curling Club are actively recruiting new members. If you are interested in taking up curling or would just like to find out more about this fun and social sport, please get in touch.

We will be holding a 'Try Curling' session at the Kinross Curling Rink on **Thursday 14 September** at 6pm. To book a space or express an interest in joining Orwell Curling Club, please email David Cottingham at: david@gibcot.uk

Orwell Curling Club was founded in 1826 and is based on the Parish of Orwell (Milnathort) but we draw our members from throughout Kinross-shire and further afield.

Orwell Bowling Club

Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort

Tel: 01577 865538

orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com

Hard lines to the **Ladies Scottish Senior Rink** (Jean Jackson, Maz Thorn, Sandra Fullerton and Jean Menzies) who lost by one shot in the quarter final played at Ayr.

Since the last newsletter we have been busy with friendlies with mixed results and weather as follows:

Sunday 16 July, home to Freuchie, Orwell 66, Freuchie 60;
Saturday 22 July, home to Alva South, Orwell 46, Alva South 54;
Saturday 29 July, away to Sauchie, Orwell 36, Sauchie 55;
Thursday 27 July, away to Kinross, Orwell 36, Kinross 25;
Wednesday 2 August, home to Carnbo, Orwell 51, Carnbo 23;
Saturday 5 August, away to Glencar's, Orwell 58, Glencar's 50;
Sunday 13 August, home to Leslie, Orwell 68, Leslie 81.

Once again, the **Haig Trophy** has had to be rearranged due to the green being flooded. Members please note this will now be played on **Friday 1 September**.

The bowling season will soon be over as there are just a few weeks left to play our internal competitions. Members please note that the green closes on **Saturday 30 September** with a charity game in aid of the RNLI. Please come along and give this your support. Raffle prizes are always welcome.

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Kinross Volleyball Club

Kinross take bronze at international competition

Kinross Volleyball Club has a longstanding mutual friendship with Volleyball Club Overpelt in Belgium. The two clubs entered a joint men's team in the 44th annual De Haan outdoor volleyball tournament in August. With five Kinross players and four Belgian players, the team entered as the 'McDuvels' after the popular Belgian beer.



*Team photo - back row (l to r) Craig Donaldson, Luc Versmeersch, Mitchell Brown, Mark Cathro, John Cameron
front row (l to r) Niels Paeyeneers, Driek ten Haaf, David Munro, Pascal Melgers*

Their opening game on the Saturday morning was a close fought affair against VC Mortsel and, with games being two straight sets, it was fair that the match finished with honours even.

In their second game against Polonia the Kinross/Overpelt side won by two sets to love but they met a well drilled Op t'Gazon side next, who won the first set of their game comfortably and just edged the second set to record victory. Their fourth match against Set Up also saw McDuvels lose out by two sets to love but they finished on a high with a comfortable win against Jartazi Denderhoutem.



The trophy won by the team

On Sunday, the sides met again and, this time, the Kinross/Belgian partnership lost only two of their five games to finish in the bronze medal position, making their long journey very worthwhile.

elite school-aged athletes to compete in 12 Olympic and Paralympic sports. In the volleyball competition, Scotland East boys and girls will be up against England Cadets, England Juniors, Ireland, Scotland West and Wales.

Jack McKelvey competed for Scotland East in the 2016 School Games, where the team won the bronze medal and Jack won the award for 'best libero' in the overall 'dream team'.

Meanwhile, Callum Campbell gets his first call up to Scotland East for the 2017 School Games. Both athletes compete for Kinross High School in the SVA Scottish Schools Cup and festivals, as well as playing in the SVA U18 Junior National League for Perth and Kinross.

Both Jack and Callum started playing volleyball when they started first year at Kinross High. They attended the free after school coaching sessions on Wednesdays and have made excellent progress over the intervening years. The Wednesday lunchtime (come and play) and after school coaching sessions have now resumed at Kinross High School and the free sessions are open to all boys and girls from S1 to S6.

Ian Brownlee, Head Coach for Scotland East Boys, commented, 'Selection for the School Games is one of the biggest goals of all of our young athletes. The School Games gives them the Olympic experience of competing in a massive event alongside athletes of other Olympic and Paralympic sports, and it brings the best out in our athletes as they push themselves to see who can perform at their best when it matters most. The athletes have been working very hard over the summer with extra indoor training and strength and conditioning sessions so they are in the best possible shape for four days of tough competition'.

Indoor training/coaching resumes on Monday evenings from September at the campus from 8pm to 9.45pm. These sessions are open to all (new members welcome). For further details, contact Dave Munro on 01577 862126.



Luc Versmeersch and Mitchell Brown blocking a V C Mortsel attack, with Mark Cathro and John Cameron looking on

Fossoway Tennis Club

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

Kinross Hockey Club

www.kinrosshockey.org

Ladies Report

How time flies! We are now back in full pre-season training, with ladies training every Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm, Korinthians on Mondays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Kobras under 14 years old from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, and Kobras over 14 years old from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursdays.

Our ladies training session is for the more serious members who want to play competitively every weekend. Korinthians are social, yet competitive, members who want to play for fun and have some competitive games. Kobras is for youngsters ranging from those who want to learn a new skill to those looking to achieve national recognition; we cater for all. More details are available on our website.

Saturday 2 September is a big day as it is the opening day of competition this year, both at National and District level. Our firsts open their challenge on the Championship away to Uddingston and our seconds head to Perthshire for the annual Midlands pre season Bell Trophy Tournament. Good luck, ladies, on your opening fixtures! Here's hoping we start the season with victories all round.

Kinross Kobras

Junior Hockey

www.kinrosshockey.org

It has been a quiet month with no training and the tournament scheduled for the end of July cancelled with too few other teams entered.

Two Kobras, Fraser Henry and Andrew Clark, were selected as mascots for the Scottish Men's Hockey Team ("The Blue Sticks") at recent internationals at the National Hockey Centre in Glasgow. Scotland went on to win both games and came out as winners of the tournament, beating Wales in the final. Training restarted on 22 August and takes place every Tuesday and Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm at the new hockey Astroturf pitch at KGV Kinross.

Midland District tournaments are held at the end of every month during the season with teams at U10, U12 and U14 and all Kobras are welcome to take part.

New players are always welcome; visit the club's website for more information.



Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

With the Wimbledon Championships now just a distant memory (well done to Jamie Murray and his partner Martina Hingis for winning the mixed doubles title!), there is still a lot of tennis to be played this season, especially when we hopefully experience the customary good weather of September. So still plenty of time to pick up a racket and join us at KTC for a game this season. We currently have coaching sessions, social tennis on weekdays and weekends for adults and juniors. There is something for everyone at all levels of ability.

League Matches

Our mixed team played in the Henderson Vase Division 3 of the Tennis Tayside League. We finished third in the league with a record of won 4, drawn 2 and lost 1. This position means that we will be promoted to division 2 for the 2018 season.

Well done to all who participated; a great team effort.

In addition to the mixed team, our ladies have been competing in the Perth and District Ladies Doubles Division 1. Not content with visiting some of the more beautiful parts of Perthshire, they also have an enviable record at the time of writing; won 4, drawn 1, lost 1 with 4 matches to play.

Junior Coaching

We continue to place considerable emphasis upon junior coaching. Autumn coaching sessions are now in full swing for Mini (Ages 5-8) and Midi and Junior (Ages 9 and Over). To book for junior coaching, please contact Siobahn Macleod at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com or Gail Nelson, 89 Lathro Park, Kinross, KY13 8RU.

Senior Coaching

We have had an excellent response to the intermediate and experienced level coaching sessions held throughout June, July and August on Tuesday evenings; all have been well attended and well received. There are currently no plans to extend these sessions into the Autumn period. However, should demand require, then further sessions will be considered.

Friday afternoon coaching is ongoing. This may well extend into the late autumn should member demand require this to be continued.

Club Championships

The mini-red (age 8 and under), orange (age 9 and under) and green (age 10 and under) championships were held on Saturday 19 August.

The junior championships will be held on **Saturday 2 September**. Entry levels have unfortunately been disappointing this year.

Summer Social Tournament

This was scheduled for Sunday 23 July but was unfortunately cancelled due to adverse weather conditions on that particular day.

Non-members and visitors

Sands the Ironmongers are able to provide access to the tennis courts for a small fee.

Further Information on Kinross Tennis Club can be found on our website.



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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



The weather has been rather indifferent recently. It's been a mix of rain and sun. Maybe now the schools are back there will be some long spells of hot weather?

Many thanks to everyone who came to see us on our stand at the Kinross Show. We had decked our tent out in a scene that looked like a miniature Loch Leven. It even had a water feature. We got out our badge maker. This proved very popular with the kids. We could see a wild Peregrine Falcon up on the crags at Benarty through the telescope we had set up on the stand. It was a great day all round.

On 20 August, we took folk out from Our Portmoak to St Serf's to look at the priory with historians David Munro and Oliver O'Grady. Military style planning couldn't stop the weather being terrible on the Saturday and we had to cancel, but Sunday was the polar opposite with pleasant sunshine and a light breeze. Nearly 40 people visited St Serf's for the first time and we heard stories about the long history of the site.



Prof David Munro with 'Our Portmoak' on St Serf's island

Autumn is beginning to kick in at Loch Leven. Around the middle of the month, duck numbers started to grow. From now on between Carsehall in the north and St Serf's will be full of ducks. There's also been a few oddities about. A Sanderling was on St Serf's, a Hobby was terrorising Sand Martins at the Kirkgate and the Little Egret is regularly roosting with the Grey Herons near to the pier. There are still a few Ospreys around the loch. I expect to see them until about the middle of September, when they are replaced by the returning Pink-footed Geese. The geese that folk are seeing now on the fields are the summering Greylags.

A couple of dates for your diary. We are running the annual **Fungi Foray** on **Sunday 1 October** from 2pm to 4pm at Findatie. Learn about this fascinating species with Richard Smith. He is very knowledgeable and has great enthusiasm for the subject. I'll be doing the **Dawn Goosewatch** at the Kirkgate on **Saturday 14 October** from 6.45am; one for the early risers there. Please phone the office for details and to book a place.

Sadly, we have to report more vandalism. An attempt was made to burn down the hide at Burleigh. There has been a lot of antisocial behaviour around the reserve this summer and we're not keen for it to continue. If you see vandalism or people acting in an antisocial manner, please don't hesitate to let us or the police know. Loch Leven is for everyone and we don't want it spoilt.

We are still blogging, using Facebook, tweeting and Instagram. Keep an eye on these for constant updates.

I hope you all enjoy the last of the summer. TTFN,
Jeremy Squire (Reserve Officer)

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As our 50th anniversary year comes into autumn, I thought I'd share some thoughts from a former information warden, Gareth Morgan, which we came across in our archives:

"As I write this, rain is streaming down the windows and leaves are falling by the dozen, but even so I can't be the only person who likes autumn, the best of all seasons. The swifts have gone, the swallows are restless, despite desperately racing against time to raise a third brood. But although summer birds are leaving, the winter arrivals are already moving in from the north. The geese are expected any day and there seem to be more ducks every time we look at the loch. The second reason I like autumn is because it's so unpredictable. It is the season of the chance sighting. At this time of year birds stream into Britain from Canada, Greenland, Iceland and Russia, and the birds from northern Scotland move south too. Some of these stay the winter around Loch Leven – like the geese – but many more just stop over as they make for warmer climes."

It reminds me of all the wild treasures we have to come. Right now, it's the migrating osprey passing through. Last year we had up to twelve on one day (14 September) and expect regular sightings along the shore, often sitting on fence posts or fishing the loch.

Another thing to celebrate is that it's *Organic September* - wildlife loves organic food and so do we! Visit the reserve in September with the wee ones and take part in our Nature Bingo and learn more about the connections between food and wildlife then stop off at our cafe where there are plenty of organic treats for you to enjoy.

On **Friday 8 September**, we have our **Wild Night: Bat Walk** from 8pm until 9.30pm. Come along to try out bat detecting equipment and find out about these fascinating creatures. Five different bats have been recorded here on the reserve and you'll learn tips on how to identify them and where best to find them.

Also in the world of events, we have our monthly **Nature Tots** on **Wednesday 13 September** from 10am until 12pm, where we'll be getting excited about trees and leaves. It's definitely worth booking if you plan to come along; we are jam-packed full every month at the moment.

Finally, a massive thank you to those of you who have contributed your stories and photos for our 50th anniversary exhibition which will be up in the visitor centre all October. Join us for **anniversary celebrations** on **Sunday 29 October** from 11am until 3pm. Hope to see you there!

Alice O'Rourke
Visitor Experience Officer



An Osprey
Photo: Alex Giffillan

Farming



It has been a very frustrating summer weather-wise since my last update on the goings on at Backward Farm. When making our silage for feeding the cattle and sheep over the winter, I like to have at least three consecutive dry days to get the job done; I cut the grass on the first day, scatter it on the second day to dry it out a bit and then rake it up into rows, or "bouts" as we call them, ready to bale and wrap on the third. However, finding three dry days together as June progressed and into July proved pretty elusive, so it has been a case of doing a smash and grab to get through it all – just going ahead, cutting the grass down even when the weather forecast maybe wasn't looking too inspiring and keeping our fingers crossed it would turn out OK.

As a result of our efforts, we have a pile of what should be quite respectable silage bales and (hopefully) very nice haylage bales for horses. The very changeable weather was all the more annoying when you think back to April and May when there were about six weeks with hardly a drop of rain. Ah, the old nugget about farmers never being happy with the weather! What does make the task of getting our silage done easier is the fact that my brother has some large, high-capacity grass machinery for cutting and preparing the grass which I use (for an appropriate fee!), so I can get done in just a few hours what would otherwise take most of the day with standard machines.

Gardens in the area to visit this Autumn



Hollytree Lodge in **Muckhart** (FK14 7JW) is a wonderfully tranquil family-friendly garden with plenty to see and enjoy at this time of year. It is open on request all this month, continuing until the end of October. Please contact Liz & Peter Wyatt 0797 337 4687 or elizwyatt@aol.com to arrange.

Also, **Pitcurran House, Abernethy** (PH2 9LH) is open until the end of September. This is an inspirational garden with a host of interesting trees, shrubs and plants, and sometimes plants for sale. Please contact Mrs Noel-Paton 01738 850933 or patricianp@pitcurran.com to arrange your visit.

Other nearby gardens open by arrangement

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

Kirklands, Saline, KY12 9TS. Open by arrangement, 1 Apr-30 Sept. Contact Peter & Gill Hart, tel: 01383 852737.

For further information about these gardens and many others to visit in Scotland please see www.scotlandsgardens.org

Hill of Tarvit Plant Sale and Autumn Fair

Sunday 1 October

10.30am – 3pm

Admission: £2.50 Children U 16 free

This long-established plant sale is a fantastic opportunity to purchase bare root and potted plants from an enormous selection on offer. NTS also welcome donation of plants prior to the sale and on the day! Bring and buy!

Hill of Tarvit mansion house can also be visited on the day at a reduced entry fee and Garden Tea Room is open 11am-4pm.

National Trust for Scotland for Scotland's Gardens Scheme.

Hill of Tarvit is two miles south of Cupar off A916.

Away from the silage-making, we got our winter barley combined a couple of weeks ago and if ever the term smash and grab was appropriate, then it was for that job. Basically, it was dry with us when it was pouring with rain just four miles away, where Andrew was waiting with bated breath for the call to head along to the bad lands of Backward Farm for his first day's work of the year with one of his pair of classic combine harvesters. It would also be a test of how successful his meticulous programme of pre-season maintenance had been. The 'Dominator' worked faultlessly and just avoided getting stuck in an unexpectedly wet patch in the field, thanks to some well-practised driving techniques. So, we ended up with a very respectable (at least by our standards) heap of grain in shed and, as it was dry for almost 24 hours, I even got the straw baled.

We eventually got the sheep clipped by near neighbour and champion shearer Calum and his team. It was a job I put off for fear of it clashing with silage, but I think the ewes were quite happy to be left with their jackets on slightly longer, as it wasn't exactly tropical through July. Since we had the ewes all gathered, I decided we would just wean the lambs and divide them into batches according to their weight. We normally wean them later but I think the ewes will benefit from a longer rest between weaning and tugging time.

Our son's other sow had her litter of piglets just after I wrote my last article and they are all growing well. The first sow to farrow was a good-natured, relaxed mother but the second one was very protective of her piglets so we had to be very careful around her for the first couple of weeks, but she has settled down now. If the saying "as happy as a pig in muck" is true, then these pigs should be ecstatic as, thanks to all the rain, there is certainly plenty of muck for them to wallow in!

John

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Sundays: 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche. Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service.

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, church centre.

1.30pm: Craft Group.

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

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

Other Events and Services

September

- Sun 3** 10.30am: Quarterly Communion.
6.30pm: Informal Evening Communion. Retiring collection at both services for Tearfund: East Africa Crisis Appeal.
- Mon 4** 8am: Silent Meditation.
- Tue 5** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
7.15pm: Guild resumes – Quiz Night, church centre.
- Thu 7** 7.30pm: Thursday Group resumes: Scottish Charity Air Ambulance, church centre.
- Sun 10** 10.30am Morning Service to include dedication of the Guild.
- Sat 16** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).
- Tue 14** 7pm – 8.30pm: All Friends Together.
- Sun 17** 10.30am Morning Service: Preacher – Rev Zsigmond Vad from The Great Church, Debrecen, Hungary.
- Tue 19** 7.15pm: Guild – 'Mission International', church centre.
- Thu 21** 9pm: late evening service of Compline.
- Sun 24** 10.30am: Harvest Thanksgiving. Harvest Appeal is for Tearfund's East Africa Crisis Appeal (Scottish Charity SCO37624).
7pm: Concert by Perthshire Brass in aid of Guild Funds (£6).
- Tue 26** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

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Sunday Services 11.15am

September

- Sun 3** 11.15am Morning Worship and **Junior Church** followed by refreshments in the Village Hall served by Guild members in aid of Guild funds. Traidcraft Stall.
- Sun 10** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by Congregational Lunch and presentation.
- Mon 11** **3.15pm Cleish Messy Church in the village hall. Open to all children and their carers.**
- Sun 17** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the Young Room.
- Sun 24** 11.15am Morning Worship and **Guild Dedication Service** followed by refreshments in the village hall in aid of Guild Projects.
- Mon 25** **7.15pm Guild** meeting in the village hall. Topic: Aerospace Kinross. Speaker: Alisdair Stewart.

All welcome

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Regular Services

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

Confessions also on request.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

September

Sun 3 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship, followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.

Sun 10 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 17 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 24 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Café Refresh

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

House Group

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

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group

Friday 8 September at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening

Friday 8 September, 7.30pm - 9.30pm in the Church Hall. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*



Fossoway Church

Photo: Pauline Watson, courtesy www.kinross.cc photo library

Community Website

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

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).

September Services and Events - all welcome

Sun 3 Pentecost 13 (Proper 22)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist followed by Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands. *'In Conversation'* with members of our current Vestry in preparation for our next AGM (Sunday 3 December).

Sun 10 Pentecost 14 (Proper 23)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 17 Pentecost 15 (Proper 24)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am *Whole Church* Sung Eucharist.

Sun 24 Pentecost 16 (Proper 25)

8.30am Holy Communion.

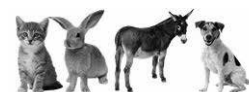
11am Sung Eucharist.

5.30pm BCP Evensong (said).

ADVANCE NOTICE: Sunday 1 October

11am Harvest Festival,

3pm St Francistide Pet Service.



All creatures invited to bring along any (relatively) peace-loving owners.

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.

Messy Church: Saturday 30 September in Orwell Hall from 4 - 6pm.

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

- 3 Sep** Joint service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am.
No service at Orwell Church.
- 29 Sep** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am.
- 1 Oct** Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.
No service at Portmoak Church.
- 3 Oct** Guild Meeting at 7pm in Orwell Hall. Anne Hoggan will talk on Dr Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India.

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



Portmoak Church

Visiting Kinross-shire?

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

www.visitlochleven.org

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

BARNACLE

Peacefully, at Perth Royal Infirmary, on Wednesday 26 July 2017, following a long and brave battle against lung cancer, Mary Elizabeth Barnacle, aged 71, of Waulkmill, Crook of Devon, beloved wife of Councillor Michael, dear mother of Malcolm, mother-in-law of Kirsty and grandmother of Ella. Funeral service took place at Fossoway, St. Serf's and Devonside Church on Thursday 3 August 2017.

The family wish to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours, along with business and council colleagues, for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers received following Mary's death. Special thanks to the staff at Perth Royal Infirmary and at Ochil Care Home for their care, kindness and attention during Mary's long illness and to all who gave, so generously, the sum of £1363.00 to Cancer Research UK in her memory.

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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

4 Sept: Reg Meuross. A first-time visit to the club for Reg, a wonderful West-Country singer songwriter. With a warm and engaging stage presence, and a reputation for excellence in his writing and musicianship, he will undoubtedly impress.

11 Sept: Nick Dow/Jenny Sturgeon and Jonny Hardie. Two very different artistes but with one commonality; they both present folk songs about their background and experiences. Nick's past includes collecting songs from the English West Country and gypsy wagon restoring, whilst Jenny is a biologist! However, they are both great singers with a desire to entertain. On this occasion, Jenny will be accompanied by fiddle maestro Jonny Hardie.

18 Sept: Singaround. Feeling a bit down as the nights get longer and the sun fades? Let's cheer each other up with some good old "Chorus Songs." All welcome as always, whether to sing or just listen.

25 Sept: Eileen McGann. Another first-time visitor, Eileen is an Irish-Canadian singer, songwriter, traditional Celtic musician and multi-recording artiste. Eileen has a truly memorable voice which, combined with her compositions and well-known covers, will make this appearance very special.

2 Oct: Singaround. As we approach the "tattie holidays," let's have farmyard/countryside activities as our theme for this week; try and keep it clean folks!

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
2 Nov	Uganda presentation Belinda McDonald
7 Dec	Christmas Meal

The Gaelic Society of Perth

The Gaelic Society of Perth will start their winter Cèilidh season at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St., Perth on **Friday 15 September at 7.30pm**. Come and hear some great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists – but no dancing! Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! Membership of the Society is £1 for the year – excellent value.

Further Cèilidhs will take place on:

27 October, 17 November, 8 December 2017 and 12 January, 9 February and 16 March 2018.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589. You can also access our website at www.gaelicsocietyofperth.com and find us on Facebook – Gaelic Society of Perth. On the Facebook page you can also find lots of information about Gaelic events in Fife as well as Perth and Kinross.

Community Website

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

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**Monday 4th September
Moving & Handling
(P & K Council Staff)**

**Monday 2nd October
Vision PK
(Jill Sutherland)**

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



**LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS
KINROSS
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am–12noon**



Contact Gail Boath
Tel. 01577 867306
Or Annette Bond
01738 567076



Classes at Skeins & Bobbins

**Autumn Primary Knitting Classes – LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE**

3.30pm – 4.15pm

Tuesday Class: 5, 12, 19 & 26 September

Thursday Class: 7, 14, 21 & 28 September

Autumn Secondary Knitting Classes

NOTE NEW TIME 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Friday Class: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 September

Knitting Club

Every Wednesday night, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Crochet Club

Every second Saturday, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Skeins & Bobbins, 120 High Street, Kinross

Tel: 01577 208107 Email: skeinsandbobbins@outlook.com

Kinross Bridge Club

Kinross Bridge Club will be starting the new season on

Wednesday 13 September
in the Church Centre.

We meet every Wednesday during Winter and Spring.

The evening starts at 6.45pm prompt and finishes by 10pm.

New members are always welcome.

For further information, please contact Catriona Marshall 864482.

Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website
www.kinrossnewsletter.org

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

THE TULLIBOLE TRAIL: BeWITCHED

27, 28, 29 October

What is the THE TULLIBOLE TRAIL: BeWITCHED? It is a family-friendly night-time trail walk, with music from films we all know and love.

Follow the magical light trail, explore the woods, pass the ancient graveyard, discover the lit-up moat and get lost in Tullibole's Witches Maze!

This year we have created seven incredible individual sound installations, each with a different musical accompaniment.

The trail will be longer than last year and there will be a lot more lights and atmospheric.

With selfie stops throughout, be sure to dress up and enter our Halloween competition for the best-dressed family!

The Tullibole Trail photo competition will return this year with prizes for Best Atmospheric Photo and Best Selfie.

Buy Your Tickets

Family tickets (Car of 5 £35). Extra persons £7 each. There are also tickets available for fewer numbers - see website. Ticket pricing is intended to encourage family groups and car-sharing.

Supported by the Rotary Club of Kinross & District who will be providing the safety stewarding. The Rotary will also be providing food and hot drinks including a marshmallow roast over a fire pit.

There will also be glow sticks and other Halloween things for sale.

Proceeds raised at this event will be split between local charities and reinvested into the event.

www.thetulliboletrail.com



Business Breakfasts

Open to all Kinross-shire Businesses

Kinross-shire Partnership will be hosting more Business Breakfasts at Loch Leven's Larder as the 2017/18 season gets underway this autumn. Please do come along; everyone is welcome whatever size your business. It is a great opportunity for local businesses to meet each other.

The Breakfasts for the remainder of 2017 will take place from 7.30am to 9am on:

Wednesday 4 October

Wednesday 1 November

Wednesday 6 December

The aim is to allow local businesses of all sizes to network and to share business goals. Everyone will have the opportunity to introduce their business. Please bring your business cards and any brochures you wish to display. As well as the chance to network, each event will include a speaker who will give a brief talk about a topic of interest to local businesses.

The cost for listening to an interesting speaker, networking and enjoying a full Scottish breakfast, in beautiful surroundings, is £15 per person or £10 for those who have joined the Partnership membership scheme. This price includes the cost of the breakfast, administrative costs and a small contribution to the Kinross-shire Partnership. In response to feedback, you can now choose whether to pay on-line in advance or by cash on the day - further details will be given when you book your place.

To book your place at one or more of the Breakfasts, please email Karen Grunwell, at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk You can see more information about the work of Kinross-shire Partnership at:

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk

www.visitlochleven.org

www.facebook.com/visitlochleven

www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven



Concert with Perthshire Brass

Kinross Parish Church

Sunday 24 September at 7pm

The concert will raise funds for the work of the Church's Guild. Tickets (£6) are available from the Church Office, the Guild Committee and on the door.



Kinross Floral Art Club

meets in Kinross Parish Church

at 7.15pm on

Thursday 28 September

New Exhibition!

Loch Leven and Mary Queen of Scots

Arrest! Abdication! Escape!

- 16th century people and their lives
- How Mary is remembered to this day

Exhibition in the Library, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross. Exhibition open during library hours.

Volunteers also on hand:

Thursdays 10am-8pm,

Saturdays 10am-3pm



Music in Dollar

Season 2017-18

All concerts are at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, Dollar. Season tickets cost £35 per person. This gives membership, entry to all five concerts and access to additional events organised during the year, such as trips to the opera (cost extra). The season ticket saves £20 per person compared to buying individual tickets. Concerts cost £10 for non-members (Tasmin Little concert £15). Children under 18 free of charge.

More information from: www.MusicInDollar.org.uk

- Sat 23 Sep** 7.30pm. **Mario Caribe Jazz Quartet.** Jazz with a Latin twist. Blending the melodic and rhythmic influences of his Brazilian homeland with an exploratory contemporary jazz sensibility, Mario's music ranges from luscious ballads to sizzling up-tempo burners.
- Sat 14 Oct** 7.30pm. **Tasmin Little**, artiste of international standing. Tasmin is performing her project 'The Naked Violin,' aimed at breaking down barriers to classical music. Demand for tickets is expected to be high; reservation recommended. See website for details.
- Sun 12 Nov** 3.00pm. **Joy Dunlop Group.** Joy is a Gaelic singer from Argyll who has performed around the world, showcasing Gaelic music and song in a contemporary way that always remains true to its roots. Joy will perform songs in both Scottish Gaelic and English, in addition to exhilarating dance/music collaborations.
- Sat 10 Feb** 7.30pm. **Daniel Lebardt, pianist.** At the age of 22 Daniel Lebardt won 1st Prize at the 2014 Young Concert Artists auditions in Paris and New York. Born in Hungary, Daniel studied at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest and at the Royal Academy of Music. BEETHOVEN: Sonata in D minor Op 32 No 2 'Tempest Sonata.' LISZT: Après une lecture du Dante - Fantasia quasi sonata, S161/7. RAVEL: Gaspard de la nuit LISZT: Mephisto-Walzer no. 2, S515.
- Sat 10 Mar** 7.30pm. **Kosmos Ensemble.** Prepare to be intoxicated by entrancing dance rhythms, soulful improvisation and gypsy passion delivered with inimitable panache and virtuoso technique. Kosmos Ensemble are Harriet MacKenzie (violin), Meg Hamilton (viola), Milos Milivojevic (accordion).

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit

www.visitlochleven.org



DanceSing

Do you like to enjoy yourself?

Tuesday 10 October

1.30 - 3.30pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

The Muirs, KY13 8FQ, Kinross

We would love to see you!

Come along have a Dance or Sing along to some great music or just enjoy being there?

Fun Entertainment

Tea, coffee, home baking, Free Raffle

Free Admission

If you have transport difficulties but would like to come we may be able to help. Please call 01577 862685 to discuss options.

Organised by Kinross Health and Wellbeing sub group, Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group. For further information please contact: Stephanie Cameron - Community Engagement Worker. Tel: 01738 452234 / 07497943125 or Email: stephanie.cameron@pkavs.org.uk

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.



Kinross-shire Fund

The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the



area a better place to live, by making grants to a wide range of local charities, organisations and projects which make a positive difference to the community.

To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly.

The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

The next deadline will be Monday 6 November.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

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.

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
September	24th	Gary Sutherland	
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.
Scottish Registered Charity SC046033

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
October	Friday 15 September	Saturday 30 September
November	Friday 13 October	Saturday 28 October

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.**

Funding Alert!

PKC regularly produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or telephone the PKC grants helpline on 0345 60 52000.

If your organisation is seeking funds, look out for notices in the Newsletter for Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants and the Kinross-shire Fund.

Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com



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

**Greyhounds are very gentle creatures
that require very little walking!**

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





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



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.



Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers
Linda Freeman
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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

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The next visits are: **12 & 26 September**

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:

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: Craig Williams
Email: MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

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

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

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser, 01577 850253
Email: CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
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

Robin Cairncross	(Secretary)	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	(Treasurer)	01592 840423
Susan Forde		01592 840128
Tom Smith		01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	(Chairman)	01592 840459
Dave Morris		01592 840500
Alison Robertson		01592 840131
Andrew Muszynski		01592 840467

Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Cllr MIKE BARNACLE (Independent)
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Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

Cllr CALLUM PURVES (Scottish Conservative & Unionist)
Tel (office): 01738 475092. Mobile: 07557 812570.
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54 Lathro Park, Kinross, KY13 8RU

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Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

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Applegarth, Sunnypark, Kinross, KY13 8BX

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For details of surgeries, see page 11.

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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 12 & 26 September:

Milnathort	South Street	1215-1300
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Visiting every Tuesday:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny School		1430-1530

Visiting on Wednesdays 6 & 20 September:

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.

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

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

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

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 kitchen volunteers. Please contact: volunteering@chas.org.uk

Greyhound Rescue Fife at Balfour 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.

Common Grounds: Charity café staffed by volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays in Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Open to public 10am – 1pm. Opportunity to serve in café or bake for the café. Also opportunity to gain recognised hours towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Saltire Awards for young people 16 years and over. Funds raised are used to support charities mainly in Africa. Contact: Convener Elspeth Caldwell on 01577 863350 or Secretary Linda Freeman on 01577 865045 for more information.

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 September

Hearing Loss Support and Advice
Community Health & Wellbeing Support
Tai Chi
Chiropody

Library Visit
Sabres Concert

Monday	4th	11am - 12pm
Tuesday	5th	11am - 12pm
Wednesday	6th, 20th	1.30pm - 2pm
Thursday	7th, 28th	9.45am - 1pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)		
Thursday	28th	1.30pm
Friday	29th	1.30pm



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

First Thursday of the month, 10am - 12 noon

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

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

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

For more details, contact:

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

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside



LA LECHE LEAGUE
INTERNATIONAL

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

Subscriptions to the Newsletter

Useful for readers living outside the distribution area of the Newsletter, a subscription service is available.
For further details see www.kinrossnewsletter.org or phone
Ross McConnell on 01577 865885 or email
subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org

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.

Chickens

£15

Lots of different breeds, sizes and colours. Tame and point of lay. Perfect for backyard coups.

Seller Details: Jamie Fraser
jamiewildpacks@gmail.com

07786 567750

Television and antennae

Offers

Omni directional antennae and TV for caravan. Never been used.

Pup tent and blow up bed

Offers

Fits inside caravan awning.

Caravan Awning

Offers

Isabella Awning. 953 cm. Fits a Bailey Seville. Extra pegs, metal pegs, ground cover to match. Curtains.
Lots of other caravan equipment, needs to be seen. Please phone to arrange to view. All in excellent condition.

Seller Detail for above 3 items:

Mrs Turnbull

01577 861957

Sofa

£100

Very comfy Parker Knoll 2 Seater Sofa. Dark blue patterned material. Coasters on feet.

Seller Details: Rory Muir
rory.muir.13@gmail.com

01577 864581

Swivel Desk Chair

£30

Black swivel desk chair with adjustable chair height from 41 to 50 cm. Full dimensions 53 x 49 x 105 cm. Excellent condition. Two available.

Gents Samuel Windsor Shoes

£15

£15 each or 3 for £40. All new, never been worn. classic penny loafer suede brown, size 8; classic penny loafer leather brown, size 8; classic oxford shoe leather black, size 8.

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Louise blackwoodlogo@hotmail.com

Log Edging

£35

14 lengths, H28 cm x W4.5 cm x L100 cm each. New, still in packaging.

Seller Details: Doreen Steele
steedoreen9@gmail.com

01577 864549

Crane Twist Stepper

£20 ono

Training Device.

Bose Cinemate

£40

Digital home theatre speaker system with TV mounting brackets.
Seller Details for above 2 items:

Alan Briscoe

01577 840680

Greenhouse

£200 ono

10x8 Robinson dismantled app 80% glass.

Seller Details: Robert Barnfather
robertbarnfather1949@gmail.com

07783 054541

CDA WC140IN integrated 60cms Dishwasher

£180.00

12 place settings, 5 programmes. 3/6/9 hour delay timer, 2 spray levels, LED rinse, salt indicators, counter-balanced door, levelling feet with front control, height adjustment basket, end of programme signal. Never used, replaced with washing machine. Retails for over £300.

Seller Details: Frank Koronka
frozziefk@gmail.com

01577 863449

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to see fuller details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Part time Taxi Driver, A2B Taxis, Kinross

Driver required to work Sat night or Saturday and Sunday days as and when required. Full UK driving licence essential. Perth and Kinross taxi drivers licence preferable but can be applied for. Contact Bruce by phone on 07743 332237 or email a2bkinross@hotmail.com.

Project and Events Administrator, Aerospace, Kinross

Following a successful Community Share Offer, we are about to engage a small team to take the Aero Space Kinross vision forward. As we gear up the capacity of the ASK enterprise, we are looking for a full time administrator to help us organize projects and events. Further information is available online at www.aerospacekinross.com. Please send CV to alisdair@aerospacekinross.com.

Chefs, The Courthouse, High Street, Kinross

We are looking for chefs to join a positive, creative working environment within an expanding local restaurant. Main focus is on Scottish Larder and wood fired pizza. Ideally looking for experienced chefs. However, training and development will be offered. Roles and Responsibilities include: contributing to a culture of continuous improvement within the company, food preparation and delivering quality food consistently. You must be passionate about food and using quality products, ensuring excellent standards in the kitchen are maintained including food hygiene and health & safety compliance. The right person will be enthusiastic and proactive, have a positive approach to work and be able to communicate well with the team. Benefits: A great salary and prospects of development within our growing company, ongoing training and support, staff discount. Personal situation will be taken into account when agreeing to hours of work. Send CV and covering letter naming your favourite dish and why by email to jamie@wildpacks.com.

Youth Club Playleader,

Support Help and Integration Perthshire (SHIP)

We are looking for a motivated individual to plan and run a weekly youth club for children and young people with additional support needs. Experience of working with children or adults with additional support needs required. Fixed term post until 31 March 2018. 3.5 hours per week. Based at Loch Leven Community Campus. £9.50 per hour. For more details contact manager@ship-perthshire.co.uk. Also see website at www.ship-perthshire.co.uk/

Play Assistant, Support Help and Integration Perthshire (SHIP)

An enthusiastic play assistant is required to support children and young people with additional support needs at a weekly youth club. Fixed term post until 31 March 2018. 2 hours per week. Based at Loch Leven Community Campus. £7.50 per hour. For more details contact manager@ship-perthshire.co.uk. Also see website at www.ship-perthshire.co.uk.

Chef, Lauriston Nursery, Sands House, Lathro, Kinross

We are looking to employ a chef working within our new nursery in Kinross opening August 2016. 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. You will be required to join the PVG scheme and references are essential.

Nursery Practitioner, Lauriston Nursery, Lathro, Kinross

Applicants must be qualified with an HNC or equivalent in Childcare and Education. 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 for the above positions at letslearnyoung.com

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
Diary of Events can be found on www.kinross.cc*

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