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# Editor's Page & Letters

## Editorial

I'm very excited to write my first ever "Letter From The Editor" for my inaugural issue of the Newsletter. I've had the pleasure of working with Eileen Thomas and the team for the last three issues and despite the enormity of the task in front of me they could not have left me any better prepared.

I've been buying and reading the Newsletter for years now, and I hope I can do it justice.

I hope you will write or email and let me know how you feel about the Newsletter, and what you would like to see in it in the future. I'd welcome all your comments, suggestions and even criticisms. It's your Newsletter, after all.

Kinross-shire is lucky to have such a thriving community with many clubs and interest groups, and so many committed people who work hard for the sheer pleasure of bringing people together in many different capacities. There really is something for everyone. If you have new neighbours, perhaps you could give them a copy of the Newsletter as a way to introduce yourself and as a kind gesture to help them settle in. They have come to an amazing place!

Hannah Phillips

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The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for 41 years.

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

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

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## A thank you to our retiring Editor

Readers may be aware that Eileen Thomas has retired as Editor of this fine Newsletter.

The Board of Directors who have responsibility for the Newsletter wanted to thank Eileen for all her hard work over the last 20 or more years.

When Eileen started with the Newsletter it was a much smaller black and white publication.

Eileen has seen the introduction of new technology, crisper printing and colour throughout the whole of the Newsletter. Her focus throughout her tenure has been absolute and she has ensured that the Newsletter has been consistently produced to a very high standard, and delivered in stores on time every month.

We would like to thank her for all her hard work and to wish her well in her retirement.

We would also like to welcome Hannah Phillips to the role of Editor and wish her well going forward. It will be a hard act to follow.

**The Board of Directors of Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd, Dave Cuthbert (Chair), Margaret Blythe, David Colliar, Barry Davies, Ross McConnell**

## Congratulations



Well done to the Kinross High School Equestrian Teams. Kinross High School had two teams competing at the Kilgraston Inter-Schools Hunter Trials Competition held at Foresterseat XC on Sunday 23 September. The fabulous 90cm Team (Anna Smith, Mhairi Gallagher, Rachael Davis and Beth Casasola) came 3rd with an individual fantastic 1st! The fabulous 75cm Pairs Team (Sophie Normile and Lucy Allison) came 2nd! Huge congratulations to all of you.



Above: Anna Smith, Mhairi Gallagher, Rachael Davis and Beth Casasola

Below: Sophie Normile and Lucy Allison



# News & Articles

## Council puts the brake on dangerous parking in Kinross

A consultation on proposed waiting restrictions in Kinross is to be carried out. Concerns were raised by residents and local Elected Members about general road safety issues caused by vehicles parking on the carriageway at Avenue Road, Talla Park and High Street, Kinross. The Council will consult with local residents regarding the installation of “No Waiting At

Any Time restrictions” as detailed in the drawings of the proposed restrictions from the Council which are shown below. These restrictions are considered to be necessary for the safety of all road users.

For further information regarding the proposals please contact Craig Beattie on 01738 476945.



## Completion of Milnathort Guide Hall Refurbishment

The Milnathort Guide Hall has undergone major refurbishment, with the creation of disabled access and a toilet in the section that was known as the “Scout End”. Before the rooms were dark and not particularly inviting and did not meet the standards expected of a youth facility in the twenty-first century.

Work started back in 2015 and the proposed layout went through a number of changes before it was finalised. ITC Building Contractors from Rumbling Bridge were selected for the project. The roof in the toilet had to be replaced due to damp, and this was funded by the hall committee roofing fund. Funding for the rest of the refurbishment came from a variety of sources and in the end a total of £37,744 was raised from the following sources: A&M Thomson Trust, £5096. Fife Environmental Trust, £19,148. Tesco, £1000. Tay Charitable Trust, £500. W M Mann Foundation, £500. The Hugh Fraser Foundation, £2000. Bruce Wake Charitable Trust, £2000. Foyle Foundation, £2000. Skipton Building Society, £2000. Kinross CC Newsletter, £1000. Kinross-shire Trust, £1500. The Erskine Cunningham Hill Trust (CoS), £1000. Adding in the cost of the roof work brought the total cost of the project to £41,184.03.

Work started again on 15 January 2018 and despite a few delays due to bad weather, work was completed (bar the snagging) by mid-April 2018 and on budget. Members of the hall committee painted and varnished the new rooms and Common Grounds installed a tiled splashback for the sink. Everyone has been impressed with what has been achieved and Milnathort Guide Hall can now offer facilities for all within the Guide units and those in the larger community who are looking for a venue that meets their needs. If you wish to book the Milnathort Guide Hall please contact Alison Hamilton at [walter.hamilton1@virgin.net](mailto:walter.hamilton1@virgin.net) or on 07764 750212.

### Community Website

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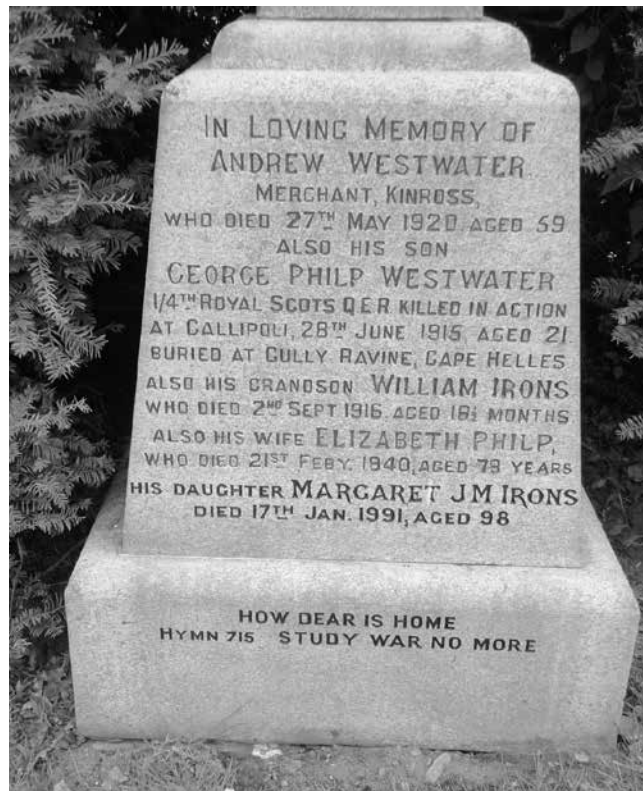
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# First World War Photos



**Above Left:** Westwater family memorial in Kirkgate graveyard, Kinross. **Above Centre:** Private George Westwater, Royal Scots, killed in action in Gallipoli 28 June 1915. **Above Right:** Detail of Westwater family memorial.



**Above:** Tillyrie War Hospital opened in 1915. **Below Left and Centre:** Death plaque commemorating Able Seaman John W Wiseman, Milnathort, RNVR, killed in action 30 December 1917 and his medals.



**Below:** Call to arms in 1914.



**Left:** Memorial in Orwell Parish Churchyard to Private Henry Millar, Canadian Infantry, killed in action on 6 May 1917, aged 29.

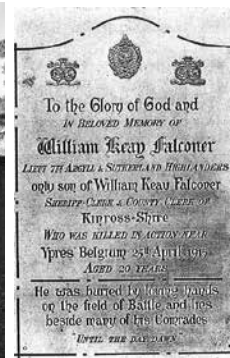
# First World War Photos



**Left:** Photo of 2nd Lieutenant William Keay Falconer.

**Below left:** William Keay Falconer memorial in Kirkgate graveyard.

**Below right:** William Keay Falconer memorial plaque, St Paul's Church.



## "He died bravely leading his men"

Born at 'Levenbank' in Kinross on 29 November 1894, William Keay Falconer junior was the only son of a prominent local solicitor, William Keay Falconer senior. Between 1907 and 1913 he was schooled at the Edinburgh Academy where he became a member of the Officer Training Corps. On leaving school, Keay, as he was called, successfully applied for a commission in the Territorial Force and was appointed 2nd Lieutenant and platoon commander in G Company, the 7th Battalion, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

After training in Bedford, he went to France where his battalion was to take part in the Battle of St Julien, a major action in the Second Battle of Ypres that occurred between 24 and 27 April 1915. In the early morning of Sunday 25 April, the men of the 7th Argylls were engaged in a vigorous offensive during which Keay was killed leading his men. The next day a fellow officer described how Falconer had been "killed instantaneously about three miles north-east of Ypres." He said "I buried him last night under a tree behind the position we now hold, and a little wooden cross marks the place." Six Kinross-shire men died at St Julien on 25-26 April.

William Keay Falconer junior is remembered on memorial plaques in St Paul's Church, Kinross, St John's Church, Edinburgh, the Kinross War Memorial, Seaforth Cemetery, Cheddar Villa, and his family plot in the Kirkgate old churchyard.

**Right:** Troops on the march at Rumbling Bridge in 1915.

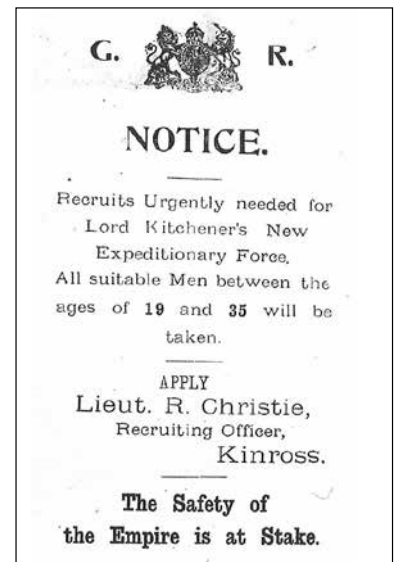
**Below Left:** Memorial in Kirkgate graveyard to Private James Stuart, Highland Light Infantry, killed in action on 20 September 1916.

**Below Right:** Memorial in Kirkgate graveyard, Kinross, to 2nd Lieutenant Herbert Anderson, Royal Flying Corps, killed while training on 24 December 1917.



**Below:** Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes at Turfhill, 1918.

**Right:** The Bishopshire War Memorial, Kinnesswood, and a recruitment notice.



## Poppy Rocks

Local Poppy Scotland organisers have linked up with Loch Rocks Kinross Group to encourage locals of any age and ability, to help mark this year's special centenary of the armistice.



Boys Brigade Juniors painting poppy stones

This year to honour the centenary, Poppy Scotland have organised remembrance gardens in the locality. Kinross Parish Church are hosting a garden in Kinross and painted remembrance rocks will be more than welcome, as a tribute to the fallen and those affected by conflict.

Kinross Boys Brigade and Girls Association have already had a fun evening painting remembrance rocks. Once these rocks are sealed against the weather, they will make a touching tribute to the more than 300 lost local soldiers.

The garden will open on Saturday 27 October until 17 November. Any rock contributions can be left inside Sainsbury's on the windowsill or alternatively you can post on the Loch Rocks Kinross Facebook page to arrange collection.



Left: Rock by Helen Stoker, Loch Rocks  
Below: One of the BB rocks.



## Armistice Centenary at Kinross Parish Church

As part of the national and local events to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice which ended the First World War, Kinross Parish Church is hosting some of these special events, pausing to remember with gratitude and grief those who have given their lives in time of war and conflict.

On Remembrance Sunday, 11 November, two members of the congregation will play the pipes early in the morning, marking the time the Armistice was actually signed. The United All-age Remembrance Service will be held in the church at 10am, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the town's war memorial at 10.55am. The church's own Morning Worship service will be at 11.15am. In the evening, a special reflective service at 6pm will include the playing of the Last Post and the ringing of the church bell to coincide with national commemorations.

It is intended that the church grounds will host a Garden of Remembrance and that some of the 10 metal silhouettes of soldiers to be sited around the town, thanks to the Armed Forces Covenant Trust, will be at the church.



The Memorial at Kinross Parish Church

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## Poppy Scotland Need You!

You may already have bought your poppy, the traditional symbol of remembrance. If you have, you've probably noticed that this year the poppy has been given a change to mark the significance of the centenary, marking a hundred years since the First World War ended.



This special charity poppy was commissioned by The Armed Forces charity and has "1918-2018" embossed on it in gold, which is the first change that has been made to the traditional poppy in decades.

Scottish Veterans Minister (and former Royal Marine) Keith Brown MSP helped to launch the new design at the Lady Haig Poppy Factory in Edinburgh in May 2018. A team of 41 veterans make more than 5 million poppies each year and they are intending to make 2.3 million centenary poppies ready for Remembrance Sunday on 11 November.



PoppyScotland says funds raised from the Scottish Poppy Appeal, along with their year-round fundraising, enables them to deliver support to members of the Armed Forces

community in Scotland. You can help support their appeal not only by buying a poppy, but by supporting the various local events and stalls in Kinross-shire up until 11 November.

If you have any time to spare as a volunteer to help with these events, it's not too late to get in touch with Lynne McKay of PoppyScotland on 07902 824106.

## First World War centenary commemorations in Fossoway

As indicated in the October Newsletter, a committee has been set up to commemorate those from Fossoway who served in The Great War. The commemorations will take place over the weekend of 10/11 November 2018.

There will be an exhibition in Crook of Devon Village Hall on the afternoon of the 10th following a short memorial service outside at around 2pm involving local school children, who will read the names of the fallen. Tea and cakes are provided. We plan to finish off the event at 4pm by planting a tree to commemorate the centenary.

The committee are looking to acquire any material that families in the Fossoway area may possess regarding The Great War, especially relating to those who are named on the memorials at Blairingone, Cleish and Crook of Devon and also on the Rolls of Honour in Carnbo and Powmill Village Halls. Please contact Councillor Michael Barnacle 01577 840516 or email michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

## Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

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 within Loch Leven Community Campus. The information displayed below is courtesy of the Museum.

### First World War Timeline, November 1918

- 3rd The German fleet mutinies at Kiel.
- 7th-11th Germany negotiates an armistice with the Allies.
- 9th Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicates.
- 11th Armistice Day; fighting ceases at 11am.

### Kinross-shire Roll of Honour November 1918

- 6th **J Blackwood** was born at Portmoak. His parents, David Blackwood and Jane Low Blackwood, were living at Weston Cottage, Glenfarg, when Private Blackwood died aged 29 while serving with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Pte Blackwood is buried at Aulnoye Communal Cemetery in France.
- 7th **William Blyth** served in Gallipoli with the Scottish Horse regiment in 1915. He gained his commission in 1916 with the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Lieutenant Blyth was wounded three times: on 6 November 1917, 29 September 1918 and 2 November 1918. He had been back in France for only three days after a period of leave at home when he received his fatal wounds. He died at the 50th Casualty Clearing Station and is buried at Premont British Cemetery. Lieutenant

Blyth was one of four sons of Mr and Mrs Archibald Blyth of Ashgrove, Milnathort. All four served in the war.

- 21st **Charles Glass** was the son of Mr and Mrs Glass of Balgedie. He served as a Private with the Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment) and died aged 32. He is buried at the Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, France.

- 21st **Angus Fraser Duncan** died aged 20 in hospital at Wimereux, France, from pneumonia following an attack of influenza. He had joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1915 at the age of 17 and went to France as a signaller in July 1916. He later transferred to the Field Observation Section of the Royal Engineers. Corporal Duncan had been home on leave a few weeks before his death. A local newspaper of the time wrote: "He left his parents in the assurance that when next he returned the War would be over." The newspaper added: "The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr and Mrs Duncan and family in the loss of one, who, having faced the dangers of the battlefield and dared so much in the service of his country, should succumb to sickness in the day of victory, when they were hoping to have him soon back amongst them." Corporal Duncan was a member of the East Church of Kinross and is listed on the church Roll of Honour. He is buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, France.



## Luke Graham MP For Ochil and South Perthshire



This month will be a big one for our constituency. First, the Agriculture Bill comes before Parliament and second, we should see the completion of the Tay Cities Deal, which is set to bring needed investment to our constituency.

The Agriculture Bill has been welcomed by a range of rural stakeholders including the NFU in Scotland, Scottish lands & Estates and the SRUC. The Bill introduces the framework – both financial and legislative - that many farmers I have spoken to have been seeking, while providing opportunities through leaving the Common Agriculture Policy. Alongside the bill, I also welcome the Secretary of State's commitment and action on ensuring the United Kingdom will maintain the highest possible food and livestock welfare standards as we move forward. This is in addition to commitments to public money for public goods and financial assistance for the purpose of 'starting, or improving the productivity of, an agricultural, horticultural or forestry activity'.

I think it is disappointing that SNP MPs and MSPs have asked for Scotland not to be included in the bill and have not included agriculture in their recent 'Programme for Government'. I am concerned because a lack of legislation may lead to real hardship in our community, due to the fact that without new laws there will be no framework to continue farm and rural support payments after we leave the EU. This Bill is about protecting agriculture and rural communities across the whole of the UK and should include Scotland. Wales is included in the bill and has a schedule that protects devolved powers as well as establishing a UK framework. This is what I am arguing for for Scotland. I believe there is still time to rescue the situation, and I will be working with colleagues

(I am happy to work cross-party), both locally and nationally, to try to ensure our community does not lose out.

At the end of October, the Chancellor will announce the eagerly awaited Tay Cities Deal. The Tay Cities Deal has been a large part of my work since being elected as MP last year. I was fortunate enough to be heavily involved in the Stirling & Clackmannanshire City Deal, helping to bring £45m of UK funding to the region, while the experience gave me insight into how best to negotiate funding for Perth & Kinross.

For too long rural communities have been left behind and our villages and towns left with derelict buildings and poor infrastructure. Eight months ago, we were looking at a deal that would have only delivered one investment project for our constituency. It has taken months of negotiation with Perth & Kinross Council, government officials and ministers to renegotiate the deal and create a more balanced set of investments across the Tay region.

Although the final heads of terms are not yet agreed, there have been a number of key projects that I've championed for in our constituency and the county as a whole. This includes a proposal for an aerospace centre in Kinross, which would help put Scotland and especially Kinross-shire, at the forefront of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) development and education. The project would provide a tourist centre designed to engage visitors in air and space travel. It would also provide a hook for further private and public investment to the area, as well as providing a boost for local traders and linking with aviation projects in Perth and Dundee. Furthermore, with the new UK spaceport to be located in Scotland, it is an exciting opportunity to link a local venture with a national project.

**Luke Graham MP**

*As always, if you have any issues or concerns please contact me at my office on 2 Comrie Street, Crieff, by telephone on 01259 680 384 or by email, [luke.grahamoffice@parliament.uk](mailto:luke.grahamoffice@parliament.uk).*

## Councillor Purves

### Surgeries

I hold a surgery at Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross at 6.30pm on the third Thursday of each month. This month's will take place on Thursday 15 November. In addition, this month I shall be holding a surgery tour across the Kinross-shire ward on Saturday 17 November at the following locations:

- 10am Cleish Village Hall
- 11am Moubray Hall, Powmill
- 12pm Crook of Devon Village Hall
- 2pm Portmoak Village Hall
- 3pm Glenfarg Village Hall

No appointments are necessary so please feel free to drop in if there is anything you think I can assist you with.

Unfortunately, I was unable to secure a venue in Milnathort on this date. If this or any of the other times cause a problem for you, please feel free to get in touch with me using the contact details at the back of the *Newsletter* and I shall endeavour to arrange a suitable alternative.

**Councillor Callum Purves**



## Councillor Watters

Kinross-shire constituents who use wheelchairs and mobility scooters have contacted me to highlight the problems they have getting into shops that only have steps. In response I have asked the Kinross-shire Action Partnership to back a project that will provide interested shops with a bell and a lightweight portable ramp. The bell will allow staff to know that someone is at the door and the ramp will enable easy access into their premises. As this project clearly fits within the Action Partnership's remit of decreasing inequality within the area, the Partnership agreed unanimously to support it. The project will be hosted by the Centre for Inclusive Living, which is based in Perth and has a wealth of talent and experience with this kind of project. It is good to see Kinross-shire moving closer to becoming a fully accessible community.

I am concerned by a resident's comment at the Fossoway Community Council meeting in October, about decreasing access to taxis in West Kinross-shire through the Demand Responsive Transport service. This DRT service helps to mitigate issues that rural residents have with the lack of bus services. Several taxis have withdrawn from the scheme for various reasons, so I have arranged an urgent discussion with Council Officers to find a solution to the problem.

**Councillor Richard Watters**





## Councillor Willie Robertson Has the time come for a tourist tax in Perth and Kinross?



Perth & Kinross draws thousands of visitors each year to enjoy our fantastic scenery and outstanding outdoor activities. This at a time when the Council faces further reductions in government support and is already considering an increase in council tax and cuts to services in next years' budget.

Organisations such as the Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust and TRACKS (The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire) have created much used and appreciated path networks and cycleways. However, both these organisations and the Council now struggle to maintain these important facilities. TRACKS built the outstanding Loch Leven Heritage Trail which now attracts 250,000 visitors a year and gives the local economy a significant boost. Yet it is likely to become increasingly difficult to find the money to maintain this important multi use track in good condition. The same applies to path networks throughout Perth & Kinross.

Likewise in tourist hot-spots like Pitlochry and Dunkeld, we need to ensure there are toilets available and that litter bins are regularly emptied and streets are kept clean and free of litter. This all takes extra resources. Surely the time has now come for Perth & Kinross Council to consider a tourist tax to help preserve these important parts of our tourism and leisure infrastructure and ensure a quality experience for our visitors? I don't think we should expect our citizens to pay further increases in council tax for such things. However, facilities do need to be maintained both for the thousands of people who come to Perth & Kinross to use them and for the local population.

Based on a 50% occupancy rate, and a tourist tax of £1 per night, the number of overnight beds available in Perth in Kinross would raise over £1 million per year. This excludes caravan sites and holiday rentals. Almost everywhere else in the world uses some form of tourist tax to maintain and enhance their facilities. I think Perth & Kinross should consider doing the same. I would welcome your views.

### Double Yellow Lines

There are a number of outstanding requests for parking restrictions in various parts of Kinross. The orders for the Muirs/Gallowhill Road corner and a small section at the entrance to St Ronan's Drive should come before the Council's Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee in November. It is hoped that the other requests, for the entrance to Talla Park,

and the corner of Avenue Road leading to Coventry Place and for a small section at the southern end of the High Street will come to committee in January. If anyone would like details of what is proposed please let me know.

### 20mph Speed Limits

The new Council administration has adopted a more positive attitude towards the introduction of 20mph speed limits and a new policy is currently being drawn up. My view is that any street that could be described as a shared space i.e. where vehicles share the road with pedestrians as there are no or inadequate pavements, should automatically be considered for a 20mph speed limit. I am optimistic the new policy will agree with this.

### New Rural Footways

There have been a number of requests for pavements and footways throughout Kinross-shire over the years. £300,000 was allocated to address the backlog of these in this year's Council budget. There are 110 different requests throughout Perth & Kinross. All have been ranked according to a number of criteria which include accident record, importance for vulnerable pedestrians, sustainable transport link and connectivity.

The installation of a pavement between the Turfhill Roundabout is ranked third on the list, so this should be installed this year. The creation of a pavement between Balado house and Balado Crossroads is ranked number 20, the building of a pavement from Gallowhill Road to the Stronachie road over the Ballingall bridge is ranked number 25 and a new pavement along the verge of the B996 north of Gairneybank to Gairneybank is number 33. If the funding continues these should all be done in the next 2 to 3 years.

### Road Safety Delays

The Council have substantially increased the road safety budget to allow for more Vehicle Activated Signs and other road safety measures. There is also a substantial programme of road safety improvements being progressed for the A977 between Kinross and Blairingone. Although this is good news it has delayed other road safety projects. Amongst those in the pipeline are the raising of the pedestrian crossing in Springfield Road (to slow traffic) and various requests for double yellow lines, which I mentioned earlier. I have raised these delays with Council officers and have been assured measures will be put in place to get these outstanding projects carried out. The new crossing point in Gallowhill Road is programmed to be done this financial year.

**Councillor Willie Robertson**



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want our customers to be delighted with what we have in stock."

He continued; "I am always in the shop speaking with customers and trying hard to give them exactly what they ask for." Baillies has a fantastic variety of



Gordon Baillie

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## Elizabeth Smith MSP For Mid Scotland and Fife

In early October, it was confirmed that snagging works are set to continue on the Queensferry Crossing until the autumn of 2019 - a full two years after it opened to the public. The snagging works have been delayed significantly as a result of difficulties in mobilising resources. The current outstanding work includes cable maintenance, bearing remedial work and painting on the super structure - which won't take place until later this year. Snagging work is inevitable with any large infrastructure project but the length and scope of these issues is concerning. Average speeds on the bridge during evening and morning rush hour have barely improved since the bridge opened and there are concerns that these snagging works will result in even longer delays. There is no denying that the bridge is an architectural wonder but it was built to alleviate congestion and I know that a number of readers will want to see this realised, sooner or later.

Back in early autumn, I was pleased to read the results of a survey from the Office for National Statistics which showed that life satisfaction in Perth and Kinross is higher than the UK and Scottish national average.

People in the area ranked higher when it came to life satisfaction and happiness whilst also registering lower for anxiety. This placed Perth and Kinross above neighbouring Dundee, Fife and Stirling. What these statistics confirm, not that we needed them, is that Perth and Kinross is a fantastic place to live and work. However, there are challenges on the horizon. Access to services like top-quality healthcare and education will have a bearing on whether these rankings improve and it is important that admission to NHS treatment remains fast and convenient.

In October, I welcomed new funding arrangements which will mean NHS Tayside no longer has to honour their outstanding brokerage loans to the Scottish Government. This new process means that the cash-strapped health board will have greater financial manoeuvrability. A three-year budget process will allow health boards to run small deficits rather than reconciling budgets in-year. This is welcome news for both patients and healthcare administrators and I would hope that NHS Tayside uses this breathing space to put in place policies that can achieve long-term, sustainable healthcare. It is incredibly important that patients across rural parts of Perth and Kinross, have access to fast and efficient healthcare services and this clean slate should allow NHS Tayside to provide just that.

**Liz Smith MSP**

*As ever Liz appreciates the feedback of constituents and can be contacted at the Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, PH2 6PL or via email at [Elizabeth.Smith.MSP@parliament.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Smith.MSP@parliament.scot) or telephone at 01738 553 990.*



## Roseanna Cunningham MSP For Perthshire South and Kinross-shire

### Roseanna "wears it pink" for Breast Cancer Now

Roseanna Cunningham got in the pink at the Scottish Parliament on Friday 19 October. She joined fellow parliamentarians to encourage people across Scotland to get involved and take part on "wear it pink" day to raise money for Breast Cancer Now's research.

"Wear it pink" day is one of the biggest fundraising events in the UK and is now in its seventeenth year. The fundraiser calls on supporters to ditch their everyday colours, and add a splash of pink to their outfit, to raise money for breast cancer research. The wear it pink campaign has raised over £31 million.

Encouraging others to sign up and take part, Roseanna said:

"Sadly, most of us know someone affected by this devastating disease - every year around 4700 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Scotland and almost 1000 people will die of it. I am incredibly proud to be backing "wear it pink" again this year. As you can see from my photo, taking part is easy - all it takes is an additional splash of pink to your normal outfit!"

Baroness Delyth Morgan, Chief Executive at Breast Cancer Now, said: We are really grateful for the enthusiasm and support shown by MSPs. We hope that by wearing pink, Roseanna will encourage her constituents to get involved and fundraise in their homes, schools or workplaces, and help us to continue to fund world-class research into this devastating disease."



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## News from the Health Centre



### World Diabetes Day – 14 November

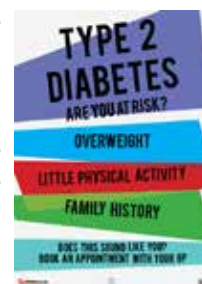
*Diabetes mellitus*, usually known simply as diabetes, is a common health condition. Diabetes is caused when the amount of glucose (sugar) in the blood is too high because the body is not able to convert glucose into energy properly. Our body creates glucose when we digest starchy foods such as bread, rice or potatoes. We also get glucose from sugar and other sweet foods. Normally, the pancreas (a gland near our stomach) releases a hormone called insulin. Insulin allows the glucose to enter our cells where it is converted into fuel for energy. When you have diabetes, your body does not make insulin, or does not make enough of it, and so the glucose cannot get into your cells to be turned into energy. This makes you feel tired and unwell. The main symptoms of untreated diabetes are increased thirst, going to the toilet all the time (especially at night), extreme tiredness, weight loss, genital itching or regular episodes of thrush, and blurred vision. The two main types of diabetes are:

- Type 1, which develops when the body is unable to produce any insulin.
- Type 2, which develops when the body can still produce insulin but not enough.

Over a long period of time, high levels of glucose can damage the heart, eyes, feet and kidneys. With the right treatment and care, diabetes can be managed and people can lead healthy lives.

Our nursing team includes three nurses who are trained in diabetes management and they run regular clinics for patients, most of whom have Type 2 diabetes. There is also a lot of information available to patients online. Diabetes UK ([www.diabetes.org.uk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk)) has information on the types of diabetes, how to prevent it and how to live with it. In addition, NHS Scotland has a website which provides personalised information for those diagnosed with diabetes.

Once registered, test results can be accessed in tables and graphs with explanations of the tests and goals can be set. There is also information on medication prescribed, and lifestyle advice. The service is completely free to use and uses industry-standard security. To register visit the website: [www.mydiabetesmyway.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.mydiabetesmyway.scot.nhs.uk).



## Cat Therapy

It's unlikely that your GP will prescribe the above. However, it's free and it's on your doorstep!

I want to let you in on one of Kinross-shire's best-kept secrets. In the tiny hamlet of Scotlandwell lies a very special place, a family run business, Causeway Cottage Cattery. Run by Rhonda Dick, the cattery caters for clients requiring holiday accommodation for their cats and also works with the Fife Cat Shelter who help homeless and abandoned cats find shelter, food and of course, a new home!

The cattery provides placements for young people doing their Duke of Edinburgh awards and also has vacancies for people who would like to work with cats. I am one of those volunteers and I take photos of the cats for the Cat Shelter website.

A couple of years ago I tried my hand at feline photography during a cold and wintry February. Against all advice, I had resigned from a job that was less than palatable, and I had no idea what would be on the horizon. I did know that no matter how uncertain things were looking, I wanted to do work that gave me a sense of purpose, whether paid or unpaid. At the cattery I was entranced by the beautiful rural scenery and a stillness that is quite breathtaking. It's a place of calm where you not only

meet cats but can watch horses grazing in the fields and enjoy the peace of the outdoors.

I wasn't sure how easy it was going to be to photograph a cat in an enclosure. However, I did experience the most interesting sense of positive energy. I observed how much the cats appreciate a little company and attention. After getting photos I was happy with, I left with a sense of satisfaction and achievement. Over the months I met



some of the other volunteers and young helpers. One volunteer said to me that he found the act of spending time with the cats just as therapeutic for him as it was for the cats.

This is the 'Moggie Magic' that I was starting to observe. I realised that these rescue cats were good for my wellbeing. By observing them I saw just how resilient they are. Some of them may only have three legs but they still

manage to jump up on your lap and enjoy all the attention you can give them. They don't let losing a limb stop their enjoyment of life!

Some of the cats need more TLC than others. The staff at the cattery are so busy, they are limited in the time that they can spend with the rescue moggies. I spoke with Sandy at the cattery and he said that he would welcome people if they wanted to come and spend a few hours a week with some of the cats. Volunteers need to be good with animals and experience of caring for cats is beneficial but not essential.

I saw this as a golden opportunity for those who may be experiencing stress or anxiety and would like to consider trying a little Cat Therapy to improve their wellbeing. The amazing thing about Cat Therapy is that the positive effects can be instantaneous, and this goes for working with nature, plants and all of the animal kingdom. If you are living in Kinross-shire, you are in the right place, because it's a natural place of healing. Just take a look around and you'll see it in the Standing Stones of Orwell farm, the Healing Well at Scotlandwell, the beautiful waterside walks, and the amazing views from the farm shops around the loch.

You can contact Rhonda at Causeway Cottage Cattery on 01592 840 869.

Vincent Johnston

## Councillor Barnacle

### Blairingone Primary School

*Copy of a letter send to Sheena Devlin,  
Executive Director (Education & Children's  
Services), Perth & Kinross Council,  
3 October 2018.*



Dear Sheena

#### **BLAIRINGONE PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSULTATION ON CLOSURE & CATCHMENT CHANGES**

I write as one of the four elected members for the Kinross-shire Ward, having served my community continuously since 1999. During that time I have always campaigned for Blairingone School to be kept open and possibly its facilities enhanced. I remain opposed to closure at this time, believing the proposal to be premature and also wish to put forward an alternative option for consideration.

The proposal paper continually refers to static projections for pupil numbers at both Blairingone and Fossoway schools, although as we know such projections are not an exact science. Housebuilding proposed for the Fossoway Parish & Community Council area has been disregarded, seemingly based on past trends. This is not borne out by the facts as I know them.

Developer interest in Blairingone, Crook of Devon and Powmill is significant and our Local Development Plan 2, recently unanimously approved by PKC, contains phased zoning for up to 133 houses in these settlements, including an enhanced affordable housing element in Crook of Devon at 50%. Although Tayplan policy concentrates development to tiered settlements rather than rural villages, I believe it goes too far and results in a lack of sustainable development in smaller villages, particularly in relation to affordable houses. This is why local members in Kinross-shire have supported the above zonings and in the case of Blairingone would like to see more development within the phased period than that stated. This is also the view of the community in Blairingone following a public consultation exercise in February 2017 that I was heavily involved with, resulting in support for a masterplan approach in Blairingone that includes provision of sports facilities adjacent to the current school. I am aware that developers are in discussion with PKC's planning department regarding such, noting that the zoned site of 5.5 hectares has a median capacity range of up to 95 houses that there is definite developer interest in.

I made reference to this developer interest in my representations to the Education Committee but administration members had closed minds on the subject

and seemed intent on delivering a budgetary saving as a priority. Our planning department have singularly failed to state the correct position on developer interest, although they knew about it.

It is important to note that Blairingone School is the only community facility remaining in the village and I am totally opposed to its closure. The village has lost a number of facilities over the years and now requires regeneration, not regression. The local community council use the school building and other public meetings can be held there. The proposal suggests that most residents of Blairingone travel outwith the village for services and therefore closure of the school would not make that much difference; I disagree strongly with this statement and believe that PKC should be promoting the sustainability of rural communities; not the reverse.

I believe school closure is predicated on budgetary pressures to realise a capital receipt for the buildings on the open market.

I note that the Schools Consultation Scotland Act 2010 clearly states a presumption to keep rural schools open and this proposal runs counter to government policy.

I note that 4 out of 5 children in Blairingone walk to school, which is excellent. I am not in support of transporting primary school children to their place of education, if it can be avoided. This proposal does not do that and instead proposes transport along the A977 to Fossoway School. It should be borne in mind that this road carries the highest number of heavy goods vehicles of any within the PKC area that we are responsible for and they are increasing, not forgetting to mention the state of this road in wintry conditions west of Rumbling Bridge, acknowledged by our roads superintendent. I note that the catchment area of Cleish Primary School does not seem to have been taken into account, when it is as close as the Fossoway catchment; why not?


The Independent Group of Councillors at PKC would like to see nursery provision at all rural schools, which would assist in bolstering primary school rolls with continuity and I believe this is supported by Scottish Government policy on improving provision. A recent closure of a private nursery in Powmill, for reasons I am unaware of, supports the need for enhanced provision and Blairingone School could accommodate same. I cannot comment on the educational benefits advocated in the proposal but I have received a number of emails from Blairingone parents and residents praising their school.

For all the above reasons, I oppose closure at this time and would like to see the outcome of the planning consultation locally on the masterplan for the village concluded before such a decision is made.

In my opening remarks, reference was made to an alternative option for consideration. I had not mentioned this prior to the statutory consultation because I have only recently been appraised of it through council colleagues and the media. I suggest the option of 'a shared headship' for Blairingone and Fossoway that would keep the school buildings used and also provide potential for enhancement, once the masterplan has been produced. I understand this model operates elsewhere in both PKC and Britain as a whole; it should be explored here.

Yours sincerely,

**CLlr Michael Barnacle**  
**Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire**



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Between 10pm, Friday 5 October and 7.30am, Saturday 6 October, a window was damaged at a property in Devonvale Place, Kinross. (CR/24445/18)

Between 8.15pm, Friday 5 October and 11am, Saturday 6 October, a Land Rover Defender was scratched and a window broken whilst parked in Swansacre, Kinross. (CR/24454/18)

Anyone with any information that may be useful should contact Tayside Division on 101 or any police officer, quoting the crime reference number listed at each incident. Alternatively information can be passed anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Hare Coursing

Hare coursing has been illegal since 2004. Hare coursing tends to increase at this time of year after harvest when large areas of land have been cleared of crops. It usually occurs at dawn or dusk. By being aware of the potential for hare coursing you can assist police in fighting it by looking out for the following activity:

- Vehicles parked in rural areas at gateways to farmland, on farm tracks or bridleways.
- Vehicles are usually estate cars, four-wheel drive vehicles or small vans. They are often old tatty looking vehicles.
- Hare coursers usually walk along the edge or harvested fields to frighten the hares into the open space for the dogs to chase.

If you see hare coursing taking place, or suspect it is happening contact the police immediately. If you can, take a note of the vehicles and registration numbers, also how many people are present and a description of them. If the opportunity arises then continue to monitor any persons from a safe distance rather than challenging them of your own accord.

## Bonfire night

It is an offence for a person **under 18 years** to possess fireworks in a public place. It is an offence for any person to throw, cast, or fire any fireworks in or into any road or public place. It is an offence to use fireworks between **11pm and 7am**, unless it is a local authority display or national public celebration. Shops cannot sell fireworks unless they have been granted a licence to do so.

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# Community Council News

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## Kinross Community Council News from the October Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 3 October were: (CCLrs) B Freeman (Chair), D Colliar, D Cuthbert (Acting Secretary), B Davies, L McKay, T Stewart and D West, P&K Councillors (Cllrs) C Purves, R Watters and three members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from: CCLrs M Blyth, J Bryson, I Jack, P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson and PC Stapleton.

**Police Report:** A report had been sent by email to the Community Council in advance of the meeting. Reported items included a break-in at Baynes the Bakers and a glass pane smashed at the bus stop outside Kinross High School. It was also noted that, anyone wishing to raise any policing issues, should email PC Stapleton or PC Spalding.

**Resignation of Secretary:** Eileen Thomas wrote to the Community Council on 26 September, resigning as a Member of the Community Council and as Secretary. The matter was discussed and members expressed regret at Eileen's resignation. It was agreed that a letter would be written to her thanking her for her service and wishing her well in her retirement.

The Chair indicated that a member of the public had approached him with a view to becoming the Community Council's Minute Secretary. This came from the Community Council's advert in the Newsletter. He indicated that he had agreed that they take Minutes at the November and subsequent meetings. Councillor Cuthbert agreed to take the minutes for this meeting. Given the vacancy on the Community Council it was agreed that an advert would be placed in the November Edition of the Newsletter for a new member. It was noted that anyone interested in joining the Community Council should complete a co-option application form, which is available on the P&K website and submit it to the Council. The role of Secretary and the now vacant position on the Kinross Common Good Fund Committee will be put on the agenda for the November Meeting.

### Matters Arising

**War Memorial:** CCLlr Colliar gave an update on having a rail fitted to the War Memorial outside the Court House, to hold the wreaths in place. Two quotations had been obtained with a wide variance in price. He informed the meeting that he was in the process of firming up the two quotations and would then approach the Council with detailed plans.

**Dog Mess:** CCLrs McKay and Davies informed the meeting that they had been using the coloured spray to highlight dog mess throughout Kinross. CCLlr McKay said that she had asked one member of the public whose dog had made a mess if they would like to pick it up, to save her having to spray it. Apparently, the dog mess was cleaned up.

**Provost Lamp:** Discussion on this matter was postponed to the next meeting as Cllr Robertson was not present.

**CC Boundaries:** Cllr Watters indicated that a new Scheme of Administration for Community Councils had been debated at a P&K Council meeting held earlier in the day. This incorporated the possibility of Community Council Boundary Changes, though it was unclear when this would be implemented.

**Community Investment Fund:** CCLlr Cuthbert asked for clarification on the deadline for applications for funding from this £50,000 fund. Cllr Watters informed the meeting that the deadline had been moved from the middle of November to the middle of February, by the Action Partnership. CCLlr Colliar expressed disappointment on hearing this, as he had submitted an application on behalf of Light up Kinross, which he had hoped would be made available prior to Christmas. Cllr Watters advised that the guidance which had been issued was unclear and the Action Partnership felt they needed clarification prior to accepting applications. Cllr Purves indicated that the guidance needed tightening up and cited several examples where it could be better worded. Cllr Purves went on to say that the Guidance which had been issued did not reflect the spirit of the fund which was set up by the Council, he had been informed that the guidance was an operational matter which Councillors should not be involved in. It was felt by several people present that the fund had been hijacked by officers. Further concerns were raised over the Action Partnership being involved in screening applications for this fund, given the problems with the last Participatory Budgeting event. Cllr Purves agreed to find out how the screening would be taking place. CCLlr Cuthbert asked for a copy of the guidance on the fund. Cllr Watters agreed to send this to the Community Council.

### Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

**Review of Project:** Cllr Barnacle was not present at the meeting, so this matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.

**20mph Signs:** Cllr Purves noted that half the work had been done on the signs at the junction of Station Road and High Street (the poles and lights being up, but the signs being absent). He agreed to raise this with the Council and revert back with an update.

**Old Causeway Car Park:** This work is ongoing.

**Electrics:** CCLlr Freeman advised that the catches to the cabinet doors were still not fixed. Cllr Purves agreed to follow this up.

**Avenue Road and Talla Park:** A Member of the Public indicated that the Roads Department had agreed to changes to the yellow lines in the Avenue Road/Tall Park area and consultation on the proposals was due to commence imminently.

### Planning Matters

#### New Planning Applications

**18/01546/FLL.** Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Broom Cottage, 17A Broom Road.

**18/01608/FLL.** Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Westhall 194 High Street.

**18/01666/FLL.** Extension to dwellinghouse, 3 Highfield Circle.

**18/01690/FLL.** Erection of a garden building, replacement fencing, formation of decking, landscaping and associated works (in part retrospect), 58 Simpson Wynd. No comments were raised on these applications.

#### Existing Planning applications

**18/01443/FLL.** Alterations and Extension to dwelling house Torriebank, Carsegour, approved.

**18/00766/IPL.** Residential Development Land 120 metres east of Twin Peaks Tillyochie, withdrawn.

**Former Kinross High School:** A brief discussion took place on the speed of development of the former High School building. Cllr Watters agreed to find out if the Bond was still held by the Council.

### Reports from P&K Councillors

**Priorities at the junction of Springfield Road and Muirs:** Cllr Watters reported that this was being considered by the roads department and they would be reverting back to the Community Council soon.

**Funding for CC's:** Cllr Watters advised that funding for Community Councils had been raised at the full P&K Council earlier in the day by Cllr Robertson and Cllr Anderson (of Almond and Earn) and that a review had been acceded to by officers.

**EU Nationals:** Cllr Watters reported that the matter of EU Nationals being able to stand on Community Councils had been discussed at the earlier Council meeting. It was noted that the Scottish Government were carrying out an electoral review in the matter.

**Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils:** Cllr Purves reported on the debate concerning Community Councils at the Council meeting earlier in the day. He advised that P&K pay one of the lowest per capita amounts to Community Councils in the country.

**Davies Park:** Cllr Purves reported that improvements to the park are scheduled for 2019/20. There will be a consultation exercise prior to any work and the Council would welcome the formation of a Friends of Davies Park Group. Cllr Colliar pointed out that Dr Davies from Kinross Community Council had raised the funds to equip the park originally, which is why it was called the Davies Park. He also informed the meeting that the land for the park had been gifted to Kinross. A question was raised as to whether the park is included in the Common Good Register for Kinross. As this was not known, Cllr Cuthbert agreed to write to P&K Council to ask if this is the case.

**Benches at the Myre:** Cllr Purves reported that he had spoken to officers and they hoped to be able to progress with the benches at the Myre.

### Reports from CC Representatives

**Kinross Community Council Newsletter Fund:** Cllr Davies reported that 10 applications had been received for funding from the profits made by the Kinross Community Council Newsletter.

**Loch Leven Community Campus:** Cllr Davies asked what was being done about the very poor utilisation of the Campus. Cllr Purves indicated that the charging policy had become more flexible. He advised that there would be a meeting of the Kinross-shire Forum of Community Councils to discuss who should take a seat on the Campus Management Group representing all six Kinross-shire Community Councils. This seat to be held for one year (four meetings) and to then revert to another Community Council (this mechanism having been arrived at by the four Campus Leaders). Finally, he advised that another review of campuses was being undertaken.

**Hayfield Garden:** Cllr McKay reported on the destruction of the wildlife garden. She had reported it to the police as a wildlife crime, but unfortunately, they were not going to take it forward due to a lack of resources.

**Wilson Court:** Cllr McKay raised the issue of cars parking in the turning circle at Wilson Court.

**Remembrance Parade:** Cllr McKay asked if there was a fund available for the centenary celebration of Armistice Day. Apparently, there isn't.

**P&K School Holidays:** Cllr Colliar asked that Councillors make representation to officers following a request that P&K school holiday dates should be brought into alignment with Angus school holiday dates. He asked that they ensure that the dates chosen should not cause the dates to vary with Fife any more than they currently do.

**Town Clock:** It was noted that the town clock had been an issue on Facebook and that the clock had restarted, but no longer lit up. Cllr Purves had asked an officer to report on the ownership of the Clock Tower. Once this has been established, the owner of the clock will be asked to make it work satisfactorily.

**The next meeting of Kinross Community Council takes place on Wednesday 7 November 2018, at 7.30pm, in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

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## Milnathort Community Council News from the October Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 11 October were: Cllr C Williams (chairman), Cllr E Kirkham (treasurer), Cllrs M Leach and C Lawson, P&K Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson and four members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from Cllr C Flory (secretary/vice chairman), P&K Cllrs R Watters and M Barnacle.

**Police matters:** No police were in attendance.

### Matters arising

**Wester Loan flats:** The bright exterior lights on the new flats are still to be checked to see if they cause an environmental health issue for neighbouring residents. Cllr Purves has raised the matter of a survey for flooding at the Stackyard but no action yet.

### Planning applications submitted

**18/01683/FLL.** Extension to dwellinghouse at 5, The Stackyard.

**18/01613/FLL.** Erection of an agricultural building at Arlary Farm.

**18/01659/FLL.** Change of use and alterations from hotel, to office unit (class 2), bakery and cafe (class 3) and dwellinghouse (class 9) at Jolly Beggars.

### Planning determinations approved

**18/01458/FLL.** Extension to dwelling house at 22-24, Church Street.

**18/01254/FLL.** Extension to dwelling house at 80, South Street.

### New matters and correspondence

Milnathort in Bloom contacted MCC on the state of **Tillywhally woods** but could not offer any help in rectifying the issues raised. Cllr Robertson suggested contacting the council's unpaid works team.

**David Drysdale bequest:** Cllr Kirkham advised that several local groups had applied for funding from the £5000 legacy left by David Drysdale to benefit the local community. Following discussion and feedback from members of the

public, it was decided that CCTV at the Cross, sound panels in the Town Hall, improvements to Tillywhally Wood and Christmas lights were all projects worthy of a contribution. Cllr Robertson suggested setting up a local paths group with funding paying for equipment. The fate of the legacy of £5000 will be decided at the November meeting. Anyone with an opinion on this matter should come to the next meeting.

Cllr Lawson proposed that we put together a bid for an **innovative event** with money from the Community Investment Fund or Rural Events Fund to create a unique spectacle with moving images (using historical photos of the town) projected onto key buildings, perhaps the Town Hall, in conjunction with a street market and ceilidh.

Cllr Leach asked for **speed checks** to be carried out in Burleigh Road and raised the issue of the vehicle-activated sign in South Street still not being activated. Cllr Purves replied that the roads department do not have the capacity, and this has led to the delay. Cllr Robertson suggested taking a photo of the car's registration plate if you feel they have been speeding and send it to him.

Cllr Lawson raised the question of **safety at Jessie's Park** as the state of the wall has become hazardous for children.

#### Questions from the floor

It was suggested that a poster of the upcoming agenda should be produced to raise community awareness.

#### Councillors' reports

**Cllr Purves:** A review is currently taking place regarding CC boundaries and there is a suggestion that MCC's name is changed to Milnathort and Orwell Community Council. All the above proposals will be put out for public consultation.

**Cllr Robertson:** It was suggested that MCC was represented at Remembrance Day with a wreath. Sunday 11 November 12.30pm.

**Vacancies:** More CC members are urgently required. Anyone interested should speak to a Cllr and will be asked to complete a simple application form.

**The next meeting of Milnathort Community Council will be held on Thursday 8 November 2018 at 7.30pm, in Milnathort Town Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend.**

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## Cleish & Blairadam CC

### News from the October Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 1 October 2018 were: F Gillespie (Chair) P Fraser (Secy) F Whalley, R Kitchin, M T aylor (Treasurer), P&K Cllrs R Watters and W Robertson and three members of the public.

**Apologies:** H Somerville, Cllr Barnacle, R Cairney and P&K Cllr Purves.

**Crime Prevention:** There was nothing in the Cleish and Blairadam CC area that had been reported but there had been a quad bike stolen from near Knockhill. The CC get sent the Commanders Bulletin and Fran would like to link this to our website so that all can get the benefit.

The **World War 1 Committee** discussed at the last meeting are still looking for a representative from the CC and Fran has volunteered to go to next meeting on 8 October.

**Financial Update:** Our new treasurer is still waiting to get correct access to the accounts but has reported that we received our top up grant from Perth and Kinross Council and to date we have £700 in the bank.

**Newsletter:** There was discussion regarding the printing and folding of the newsletters and it was suggested that perhaps the CC buy a colour printer to help with this.

The subject of the **proposed change of boundaries** was raised and there is a meeting at PKC in Perth regarding the process of consultation. This matter to be kept on the agenda.

#### Planning

**18/01492/FLL.** Bridge House, Main Street, Keltybridge, Kelty. Awaiting Decision.

**18/01413/FLL.** Erection of a dwellinghouse and installation of gatepiers and gates. Land 30 Metres South of Hillview, Blairforge. Accepted.

**18/01418/FLL.** Sub division of Travellers site Land 20 Metres West Of 2D Greenacres, Blairadam. Awaiting decision.

**18/01703/FLL.** Erection of Dwelling House. Millstone Cottage, Downhill Muir, Cleish. Awaiting Decision.

**18/01640/IPL.** Erection of Dwelling House in Principal Land 40 Metres North East of The Old Piggery, Blairforge. Awaiting Decision.

**18/01638/FLL.** Change of use to garden ground and ancillary dwelling. The Manse, Cleish Kinross. Awaiting Decision.

**18/01316/FLL.** Erection of sale room stables etc. Land 90 Metres North West of Nivingston West Cleish. Awaiting Decision.

**18/00450/FLL.** Hillview, Kinnaird, Blairadam Kelty. Refused.

**Boreland Development:** There has been no movement here and Cllr Robertson suggested a meeting with the developer and the planning department to see if we can move this forward, we will wait to hear back regarding this.

**Signage for Lochran:** This is still awaiting installation and will be kept on the agenda.

#### Village Updates

**Blairadam:** There is only one pavement in Keltybridge and it is in a very poor state. Cllr Robertson to action this.

**Cleish:** The pop-up pub night was very successful. Parking issues associated with the school are ongoing. It was suggested that a trial exclusion zone may be considered but due to the fact that the school is on a through road this would not be possible. Fran will go and talk to the school assembly regarding this issue. This matter to be kept on the agenda.

#### AOCB

The school are registered with the Community heartbeat trust and are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the defibrillator machine. The machine is also registered with the ambulance service so if we ever need to use it the ambulance will know where it is.

There seems to be an increase in the lights and number of caravans at Templeton cottages, this will be monitored.

The Maryburgh road is to be closed for work by British Telecom. Further details were unavailable at this time.

As part of the Perth and Kinross Council School Transformation Programme Cleish PS will be due a review in late 2018, early 2019. There is generally a presumption to keep rural schools open.

**The next meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on 26 November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Tabernacle Hall.**



## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the October Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 9 October 2018 were: CCllrs: M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Ford, D Morris, A Muszynski and T Smith and Cllr W Robertson and six members of the public.

**Apologies:** CCllrs B Calderwood, Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves & R Watters and PC D Stapleton, Police Scotland.

#### Matters Arising

**School Access** - policy on parking and safe access routes for children. Following the site meeting on 16 April, where matters had again been reviewed, there had been no progress. The CC had welcomed the opportunity to comment on a Report to be made to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee but to date there had been no Report on which to comment. The matters of both children's safety and improved access to the school along Buchan Avenue remained unaddressed. The problem appeared to reflect lack of capacity within the PKC Road's Department to take this work forward. Limited resource meant that this matter was a low priority for PKC. The CC will write to the Chair of the Committee alerting him to the CC's concern.

**Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond.** PKC has referred the initial steps back to the CC to do preliminary work on an option appraisal of possible routes. Any further progress would be reported in due course.

**Resilience** - being better prepared for risks. Community Emergency Plan. CCllr Muszynski reported that the Plan was evolving: identifying a core group to take matters forward; development of a draft Plan for comment; and, working with the Resilience Unit at PKC, identifying necessary resources and how to secure them. He noted that a service level agreement to have a generator to allow the Hall to function as a Resilience Hub would involve a consequential requirement to keep roads open. The CC noted the helpful input of the PKC Resilience Officer into this process.

#### Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils.

1) **Consultation** PKC has recently circulated proposed amendments to the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils for consultation. The CC will respond before the closing date of 3 December.

2) **Proposed changes to CC boundaries** – Portmoak proposal to include part of Loch Leven within the CC's boundary: Following discussions with Kinross and Milnathort CCs, Cllr Purves is exploring the matter further with PKC.

**Moss Road Car Park.** The Chairman reported that this matter would be taken forward over the next two months.

**New CC member.** The Chairman reported that a proposed co-optee, Graham Cox of Scotlandwell, had been approved by PKC as a suitable member of the CC by PKC. He therefore proposed that Graham Cox be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the CC. This was unanimously approved. Mr Cox would join the CC at its next meeting. The CC warmly welcomed Graham.

**Police Report:** The local police report was noted. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 15, 22, 29 August, 5, 12, 19, 26 September and 3 October were also noted.

**Treasurer Report:** The balance at the month ending 30 September was £655 in the General Account; and £1,523.96 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £2,178.96. The new "Holding Account" No. 3 held £1500.

#### Planning

New applications:

**FIFE 18/02342/ARC** Westfield, Energy Recover Facility: Report of meeting with developer and residents of B9097 - plus progress with: **16/03661/FUL** (overall site development); **17/03377/FUL** (10 gas engines); and **18/02027/FUL** (Biomass plant variation of conditions).

The Chairman reported on a meeting between the Developers and residents of the B9097 hosted by RSPB Loch Leven. The Developers could not but recognise the considerable concerns expressed regarding road safety and the need for resource to mitigate these risks. The developers had been urged to review the report supporting the in-principle planning application into the effect of pollution from vehicle emissions, including particulates, in light of changed standards in the two years since the report had been prepared.

In discussion the following were acknowledged in respect of this Energy from Waste (EfW) application:

- The Developers had as yet not published a Phasing Plan for the overall site development. Whilst the planning permission allowed for matters specified in conditions to be approved in phases, those phases had to be as defined in the overall Phasing Plan. (Condition 2, Planning Permission In Principle). No such Plan has yet been submitted.
- There was a need for improvements to be made to the B9097 by PKC before work on the site commenced.
- There was concern that there was potentially considerable over-capacity of such incinerators in Scotland; and that, although EfW replaces energy generated from other fossil fuels, it is not of itself a renewable energy source. Given recent pressure to increase targets from energy derived from renewable energy there was a need for the Scottish Government to review its guidance on EfW.
- The need to establish the Community Liaison Group soon.
- Planning Advice Note 63 encourages developers to identify the origins of the waste to be processed but this is left unclear by the applicants.

The CC will comment accordingly to Fife Council and write to Scottish Ministers seeking that they review current Guidance on EfW capacity and also consider whether the Westfield proposed developments complied with Planning Advice Note 63.

**18/01723/LBC, 18/01722/FLL.** Barley Riggs, Easter Balgedie, Alterations, and an extension. No comment.

**18/01594/FLL.** Bishopton, Wester Balgedie, Formation of vehicular access. No comment.



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**18/01704/FLL.** Loch Glow, Kinnesswood, Alterations to dwellinghouse. The CC had no objection in principle to the plans to alter the garage but felt that the size and type of windows for the remainder of the renovations merited review. It would comment accordingly.

**18/01643/LAW.** Balneathal Farm Easter Balgedie, Formation of silage pit. No comment.

**18/01520/FLL.** Tighnult, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood. Alterations and extension. No comment.

**18/01477/FLL.** Land 100 metres SW of Liathach, Leslie. Erection of 2 camping pods. The CC noted that this venture into glamping was new to Portmoak. The application had been refused.

**18/01446/FLL.** The Grange, Leslie Road Scotlandwell. Extension to Garage. Consent had been granted subject to approval of cladding to the new build.

**18/01438/ADV.** Land 30 metres NW of Bishopshire Golf Club. Display of a sign. Consent had been granted. No comment.

#### Progress with Developments:

**17/02227/FLL.** Levenmouth, Scotlandwell. The lack of a response from the Chairwoman of the Development Management Committee to the letter from the CC Chair on this matter was disappointing. Cllr Robertson will pursue the matter with her.

**18/00667/FL 18/00666/CON.** Former Lomond Inn, Kinnesswood. The Chair and Deputy Chair had met with the developer. Following the withdrawal of his recent application to demolish the old inn and to replace it with a new dwellinghouse, a revised application was pending. It was possible that, whatever the outcome to this outstanding application, the development would be marketed as serviced plots for individual development. The CC remained concerned at the time taken to secure a resolution to the planning process for this development and the resultant deterioration of the old inn. The CC will write to PKC signalling concern for the long term development of the site were delay to continue.

**Friar Place junction with B920.** Cllr Forde reported that the Leylandii hedge planted alongside the now lowered fence was impacting on the visibility splays for that junction. This had been reported to the PKC. A similar problem was noted in Kinnesswood where an overgrowing hedge was obscuring views southwards along the A911 when exiting Bruce Road.

#### Roads

The Road's Report was deferred to the November Meeting. A sign on the B920 approaching Scotlandwell advising of a "traffic calmed area" had been reported to PKC as damaged and requiring replacement.



#### Paths

Cllr Tom Smith reported that the new gate now installed above the water tank on the MBW had been funded by the Morris McIntyres in memory of their daughter, Esme; TRACKS will provide assistance with the installation of a further gate on Balneathal hill land; and that a flailing machine supplied by PKC had made the cuts of the Peat Loan much easier - only two being required this year. Dryside Road remained to be maintained but there was passage through albeit across a closed gate and along a route bordered by an electric fence. Cllr Smith would explore how grass cutting along the route from the Cobbles to the School could be reinstated.

Cllr Morris reported that tree felling around the radar dome at the top of Munduff Hill had left a path blocked and increased the visual impact of the radar mast. After consultation with the Forestry Commission and the timber management company, Tilhill, the path had been cleared. In the future there would be improved contact with the community before commencing such work and Tilhill had agreed to set up a meeting to discuss this.

#### PKC Ward Cllr Reports

Cllr Robertson reported that a new CEO for PKC, Karen Reid, had taken up post. He reported that: preliminary assessment for the budget for 2019 onwards could be tighter than before; and that the current administration was considering the introduction of 20mph limits on a trial basis.

#### Questions from the floor

**Community Investment Fund** (£50,000 annually for two years) for Kinross. The CC learned that the closing date had been extended and would consider making an application. Wllr W Robertson noted that Cllr Forde would be willing to represent the CC on the committee assessing applications.

**Kinross Civic Trust Awards.** The CC would draw the matter of competing in the Best Kept Hamlet competition to the attention of the Residents' Group at Glenlomond.

#### AOCB

The CC offered its warm congratulations to Kinnesswood in Bloom for their spectacular wins in both the Scottish national (Beautiful Scotland) and the Take a Pride in Perthshire competitions. Silver Gilt best village awards are impressive and all the more so as they have repeated this achievement in successive years.

**The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 November in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.**

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

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## Fossoway and District CC

### News from the October Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 2 October 2018 were: Community Cllrs A Cheape, J Donachie, C Farquhar, G Pye (chair) and associate member T Carroll; P&K Cllrs, C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters and ten members of the public.

**Apologies:** CCLlr T Duffy and CCLlr C Brown; P&K Cllr M Barnacle.

**Police report:** Unfortunately, no officer was able to be present. There were two incidents to note in our area since the last CC Meeting from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch. Between Wednesday 5 September and Saturday 8 September, a wire fence around a field containing horses was damaged near to Whistlemount, Powmill. As a result of the damage a number of horses escaped from the field. Between 8am, Monday 17 September and 8am the following morning, a chain and padlock which were securing a field gate at Blairingone were cut off and removed.

Chief Superintendent Paul Anderson has moved from the Division to a new post. From Monday 3 September, Chief Superintendent Andrew Todd has taken on the role of Divisional Commander for Tayside Division.

#### Matters Arising

**Blairingone School Estate Transformation:** Statutory consultation meetings were held on Thursday 6 September at Fossoway Primary School and Tuesday 18 September at Blairingone Primary School. Tam Carroll, associate member of this CC and CCLlr Farquhar attended the Blairingone meeting. Associate member Carroll stated that in his view the meeting was fruitless and PKC representatives were not interested in local opinion. CCLlr Farquhar reported that the purpose of the meeting was to set out the procedures for closure of the school and accordingly, to move pupils to Fossoway Primary School. Also, the purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for interested parties to make their views known and these views would be accounted for. CCLlr Farquhar stressed that the meeting was about closing the school and that PKC representatives were not there to respond to arguments about retaining the school. Cllr Watters emphasised that the recommendation from PKC is to close the school. The statutory consultation period is to enable comments to be registered, noted and taken forward. Cllr Watters stated that comments could be made via the PKC website and the closing day for the consultation is Friday 5 October. The next step in the process would be Education

Scotland looking at the proposals, alongside the outcome of the Statutory Consultation and recommendations would be made to PKC. Ultimately PKC will have the final say regarding the closure of Blairingone school.

**Lambhill:** Planning application 17/02015/FLL to place a static caravan on the site was refused on 11 January. The applicant appealed to the LRB who upheld the decision, and this was made public on 12 September.

**Powmill in Bloom:** CCLlr Farquhar reported that the group had not met since the last CC meeting, however a get-together to tidy up is planned for Sunday 7 October. A meeting is also planned for November to decide how the Bloom Groups can support one another regarding the Best Kept Village Competition.

**Crook and Drum Growing Together:** CCLlr Farquhar reported that Amanda James, from Crook and Drum Growing Together, had informed her that the group were pleased to receive a bronze award on their first entry in the Beautiful Scotland Competition and a silver award for the Take a Pride in Perth & Kinross Competition. The group are concerned about an area of shrubs near West Crook Way and will consult with PKC to see how this area can be tidied up and maintained.

**Hydro Scheme Fund:** The CC has been notified that the Hydro Scheme's AGM will be on 27 October; there will also be a tour of the site, probably starting at 2pm from the Village Hall. More information will be forthcoming.

**Powmill Play Park:** CCLlr Farquhar reported that there has been no movement on this item.

**Fossoway Gathering:** CCLlr Duffy passed on the information that this CC will be the lead organisation for the Gathering.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** A new planning application for the realignment of the vehicular access at Blairingone church has been submitted and if successful may assist in moving this forward.

**Ivy Cottage** - A MoP asked if a freedom of information request could be made to PKC to find out if council tax is paid on this property. Discussion ensued however there is no clear-cut way of dealing with the cottage as the owners live outwith the UK.

#### Matters Arising with no update since last meeting:

Crook Moss Travellers Site, A977 Mitigation, and LDP2: No information at present.

#### New Business

**Blairingone Parking:** A MoP reported to this CC that vehicles are frequently parked on the pavement in the village, both obscuring the view of other drivers of pedestrians on the crossing and requiring pedestrians to walk in the road instead of using the pavement. The problem is worst early in the morning (before 7am) and in the evening (after 5pm.) Cllr Watters has contacted the police about speeding cars in the village and they are committed to making Blairingone a priority. Cllr Watters will also contact the police regarding the issue of vehicles parked on the pavement. Cllr Robertson mentioned that a way of dealing with this would be for the CC to write back to the MoP, who should then take photos of the cars and email the photos to Cllr Robertson, who would then contact the police.

**Carnbo Speeding:** A MoP has contacted this CC to report on the increase in number of speeding vehicles passing through the village. Although it is proposed to install Vehicle Actuated Speed signs in Carnbo, they are not scheduled until next year. CCLlr Pye asked if there was any way this could be brought





forward. Cllr Robertson stated that there is a budget for this, however the money has been used up for this year. Cllr Robertson agreed to look into this.

**Crook of Devon Village Hall:** Cllr Donachie noted that the bottle banks in the recycling area in the hall car park are surrounded by broken glass, extending to parts of the car park itself. Cllr Robertson undertook to look into this.

#### Community Council Business - Meetings Attended

**Sports Hub:** Cllr Farquhar reported that all the activities previously reported were moving forward successfully and that she was encouraged by what is happening in the Kinross-shire area.

**Community Investment Fund:** A meeting of the Community Investment Fund will be held in January 2019 and Cllr Cheape will represent the CC at this.

#### P&K Councillors' Reports

**Willie Robertson:** Cllr Robertson reported that at a recent TRACKS meeting the costing of the new bridge over the River Devon was discussed and this was not as expensive as was first anticipated. The bridge will need to be higher than the previous bridge to avoid flood damage. A meeting is to be organised to decide on the definitive location of the bridge which Cllr Duffy and Cllr Pye will attend.

**Richard Watters:** Cllr Watters reported that there will be a full council meeting on 3 October and a motion was to be considered regarding EU nationals and nominations to enable them to sit on Community Councils. This will mean changing the current rules. Mechanisms will also need to be put into place to allow EU nationals to be able to vote in elections.

#### Planning Matters

##### New applications

**18/01469/FLL.** Extension to dwellinghouse at 7 Moubay, Crook of Devon. No CC Comment.

**18/01420/FLL.** Siting of static caravan at Easter Muirhead, Blairingone. No CC Comment.

**18/01622/FLL.** Formation of vehicular access at Blairingone Church, Main Street, Blairingone. No CC Comment.

**18/01537/FLL.** Renewal of Permission **14/01179/FLL** (Change of use) and alterations to former steading, to form a dwellinghouse at, Former Steading, Solsgirth. No CC Comment.

**18/01493/FLL.** Change of use from dwellinghouse (class 9) to residential care home (class 8) at Soroba House, Main Street, Blairingone. No CC Comment.

There was some discussion regarding application **18/01493/FLL** as a MoP requested information about the intended use. Cllr Donachie reported that the application stated the care home is currently being prepared for use as a residential provision for four children. There is no indication as to the age of the children or if it is linked to another residential care home in the area.

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#### Decided applications

**18/01355/FLL** Erection of a dwellinghouse, Land 20 metres East of Craigielin, Gartwhinzean Loan, Powmill. Approved. The CC did not comment.

**18/01237/FLL** Erection of stables (in retrospect) Easter Muirhead Bothy, Blairingone. Approved. The CC did not comment.

**18/00702/FLL** Erection of 2 dwellinghouses, Land 40 metres North of Ochil Cottage, Carnbo. Approved. The CC did not comment.

#### Correspondence

Dave Stubbs (PKC's Greenspace Coordinator) informed the CC that he has arranged for path repairs/improvements along the railway path from Peat Gate to Church Road, Crook of Devon. These works are to restore the railway path originally built by the Countryside Trust 8-9 years ago and to tie in the path on PKC's land to the path built by others at the Station Road end.

Kinross-shire Winter Festival takes place during November, see [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk) for details.

#### AOCB

**Defibrillator** - There is now a defibrillator at the Crook of Devon Village Hall. Training courses are due to be arranged shortly. There is also one in Carnbo Village Hall.

**B9097 & U241:** A MoP asked why the speed restriction on the B9097 has not yet been changed to 40mph. The MoP also enquired as to why the U241 has not had the speed restriction changed to 20mph. The MoP has corresponded with PKC regarding this, but nothing has been done. Cllr Robertson will act on this.

**Community Transport initiative:** A MoP stated that two local taxis organisations have now withdrawn from this scheme. Cllr Robertson said that rural transport has issues, but this was a definite concern. Cllr Watters will look into this.

**A977:** A MoP asked about looking into the signage on the A977. Signs directed traffic along this route and yet the plan by PKC was to make the A977 a less desirable route to travel on. No action was agreed for this.

**VAS:** A MoP stated that the vehicle activated signs were not slowing the traffic down on some occasions. Cllr Robertson advised the MoP to take a photo of the car, with the VAS speed limit sign in clear view and email this to him. Cllr Robertson said he will alert the police to this.

#### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: A977 Mitigation, Blairingone School Estate Transformation, Lambhill, Hydro Scheme Fund, Crook & Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Fossoway Gathering, Blairingone War Memorial.

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

**The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 7.30pm in Blairingone Primary School. All Welcome.**

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

**[www.fossoway.org](http://www.fossoway.org)**

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

# Club & Community Group News

## Breakfasters told “when other people fail you, the hill road never fails”



The weather may have been cold on Wednesday 3 October, but at the Kinross-shire Partnership networking breakfasts, a bright, warm welcome awaited the 20 plus local businesses who attended.

Networkers were greeted by local businessmen Richard Scott and Archie Hipwell, before enjoying a hearty breakfast. Over 20 local companies and organisations seized the opportunity to make contacts with other local professionals, with each breakfaster introducing their products or services in turn.

The wealth of entrepreneurial talent residing in Kinross-shire never ceases to amaze at these events, and this month's post-prandial speaker, Drew Drummond of Drummond International, proved no exception. A specialist in leadership and conflict resolution, accredited mediator and Patron of the Scottish Centre for Conflict Resolution, Drew split his presentation into three parts.



Drew Drummond

First he outlined the services provided by Drummond International. After joining the company in 2009, initially on a part-time basis, Drew quickly found himself designing, creating and delivering executive coaching courses to middle management—a job which he found he enjoyed and was good at. His skillset expanded rapidly to include conflict resolution, and he also focused on an area which particularly interested him: the science behind adverse childhood experiences and their effect on mental health and wellbeing.

In the second part of his presentation, Drew shared several challenges that he has faced, including finding a balance between paid and *pro bono* work; working in a family business; and recognising that when pitching to someone, that person may not pass your message on effectively to the decision-maker.

The third part of Drew's impressive presentation focused on the failure of many humans to practise sufficient self-monitoring in life as well as at work. He stressed the importance of taking time for self-care, and advised the audience to ensure they had a 'hill road' – a practice advocated by former Labour PM Ramsay MacDonald. By 'hill road' MacDonald meant somewhere familiar you can go to be alone, in silence, to think. The other important advice proffered by Drew was to find a 'trusted other' – someone to whom you can go at any time, who won't laugh at your dreams or mock your failings – and to ensure you remember to tell them they are your trusted other and to thank them for their support. Drew highlighted his own personal experience of having someone in his life who played such a role, and the difference it made to his progress. Kinross-shire Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart summed it up perfectly when he referred to Drew's presentation as “superbly and sincerely delivered”.

The Kinross-shire Partnership's next Networking Breakfast will take place from 7.15am to 9am on Wednesday 7 November 2018. Please email Karen Grunwell at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) to book your place at this great local business event in advance.

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The glorious sunshine did not deter our loyal friends from appearing to hear speaker Dr Sarah Richardson from the Sachibondu project. As well as regulars, we welcomed several new faces. All were treated to an excellent presentation, followed by a very tasty soup, homemade bread, baking and Fairtrade tea or coffee. Sarah and Jill, a co-worker, mingled and answered lots of questions. Their audience's appreciation resulted in the magnificent sum of £425.50 being raised. Grateful thanks to everyone for their generosity and to the volunteers for, once again, putting in such hard work and producing such a quality lunch.



*Dr Sarah Richardson from Global Emergency Medicine and ladies chatting after lunch*

We are now looking ahead to our craft stall at the Winter Festive Market and Light up Kinross. Our creative members are beaver away to produce some very attractive goods. Please give us a visit on 24 November!

**Project:** The next project we are supporting is Eagles Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and food shortage is a continual problem, especially when drought or flood occurs. Eagles believe that every community has the power to transform itself. They work with villages to grow better crops, raise livestock and start small businesses, as well as looking after vulnerable people. Eagles is part of the registered charity Malawi Support.

More information is available on our website. Our opening hours are still 10am to 12.30pm on 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.

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## Kinross & District Inner Wheel

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Our meeting this month was at the Boathouse. After our meal we were given a fascinating talk called 'The Quilt' by Jackie Sutherland, the wife of a Rotarian. Jackie spoke about her mother's life as a nurse in the Far East during the Second World War, meeting her future husband, and being held in captivity in the infamous Changi Prison in Singapore.

Using the skills she learned as a Girl Guide Jackie's mother encouraged her fellow prisoners to develop embroidery skills, the results of which were a number of patchwork quilts. Examples of these quilts can still be seen in museums in Australia and England. Towards the end of the talk Jackie indicated there was a potential sequel, something we would all be interested in hearing.

Our next meeting is at The Boathouse on **Monday 12 November** with a reception at 6.30pm. Our speaker that evening will be Chair of District 1 of Inner Wheel, Deborah Rodgers.

For more information email us at Admin@innerwheel.co.uk or go to our website.

## Kinross Museum



Continuing its survey of memorial stones in the churchyards of Kinross-shire, our volunteers have completed this summer's study in the small Old Orwell Kirkyard. Of the 23 memorial stones, mostly dating from the 17th century, the two most interesting stones remember the Milnathort Covenanter Robert Stirk and John Henderson, farmer at Middleton, who was murdered by Robert, the Master of Burleigh. The story that the murder weapon, a pitchfork, was carved on the gravestone but hidden below ground was verified as true.

The Museum continues to provide information to various Kinross-shire parish groups organising events to mark 100 years since the signing of the Armistice that brought hostilities to an end in 1918. The Kinross-shire Roll of Honour, compiled by Sgt Alastair G Smith, continues to provide valuable information on those men of the county who were killed in action during the Great War. On display in the Museum, our exhibition ('Lest we Forget') continues.



*The hidden murder weapon carved on the gravestone of John Henderson in Old Orwell Kirkyard*

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## Kinross Garden Group

The first meeting of the new season featured a very entertaining and informative talk from Ian Sinclair, the Vice-President of the Scottish Rhododendron Society. Ian spoke about his plant hunting adventures in Sichuan, China. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8 November** in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, at 2pm. Richard Cormack from St Andrews will talk about his 'Encounters with Plants'. Please note that we will be taking numbers at this meeting for the Festive Lunch on 10 January 2019.

Our vice-chair, Mrs Christina Rodger, has organised 164 summer trips for our group over a period of 29 years! She was presented with a glass plaque to celebrate this during an afternoon tea with members.



*Vice Chair Christina Rodger receiving her plaque*

Membership fees are £10 for the year and £2 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts you will be made very welcome. Doors will be open from 1.30pm. For more details contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### September Draw

1st	No 85	Peter Cappon, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 9	Adele Inglis, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 1	Jimmy Gardner, Scotlandwell



## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Autumn and early winter can be wonderful seasons for walking, with the trees at their colourful best. We are a relaxed and sociable group who are always very happy to welcome new people, especially on our weekend walks. So do come along and try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

### Weekend Walks

**Saturday 10 November: Milnathort and Kinross Circular and AGM, 4.5 miles.**

Circular walk on paths, taking in the community woodland and a heritage trail. The walk will be followed by our AGM.

**Sunday 25 November: Pitlochry 'figure of eight', 6.5 miles.**

Two circular walks combined to give a 'figure of eight', taking in whisky, a waterfall, salmon and a loch.

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 four miles followed by a sociable visit to a coffee shop, farm shop or pub for refreshments.

**Tuesday 6 November: Secret Places around Cupar.**

A circular walk through the Fife countryside, passing the ruins of Crawford Priory and also Springfield village.

**Tuesday 20 November: South Queensferry Coastal Walk**

A linear walk from South Queensferry along the shore, past Barnbogle Castle, then on to Dalmeny and return.

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## Kinross Beavers

The beavers returned from their holiday in August with stories of what they had been up to over the summer break. It has been a busy term with seven new Beavers joining us. They were invested into the colony on Friday 14 September. A big welcome to Harry G, Charlie, Euan, Harry E, Benjamin, Max and Ruaridh. This term we also had three new Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders start with the section. Welcome to Angela, Richard and Mark!

Mark from Ochils Mountain Rescue Team visited us at the end of August. He led a very informative session telling the Beavers about how they help people who have found themselves in difficult situations whilst outdoors in the local community.

On Friday 7 September we said goodbye to Matthew, Douglas, Rory, Agnès,

Darach, Andrew and Noah as they moved to Cubs. We hope they have taken a lot from their time in Beavers and wish them all the best. Enjoy Cubs! On the same evening, Douglas, Matthew, Andrew and Agnès were presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Award after successfully achieving all six challenge badges and four stage/activity badges. Well done!

Following the departure of our older Beavers to Cubs, new lodge leaders were appointed. Congratulations to Rannoch, Eli and Sam who are the new lodge leaders of Dam Builders, Flat Tails and Tree Fellers!

Kinross Rugby Club visited the Beavers at the end of September for a rugby taster session which was enjoyed by all. Also at the end of September, we said goodbye to Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Ryan who is moving on to

pastures new. Ryan has been with the 1st Kinross Scout Group since he was a Cub. He joined the Beaver section as a Young Leader when the colony started back in 2012 and has spent the last few years as an Assistant Beaver Scout Leader. Thanks for all your help over the years Ryan, you will be missed!

The final meeting before the October break saw the Beavers engage with a log chew to suggest ideas for next term. The hard work of two of our Beavers was also rewarded as Scott and Innes were presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Award. Well done boys!

As you can see we have lots going on with the colony at the moment. If you would like to have the Beavers help your community group, or are interested in volunteering with Scouting, please contact us by email on [kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk).



Seven new Beavers joined in September



Scott and Innes with their Bronze Awards



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



At our October meeting, we welcomed back Graeme Cruickshank who talked about 'A Kaleidoscope of Scottish Ceramics'. Graeme's slide show certainly included a mixed bag of Scottish pottery. He told us how the main Scottish potteries (which generally started in the mid nineteenth century), were all located within the concentrated band of the central belt stretching across from the Forth to the Clyde. Local clay was used and, as is generally presumed, the potteries were sited near the clay pits. Later on, coal was an important factor in pottery locations.

We were treated to such a variety of ceramics from the first basic designs for domestic use, through fairly common blue and white, to some more ornately patterned objects. Items ranged from pots, jugs, snuff and tobacco jars, to a 'piggy bank' in the shape of a cottage. Some of the pottery names were familiar to us, such as Wemyss and Dunmore. Graeme even had a picture of a very original ceramic tombstone. It was made for a gamekeeper in the shape of a tree. The last slide showed a Glasgow

pottery plate stamped on the reverse Kapal Basar. This was unusual as the print was applied in two colours. Graeme is always such an informative speaker and knows his subjects well. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14 November** at Fossoway Church Hall from 7.30pm.

Anyone wishing to join our friendly, informal group of enthusiasts can contact the secretary by email on [gwynnethc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwynnethc@hotmail.co.uk).

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## Kinross & District Rotary Club

**Thank you to Malcolm Wood** of Ivan Wood and Sons Ltd for his outstanding support of the Rotary Club by donating a large marquee with the Rotary logo on it. This will be of great use in our fundraising efforts. Thank you Malcolm, for this and the other great things that you do for us! We couldn't do the things we do the way we do them without the support of people like you.

### Teaming Up

We are keen to build closer relationships with other Kinross-based organisations. Recently a group of us went to the Kinross and District Men's Shed to meet the members and talk about possibilities. It was a really great visit and we've come up with some things we can do with each other. This will benefit the local community as well as the club members. Thank you for being such great hosts!

If you are in an organisation that would like to work closer with us please get in touch.

### Youth Activity

This month we welcomed **Olivia Morgan** and **Robbie Harvey** who, along with parents, joined us at a club meeting to tell us about their experience at the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp which they attended earlier this year. The aim of the camp is to help the selected candidates further develop their social, mental and physical capabilities.

From what they said, it certainly succeeded. They gave us some great insights in the challenges and fun of the camp. Both feel that they now have greater self-confidence. They also have better insights into how to understand and motivate people and they are better leaders. Above all they learned not to let their inhibitions and fears hold them back! We were delighted to see these young people speaking with such confidence and handling our questions with aplomb. We are proud to have such fine young people in the Kinross community and look forward to sending two more students to next year's event.



*Rotarians Andy Middlemiss and Phil Teale present Olly and Robbie (and parents) with their RYLA Certificates*

### Sending photographs to the Newsletter

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

### Interact

The club organised, catered, organised the entertainment and ran a tea dance for thirty senior citizens in Kinross. They did a great job and we'd like to give them our sincere thanks.



*Above: Interactors*

*Below: Interact entertainment*



### Recent Speakers

Barry Dougall talked to us about Kinross Youth Enterprise (KYTHE). This local project has been running for two years, in conjunction with the Scripture Union Scotland. Barry joined it in January 2017. He is a professional Christian youth worker, having trained at university in London two days a week, while still living in Kinross!

The aim is to provide youth support through innovative projects which focus mainly on music activities at present. This can involve band camps, music groups, holidays with scripture unions, one-to-one counselling with youths and other activities. Barry works with Kinross High School students and increasing numbers of primary schools. Right now he is looking for funding for a social space for young people to use in Kinross. Check the project out on Facebook. Bela Simandi of the Cupar club gave a most moving talk called 'Hungary: My Early Years'. This was a first person narrative about his experiences as a child in Hungary. In 1944 he was living with his parents in Buda (the west part of Budapest) when it was occupied by Germans under attack by the Soviets. He recalled details such as having to spend nights in the cellar of their apartment building due to shelling. One morning he came out to see that the front of the building had been destroyed by the shelling and he could see into all the rooms "like a giant doll's house" as he put it. Despite this



the children of the area all still played outside and explored the city quite freely. Also, as an amazing insight, the family had first German, then later Soviet, tanks quartered near them. Despite the ferocious military reputation of these troops, outside the fighting environment they were kind to the children and played with them.

Then in 1956, when Hungary had a relaxed communist regime, he was caught up in the Hungarian Uprising against Soviet control. At first this seemed to be successful but the Soviet regime poured in more troops and defeated the revolt. By this time his parents had decided to leave Hungary and move to England where they had relatives. To do this they had to first cross into Austria by train and then walk across the border. Although they were caught and held for a while, the Hungarian border police released them and even gave them advice on how best to get across the border! When they got to Vienna the British Embassy was more than happy to help refugees such as them. The Embassy even flew them to England, put them up in a hotel and then put them on to a train to Yorkshire where their relatives lived. And his family has lived here ever since!

### Rotary Fellowship

A group of us visited the Glenrothes Club to support their Desert Island Discs night. Our president Sean Bolton was one of the four guests choosing their disks and explaining why. It was all highly entertaining and the food was excellent.



*Desert Island Discs*

### Upcoming Speakers

We look forward to welcoming the following in the next few weeks:

Wilma Carragher is going to talk about 'Scottish Cot Death'.

David Hill will be telling us about his teaching years.

Lt Colonel Andy Middlemiss (Rtd) will speak about '1918: What Happened'.

### Join Us!

We are actively recruiting new members. Help us to do good in our community and worldwide.

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 Information

Contact Brian Timms (Club Secretary) by email at [secretary.kdrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com) to find out more or visit our Facebook page.

## Kinross in Bloom

It is now the end of October and our activities are almost over for another year. The planters have been emptied and prepared for spring and the baskets have been taken down. Thanks once again to Murray Hunter and his team from Kinross Rugby Club. The spring plants are coming along nicely, ready to be planted out, weather permitting.

The storage hut floor and ceiling have been repaired, thanks to Graham, Peter and Iain. Also the polytunnel and surrounding area have been tidied, weeded and grass cut, thanks to Aileen, Susan, and Cathy. We can now sit back and reminisce on our awards (a silver gilt and endeavour) and plan ahead.

Our little 'loadhopper' buggy has done sterling service again this year. It has hauled planters, plants, gravel and compost to wherever we required it then, with its water tank, carried out watering duties for six months. We thank Smith Street Motors for servicing to keep it in good running order. Special thanks go to Jim and Yvonne for carrying out the MOT for free! We do appreciate your kind offer.

For some time now, we have been concerned with the parking arrangements at the War Memorial; one or two vehicles have over run the bays and collided with our planters. At a site meeting with representatives from Perth and Kinross Council, it was decided that chairman Graham should produce a sketch showing proposed positioning of a chain and posts to try and prevent any more damage. This has been done and we await a reply from the council.

Our 200 club commenced the new session at our October meeting with the September and October draws. The results are detailed below and congratulations go to all winners.

### September Draw

1st	No 62	Mrs Anne Porter
2nd	No 32	Mrs Clair Hill
3rd	No 68	Mrs Elaine Sparling
4th	No 16	Mrs Beverley Dolan

### October Draw

1st	No 40	Mrs Alison MacDonald
2nd	No 34	Mrs Dorothy Hutton
3rd	No 11	E and A Burnett
4th	No 77	Mrs Yvonne Wardrope

Our AGM will take place on **Wednesday 7 November**, at 7.30pm, followed by our regular monthly meeting.

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## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The monthly meeting is on **Thursday 1 November** when the speaker will be Mrs D Wilson, talking on "The Life of Karl Faberge."



### Away Days

**8 Nov** V&A Museum

**22 Nov** Almondvale

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

### Friday Walkers

**2 Nov** Menstrie to Dollar

**16 Nov** Tentsmuir Forest and The Morton Lochs

**30 Nov** Falkland Estate

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

### Friday Hill Walkers

**9 Nov** Alyth Jock 9am

**23 Nov** Crieff Carolyn 9am

Contact Pauline Watson, 01577 862685.

### Activities

**L.U.S.T.** The slimmers meet each Thursday, 9.30am to 10.30am, in the Millbridge Hall. Contact Norma Anderson, 01577 863548.

**Line Dancing** every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall. Contact Betty Fergus, 01577 866961.

**Keep Fit** class meets every Monday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald, 01577 864020.

**Craft Group** meets Wednesday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Elizabeth Smith, 01577 861387.

**Fly Tyers** meet each Monday in Millbridge Hall. Contact Ian Campbell, 01577 830582.

**Carpet Bowls:** Meet Monday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Helen Duncan, 01577 863248.

## Kinross-shire U3A

For our October meeting, we enjoyed a talk from Jamie Montgomery about the development of Loch Leven Brewery, although no free samples. The number of interest groups continues to grow, with the latest addition being Genealogy. For more information, please refer to our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/kinross> or come along to our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 6 November, 2.30pm at Kinross Parish Church where the invited speaker is Steve Liscoe from the archaeological Unit of Fife Council, talking about the Shipwrecks of Fife. No free samples this month either, then, but the usual tea or coffee.



## Portmoak Community Woodland

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

It's been a bumper year for fruit in Kinross-shire. By the end of September many people in the area felt they couldn't move for apples. A record harvest meant that most people with apple trees were beginning to struggle to store all the fruit. We were very happy to direct their feet towards Portmoak Village Hall where we held our Apple Day on 30 September. Well over one hundred people came along.

Portmoak Community Woodland Group manage the community orchard in Kilmagad Wood and collected hundreds of apples for turning into juice and home baking. We had everything from apple frangipane tart to apple flap jacks, apple brownies and apple cup cakes. Florence Thomson made a lovely shiny batch of toffee apples and we were especially grateful to her as, sadly, she had very recently lost her husband.

People came from miles around bringing bags of their own apples. With the help of Andrew Lear's big apple press they were all turned into beautiful, fresh juice. Andrew, aka 'appletreeman', from Bankfoot in Perthshire, spent nearly three hours identifying apples brought by people who had long since forgotten what they had planted in their gardens, or had inherited a variety they couldn't name.



Andrew Lear (left) identifying apples at the Portmoak Apple Day

The grass in the new play area, across the road in the orchard, wasn't quite ready for a public event but the children had plenty to distract them in the hall where, apart from all the baking, there were lots of apple-themed games.

Now our attention turns to Portmoak Moss. We're looking forward to our annual **Christmas Tree event** which will take place on **Sunday 16 December** from 11am to 1.30pm. This has become a tradition for many people, especially families, who enjoy coming and choosing a tree, which we cut down for them. For newcomers, all you have to do is come to the Scotlandwell entrance to the Moss, follow the arrows to our Christmas tree site and take the tree away with you in return for a donation to woodland funds. There will be hot drinks and festive baking.

As well as getting into the Christmas spirit, you are helping to do your bit for our peat bog restoration project. The self-seeded conifers are not wanted on the bog as they take too much water and dry it out.

If you want to have your say on our regular events (or even suggest new ones) please come to our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in The Well Inn, Scotlandwell.

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## Kinross & District Probus Club

The club met on 19 September and enjoyed a presentation by Roger Stark entitled: 'It's not my fault, it's my epi-genetics.' When the club has a presentation from Roger we know we are in for something different; he never disappoints. He is always interesting, full of facts, often humorous and never dull.

Roger gave the club a talk on Epi-genetics and explained how we develop our unique DNA. He then went on to describe how and what makes us develop traits that appear to have come from one parent or another, maybe even skipping a generation. We inherit two copies of each of our genes – one from each parent. In most cases both of the genes in a pair are active. But about 60 of our genes are selectively expressed. This means that only one of the pair of genes, from one of your parents, is active. Somehow the cells in your body 'know' which parent these genes came from. This 'genetic imprinting' seems to involve adding chemical tags – called methyl groups – to the DNA chain. Scientists are still uncovering why certain genes are imprinted in this way and others are not.

So it's not just genes that make us. In its modern sense, epigenetics is the

term used to describe inheritance by mechanisms other than through the DNA sequence of genes. It works through chemical tags added to chromosomes that in effect switch genes on or off.

Roger presented this subject in a highly engaging way and although it is a very complex subject, we all left feeling we knew a little bit more about why we are who we are, and perhaps where some of our strange habits and behaviours come from.

The vote of thanks was given by Harry McLennan.

On 3 October father and daughter duo Paul and Eleanor Baughan gave us a fascinating insight into their journey to Malawi, which was inspired by a talk given by Tearfund to "Crossfire", the Kinross Parish Church youth group of which Eleanor is a member. Tearfund had been working in Malawi for a number of years and Eleanor and her fellow youth group friends decided that a trip to Malawi would give them a better understanding of how overseas aid could make a lasting difference in this highly populated and poor country. After a series of fundraising activities a group from Crossfire headed off for what was to be a life-changing experience. Eleanor and Paul described large communities with very basic healthcare

facilities, rural villages with no electricity or water supplies, high levels of corruption and low wages. These are challenging conditions which we would not tolerate or be able to cope with, but in Malawi it's normal and Paul and Eleanor found that people just get on with life.

Tearfund Projects were trying to improve the situation and leave a legacy of support. There is little point in supplying machinery unless there is back-up if and when it goes wrong, or in supplying medicines that are almost out of date by the time they arrive.

Eleanor and Paul travelled to various locations, even staying overnight in the rural village of Kanyazuka, a desperately poor part of Africa.

Back home they reflected on their trip and Eleanor confirmed it was life-changing and that Crossfire would be working with renewed vigour to support organisations like Tearfund. Paul, a GP in Dollar, would certainly be less critical of the resources he has in comparison to the young doctor he met in Ekwendeni Hospital who had a community of 75,000 to support.

It was a trip of a lifetime and one which will influence them for years to come. The vote of thanks was given by Duncan Stenhouse.



## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

Having returned from a most enjoyable trip to our twin town of Gacé, local members are looking forward to preparing to host our Gacé friends next summer here in Kinross-shire.

The Perth Branch of the Franco Scottish Society's meeting on **Wednesday 7 November** features Kinross High School language teacher Paul Becher, accompanied by senior pupils, giving an illustrated talk on the Kinross-Gacé twinning. This also encompasses the annual school exchange for third year pupils. This free talk starts at 7pm in Perth's Royal George Hotel and is open to all.

New host families will be required for next summer's visit by our Norman neighbours and the visit is expected to take place over the last week in July. Anyone interested in assisting should contact twinning secretary David Munro on 01577 862126 for further details.

A winter programme of social events is currently being prepared so look out for further details in next month's *Newsletter*.

The photograph shows the church of Sainte Mere Eglise in Normandy. It is famous for the story of American paratrooper John Steele of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. His



parachute caught on the church spire on the early hours of D Day morning. He pretended to be dead, hanging from his entangled parachute, before the Germans eventually took him prisoner. Many other paratroopers were not so lucky and were shot on their way down or when their chutes became entangled in trees and telegraph poles.



*The church of Sainte Mere Eglise in Normandy*



## Loch Leven Community Library

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

### Opening Times

Mon*	10am-1pm
Tue, Wed & Thu	10am-8pm
Fri	10am-6pm
Sat*	10am-3pm

\*Mon 10am-1pm & Sat 1-3pm. Limited service, run by volunteers



### Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

- **Bookbug Rhymetimes**

Sat 10.30am-11am. Wed 2pm-2.30pm.

- **Pre-school Story Time**

Tues 10.15am-10.45am

Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free sessions.

- **Stay and Play**

Wed 2.30-3.30pm Sat 11am-12.

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.

### Book Groups at the Library

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

**Crime:** Once a month on a Tuesday, 6.45-7.45pm

**General:** Once a month on a Friday 10.30-11.30am

**Cafe:** Once a month on a Saturday 11.15am.

Next meetings: Sat 3 Nov, Sat 1 Dec.

Please contact the Library for the other book group dates.

### Book Group for Children:

**Chatterbooks.** For children aged 7-11. On the first Friday of each month. **Next meeting 2 Nov 4-5pm.** New members welcome. Please contact the library to book a place.

**Code Club:** Code Club gives children aged 7-11 years an opportunity to learn to code. The project introduces coding concepts to allow children to build their knowledge incrementally. Every Thursday 4-5pm. New members welcome. Please contact the library to book a place.

### IT Help Sessions

Free sessions - booking essential. Next sessions: Thur 1 Nov, then Thurs 22 Nov 2pm onwards.

### Coffee and Crochet

Fancy coming along to a crochet club? Chat, enjoy coffee and share hints and tips. Thursdays 10-11.30am. Come along and join this small friendly group.

**Foodbank:** The library is now a foodbank collection point for Broke not Broken.

**Free WiFi & computer use** for library guests and members

**Dog waste bags** available

**Kitchen waste caddies** available

More information on all library, museum and art gallery events at: [www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on)

## The Hundred Days Campaign & Armistice

Evening talk by Col. Andy Middlemiss

Tuesday 6 Nov 7.15-8.15pm.

Join us for an enlightening, thought-provoking and engaging illustrated talk with retired Colonel Andy Middlemiss, as he talks about 'The 100 Days Campaign'.



Andy Middlemiss

The Hundred Days Campaign was the final period of the First World War during which the Allies launched a huge counter offensive against the Central Powers on the Western Front from 8 August to 11 November 1918, beginning with the Battle of Amiens.

In some of the most bitter fighting of the entire war, the Germans were pushed out of France to retreat beyond the Hindenberg Line. This would bring the Great War to a close with the Armistice being signed at 11am on the eleventh month in 1918. We will also hear the story of how a young 23-year-old from Wigtown won the Victoria Cross, but never lived to hear that news.

Andy was in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers for 33 years, serving all over the world, including three Far East tours in Malaysia and Borneo. He was an instructor at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, CO in Edinburgh, and did several Ireland operational tours, a six months operational tour in Belize, and three tours in Germany during the Cold War.

Tickets £5. Please book a place by calling 01577 867205, emailing [lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk](mailto:lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk) or online at [www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on)

### 'Jack and Billy'

**Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre Sat 1 Dec 11.30am-12.30**

A favourite show with two stories. Based on *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. Suitable for families (children ages 3+) Tickets £5. Booking essential.



Puppet Theatre: The Three Billy Goats Gruff

## Kinross Camera Club

[kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](http://kinrosscameraclub.org.uk)

November sees the club in full swing. We have two practical nights where you can try your hand at night photography (1 November) and studio portrait photography (15 November). On 8 November we have the first round of our league competition with colour prints, monochrome prints and projected digital images being assessed by an external judge. Filling the schedule, we have talks from Eddie Ross of Newburgh entitled 'Seeing the Light' describing his photographic journey from amateur to exhibitor (22 November) and Lance Aikman Green of Arbroath who specialises in creating thought-provoking 'Constructed Images' which have a strong message (29 November).

We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, 64 High Street, Kinross, except on the first Thursday of every month when we're in the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort (1 November this month). We also have a Digital Group which meets informally in The Inn, Crook of

Devon, on the last Tuesday of every month (30 November this month). Full details and the syllabus are available on the website. Please contact [secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk) with any questions.

We look forward to welcoming new members and you can try up to three sessions for free before committing to a membership. Hope to see you along at Kinross Camera Club soon!



'Piazzette San Marco, Venice' by Stewart Niven

## Friends of Loch Leven Community Library (FOLLCL) Opening times reminder

Just a wee reminder about our new opening times. The Friends of Loch Leven Community Library now open the library on Saturdays from 1-3pm and on Mondays from 10am -1pm.

We're always happy to see you and help out where we can. It's really helpful if you bring your library card with you as you will need this to access some of the services we can offer you.

**FOLLCL** is a group of independent volunteers who staff Loch Leven Community Library on Saturday afternoons from 1-3pm and on Monday mornings from 10am-1pm. For further information, please contact Richard Scott on 07999 510500 or find us on Facebook.



## Potager Garden

At our coffee morning at the end of September we raised £155 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks to all who came along, to our volunteers, and Mel and Gillian from Kinross Co-op who helped with the refreshments, and brought some lovely cakes.

Thank you too to Andrew and Jean at Fossoway store in Crook of Devon for making our plants available for sale over the summer, which provides much of the income we need for our teaching and other activities.

Our activities will slow down during the colder weather, but look out in the next *Newsletter* for details of a workshop to make your own Christmas wreath during December. In the meantime, enjoy the autumn colours when you are out and about.

For enquiries about the garden contact Amanda James at [amandajames1577@gmail.com](mailto:amandajames1577@gmail.com).



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## Kinnesswood in Bloom

[www.kinnesswoodinbloom.org](http://www.kinnesswoodinbloom.org)

Autumn weather has really set in now. All our little figures and writing by the children of Portmoak Primary have been collected and stored till next year. Poor Emily, our suffragette, has been chained to the railings for six months but she brought a smile to passing motorists and pedestrians all summer.

After all the excitement of the awards season we have settled down to autumn work parties, when the weather allows, clearing weeds and leaves and doing some bulb planting. Our Saturday work parties are announced on Facebook and on the village noticeboard.



## Recipe



supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Tattie Scones

This is a great recipe to use up leftover potatoes. Try half and half with sweet potatoes.

#### Ingredients

450g floury potatoes, peeled and cooked  
½ teaspoon salt  
50g butter  
100g self-raising flour

#### Method

Mash potatoes then add salt, butter and flour to give a stiff mixture. Turn out on a floured surface, knead lightly and roll out to a thickness of 1 cm.

Cut into triangles and cook on a hot greased griddle or heavy based frying pan for 4 to 5 minutes on each side. Serve hot.



*A junior work party eager to get started!*

## Traidcraft

### Traidcraft facing closure!

Unfortunately Traidcraft, which has pioneered Fairtrade products for almost 40 years, is facing imminent closure. This is partly due to difficult trading conditions over several years and also because of the fall in the value of the pound. It is hoped that some way can be found for the company to continue but, at present, we are asking everyone who reads this announcement to consider buying something from Traidcraft before Christmas. The full catalogue is available online at [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) and we have many items readily available in the church offices.

If you would like to order through us, and therefore avoid any postage costs, please hand your order to the church offices marked Traidcraft, or email [kjarvie@btinternet.com](mailto:kjarvie@btinternet.com). Payment is taken by cash or cheque on receipt of goods.

As we have been the number one seller of Traidcraft in Scotland for several years now, we very much wish to do all we can to support the company in this difficult time.



As many of you will have noticed, work has begun at Benarty View. Having achieved funding and appointed a contractor the site has been cleared and paths laid out. Hopefully the next phase will start soon, paths will be put in and turf laid as well as the wall and Tom Buchan bench being built. We can't wait to see the finished project. Many thanks to the Golf Club for the use of their premises and for putting up with the short disruption. Hopefully the next phase will be easier. John and Shelagh have rescued many of the plants. Some will be replaced at Benarty View and others have been recycled in other areas of the village.

The school will have several indoor activities in November. These include making strawberry jam in a bread maker, oat biscuits from the oats grown in the school ground and one class sewing lavender bags. If we get any more fine weather we might even plan some outdoor activities.

Pat and Norma attended a 'Beautiful Scotland' and 'It's Your Neighbourhood' seminar in Stirling at the end of October. Shelagh was pleased to attend a Rotary event where she was presented with a cheque by the Rotary. We are always glad to get support from local organisations.

The next meeting is 7.30pm on **Thursday 15 November** at the Well.

### Planning a special community event?

Check dates in the diary at [www.kinross.cc/diary](http://www.kinross.cc/diary) first to avoid clashes. Email [admin@kinross.cc](mailto:admin@kinross.cc) to have details of your event entered in the online diary.

### Club Correspondents

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

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## Kinross-shire Historical Society

Mr James Lawson from North Queensferry Heritage Trust gave the first talk of the winter season, "Rooted in Royalty at the Queensferry Crossing". The talk was illustrated with video pictures and audio sections and built up a picture of North Queensferry over the centuries.

He began by showing illustrations of the Light Tower, a small lighthouse in North Queensferry, which they open to the public. It was designed and built by Robert Stevenson prior to him building the "Bell Rock Lighthouse". The Heritage Trust have had a replica of the original lighting system installed. Mr Lawson showed illustrations of the old wooden station building which the Trust now runs as a meeting room and exhibition space.

In the eleventh century, Queen Margaret gave money to provide free passage for pilgrims across the Forth on their way to Dunfermline Abbey. There was at that time St James Chapel in North Queensferry, built on land given by Robert The Bruce. Pilgrims were to go to the chapel to pray and donate money for a good crossing on their way south and to give thanks for a good crossing on the way north. It was taken over in 1752 by the Sailors' Society. Now only ruins remain of this chapel.

It is documented that the escape of Mary Queen of Scots from Loch Leven Castle in 1568 took her across the Forth at North Queensferry.

The next big event for the area was the Battle of Inverkeithing in 1651. Scotland lost the battle which gave Cromwell control of Scotland. He brought his men and horses across on boats from Leith. The Scottish army was in Stirling - a long

ride across land. The Royalists returned to Stirling then went south on the west while Cromwell went south on the east. They met in battle in England and the Royalists were defeated again.

In the eighteenth century, John Paul Jones came up the east coast to try to take Leith but the weather was against him and he did not succeed. He went on to become famous in America.

In the early nineteenth-century a ferry system was set up with rowing and sailing boats. Trustees were appointed in 1810 and they had a design drawn up for a pier and road system which was partially completed. In 1821 steam boats started to do the crossing and Thomas Telford came to lengthen the pier for them. A contract with the Royal Mail funded the work. Stagecoaches had a route which crossed the river at North Queensferry. The coaches ran from Edinburgh to Aberdeen via Cowdenbeath stopping at Kinross at the Kirklands Hotel. There is still a sign in North Queensferry from that time, but it is now too worn to read.

The first bridge was opened in 1890. The Prince of Wales came to the opening ceremony and crossed the bridge on a train but there was no station in North Queensferry. It was decided that a station was needed beside the bridge and it only took 114 days to build it. Special golfers' train tickets were sold in Edinburgh for the North Queensferry golf course. Locals would earn money carrying the clubs.

Before the First World War, underwater mines were developed at North Queensferry. The system was exported around the world to defend harbours until the torpedo was invented. The first Royal Naval Air Station was opened in 1912 at Port Laing. It didn't last long as the Royal Flying Corps then took over.

In 1914 there were various defences in the river to guard the Battle Cruiser Fleet. An early pre-radar system, kite balloons, were stored in tents at North Queensferry. These kites allowed naval crews to see a bit further over the horizon. In 1917 the US 6th Battle Squadron arrived with six ships. They took part in exercises but took no action as the German fleet were pinned down in their harbours. American Naval Officers played golf at North Queensferry and donated The Grand Fleet Cup, which is still played for today. Flu struck in 1918 and had a huge effect on manning the boats and morale. On 19 November 1918, George V addressed the Naval troops. On 20 November, the King and Queen reviewed the Grand Fleet. All the German ships arrived. On 21 November (Surrender Day) both sides of the Forth were lined by thousands of people to see the sight of the German and Allied ships.

In 1939, the Forth Bridge was attacked by German Heinkels and some naval personnel were killed.

In 1964, the Forth Road Bridge opened and the ferries stopped. The Cold War brought submarines to Rosyth. In recent years, the Battery Quarry was taken over by Deep Sea World. Memorials to those who died building the Forth Bridge have been erected at both South and North Queensferry. Cruise ships are a growing market.

Mr Lawson ended his talk with information about the events to take place from November to mark the end of the First World War including a radio broadcast from a hut next to the lighthouse. More information can be found at [www.nqht.org](http://www.nqht.org).

David Walker gave the vote of thanks.



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# Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

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## Crime, comedy, mystery and lots more at Kinross-shire Winter Festival

### Kinross-shire Winter Festival

KLEO would like to celebrate all the local events that are happening in November/December in Kinross-shire. The Festive Street Market (**Saturday 24 November**), concerts and numerous other events and festive celebrations will be organised by local community groups and businesses over this period. With a festive Winter Festival Brochure which is distributed door to door in Kinross-shire, KLEO is hoping that all these events get the support they need from the local community.



*Kinross Kacophony Orchestra*



*Leven Voices*

### Upcoming KLEO Events

#### Leven Voices and Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

**Leven Voices** is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. The sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Alice Marra on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go: £4 (£3 concession). There is a £6 registration fee which is used to pay for the hall for the 10-week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

**The Kinross Kacophony Orchestra** with conductor Dougie Flower is for any adult who would like to play their instruments in a group. It is on Wednesdays from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. All abilities welcome. Reading music is handy. Weekly fee £5.

### Crime, comedy, mystery and lots more at Kinross-shire Winter Festival

Hop on the **Gruesome & Ghastly History Mystery Bus Tour** on **Sunday 18 November**. There will be two tours, one at 11am and one at 2pm. The bus leaves from The Court House. Tickets are £10 (£8 concession). This is a bus trip not to be missed! Come along and hear about some of the horrible gruesome crime and mystery stories that happened in the recent (and not so recent) past around Kinross-shire. The bus will stop at all the relevant places and the stories will be brought to life by local storyteller Irene McFarlane. There will also be some live music on the bus. A fun way to spend a November Sunday. You never know what you will learn! Tickets are limited so book quickly to avoid disappointment. The Court

House welcomes the Kinross Winter Festival Gruesome & Ghastly History Mystery Bus Tour. Join them for a free hot drink to warm you after your chillingly ghostly experience!



*Above: The Dance Bank, one of many dance schools performing at the All Dance Event on Friday 9 November*

*Below: Dance Connect*





## Urgent Appeal from Light Up Kinross (SC047534)

Light Up Kinross are a small local charity with a remit to create a Christmas Lights display for Kinross. The local authority charges for the 2017 display were £2790 for erection. This does not include storage, repairs or insurance.



We have been advised that the 2018 display will cost £4800, an increase of approximately 42%. At present we have funds of £2274 and a pledge of £500, leaving a deficit of approximately £2000. We had anticipated an annual increase of around 20%. We appeal for your support to help raise the total amount so that this year's display can be complete. Anything you can give (no matter how small) would be appreciated. We trust you can help to brighten the town during the festive season. You can show your support by donating to our treasurer: Mr Ian Jack, Burnbrae Grange, Kinross KY13 8ON. You can deposit directly to our bank account: Bank of Scotland Kinross Sort code: 80-16-79 Account no: 00171381. We thank all who have already donated or sponsored the lights. We really do appreciate your support over the years.



## Other Winter Festival events

**All Dance Event: Friday 9 November**, 7pm, Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets £5 (£3 concession).

**Winter Festival Comedy Night: Saturday 10 November**, 8pm, Masonic Hall. Tickets £10.

**Kinross Kacophony Orchestra: Wed 14 November**, 8pm, Loch Leven Community Campus. Free.

**The Bevy Sisters: Saturday 17 November**, Kinross Parish Church, concert at 7pm. You can take part in a singing workshop with the Bevy Sisters from 2pm to 4pm. You will then perform with the Bevy Sisters in the concert at 7pm. Tickets: Concert £10 (£8 concession) and £15 participant (includes concert ticket).

**Hairspray: Friday 16 November and Saturday 17 November**, 7pm, Loch Leven Community Campus, Tickets £9 (£7 concession).

**Choirs Together: Sunday 25 November**, 7pm, Loch Leven Community Campus, Tickets £5 (£3 concession).



The Bevy Sisters

## Crime author events

KLEO is a Bookweek Scotland partner and together with Loch Leven Community Library we hope to bring you an exciting crime and mystery themed programme!

The following events all take place at **Loch Leven Community Campus**:



Ann Cleeves



Robin Stevens



Shirley McKay

**Quintin Jardine**, known for his Bob Skinner series will be talking on **Tuesday 20 November** at 7pm. Tickets £5.

Local crime authors **Gillian Galbraith** and **Shirley McKay** will talk about crime-writing on **Wednesday 21 November**, 7pm. Tickets £5.

**Ann Cleeves**, the international best-selling author of BBC One's Shetland & ITV's Vera on **Thursday 22 November** at 7pm. Tickets £5.

**Robin Stevens**, author of the 'Murder Most Unladylike' series will be in Kinross on **Friday 30 November**, 6pm, Tickets £5 (£3 concession).

Children's author **David MacPhail**, will do a fun interactive event for children aged eight and over about his *Top Secret Granddad and Me* books on **Tuesday 20 November**, 4pm. Tickets £2.



## Festive Street Market/Light Up Kinross

**Saturday 24 November**, 4pm-7pm

The hugely successful Festive Street Market/Light Up Kinross event is back on the High Street of Kinross, giving shoppers the chance to find unusual gifts in time for Christmas.

Santa's sleigh will parade down the High Street at 6.45pm and the Christmas lights will be switched on by Richard Holland at the fountain at 7pm.

We are looking for a lot of volunteers to help erect/dismantle stalls and do stewarding during the event. If you are interested in helping out please let us know and e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)

## For more information

For more information about KLEO events, go to our website or email [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk). Winter Festival tickets are available at Macbeth Currie Estate Agent's, Light Up My Heart in Milnathort and from our website.

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

Marquees, Gazebos, Chairs, Tables and more available to hire (or sometimes borrow).

Items are listed on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) at:

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

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





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### Photographic Competition

The Trust is delighted to announce that the winner of the primary school category of our photographic competition is **Holly Smith**, aged nine. Holly wins a £25 Amazon voucher. Her winning photograph, *Daylight to Dusk*, can be seen on this page.

### Annual Dinner

Our annual dinner will be held on **Wednesday 20 February 2019** at the Grouse and Claret. We are pleased to announce that the speaker will be Peter Nurick, who will be talking about the new V&A Dundee. The Trust will follow that up by arranging a visit to the V&A.



*Daylight to Dusk* by Holly Smith, winner of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust Photographic Competition (Primary)

## Boys Brigade and Girls Association and Scouts

It has been a busy start to the new session for all three sections of the Kinross Company.



A team of four Anchors took part in Perth Battalion's mid-day hike at Quarrymill, Scone where they faced a variety of physical, mental and dexterity challenges on their route as well as collecting ten specific items from nature. The Kinross team finished as winners – well done!

Junior section members have begun pasta model-making as well as painting poppy designs on stones. This is in preparation for the 100th commemoration of Armistice. The painted stones will be placed in a local remembrance garden. Company section members have been busy preparing for their first round national chess competition away to the 25th Stirling Company. Company members are also preparing for the Battalion quiz competition at the end of the month. Bugle practise has started again with a beginners class so it has been a wee bit noisy in the hall for a spell! Hopefully we can get the youngsters to play more harmoniously over the coming weeks and months!

Both Junior and Company sections learned much from an illustrated talk by Lieutenant Colonel Andy Middlemiss. Andy spoke about the impact of the First World War on the country with a focus on the part Scottish regiments played.

Another highlight is the Halloween party with competitions and prizes for all three sections.

Preparations are also underway for the local Armistice parade with colour bearer and wreath layer attending rehearsals for this special sombre commemoration ceremony at the Kinross war memorial.

There are vacancies for new members in all of our three sections.

Anchors (for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three) meet in the Church Centre from 6pm to 7.15pm every Friday evening.

Juniors (for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six) meet from 7pm to 9pm every Friday evening.

Company (for boys and girls aged 12 to 18) meet from 7pm to 10pm every Friday evening.

For further details please contact Company Captain David Munro on 01577 862126.



*Company members preparing for the chess competition*

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### Extension of operations to RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

We are delighted to advise that we plan to extend our free mobility scooter hire scheme to the RSPB Scotland Loch Leven visitor centre and nature reserve. We are also pleased to be able to replace scooters, at two other loch-side locations, which have reached the end of their life.




The new underpass below the main road will be opening soon. The road has hitherto separated the loch side trail from the visitor centre, café, shop and toilets. The underpass will, for the first time, make the whole nature reserve accessible for wheelchair and trail scooter users visiting RSPB Scotland Loch Leven, and enable those using scooters from other locations on the trail to access the visitor centre, café, shop and toilets.

Being in nature is important to both health and wellbeing. Removing the barriers and challenges to those with mobility issues will ensure trail scooter users can now also enjoy the beautiful countryside at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven, thus bringing currently disadvantaged people closer to nature.

For the past ten years, the Kinross-shire Partnership has sponsored free use of trail scooters seven days per week, for use by locals and visitors alike, from Loch Leven's Larder and Kinross Pier. The addition of a third hire point at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven will significantly extend accessibility and help everyone to enjoy the benefits this brings.

**Please help us to realise this aim by making a donation**, no matter how small. It will help to ensure that everyone can enjoy this wonderful area and all it has to offer. Please donate online at [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/trail-scooters](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/trail-scooters). Thank you!



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### Kinross and District Art Club

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



During October our regular painting sessions on Tuesday and Friday afternoons were well attended and productive. We are delighted that three new members have been welcomed into the club.

On Tuesday 2 October, over thirty members assembled at Millbridge Hall for a demonstration by Blairgowrie artist Rhona Kirkpatrick. Rhona works with mixed media. During the first half of her presentation, Rhona demonstrated many of her innovative techniques. In the second part, members were invited to experiment in a hands-on workshop after enjoying refreshments, birthday cake and a chorus of Happy Birthday for our Vice-President. Everyone had great fun during this interesting, engaging and motivational visit from Rhona.

We are now looking towards our AGM on the afternoon of **Tuesday 27 November**.

Kinross and District Art Club meets from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at Millbridge Hall. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch through our website.



*KADAC members enjoying the hands-on workshop*

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## Kinross High School

It is hard to believe that the first term of the school year has been and gone already. Although it has felt like a short eight weeks, we have crammed in a lot of learning and a lot of fun! This month, we are turning our focus to more 'indoorsy' pursuits. As the colder weather creeps in, our Modern Languages department has even resorted to Scottish country dancing to keep warm!



### Modern Languages Update

The Modern Languages Department has been very busy this term. They've already had visits from pupils and staff from three different countries!

On Monday 10 September, 66 pupils from Brick Towers College in Buenos Aires returned to Kinross High School as part of their two week tour of the UK. Having previously been warmly welcomed in 2016 they were eager to spend the day in school. They also joined our own pupils in a celebration of Argentine and Scottish culture. This involved pupils from both schools performing songs accompanied by guitar, sword dancing, bagpipe tunes and country dancing lessons as well as an interesting presentation about Argentina by the pupils from Brick Towers. Pupils chatted in Spanish and English at break and lunch time and contact details were exchanged so we'll all have somewhere to stay when we visit Argentina!

At the same time, the school played host once again to our German exchange partners from Traunstein, Bavaria. The German pupils spent time with their exchange partners and experienced the Scottish way of life. Their time was split between attending lessons and a night time ceilidh. There were also trips to Stirling Castle and the Glasgow Transport Museum.

Just one week later, 30 French pupils from the Collège Jean Moulin from Gacé, our twin town in Normandy, were reunited with their Scottish partners. Among the organised activities were days in school and visits to St Andrews and Edinburgh. We also held a very successful ceilidh which was attended by over 130 people including parents and members of the Kinross and District Town Twinning Association.

European Languages Day was celebrated with a series of presentations at school assemblies. A specially created video was shown in which almost a third of school staff showcased their knowledge of at least one other European Language. Senior pupils organised lunchtime events for younger pupils and a poster competition for S2 produced some eye-catching works of art!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr J Chen as a new Mandarin teacher. Mr Chen will be working alongside Ms L Bai, our Hanban teacher, who is already halfway through her stay with us.

We have also been joined by Miss Y He, a Chinese volunteer teacher from Hunan province in South China. She will be assisting with the delivery of Mandarin lessons in Kinross, as well as other schools in Perth and Kinross, between now and next June. Miss He is a graduate majoring in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language at East China Normal University, Shanghai. She has previously taught Chinese in Ubon Ratchatani, Thailand, and then worked at the Council on International Educational Exchange, Shanghai. She is really looking forward to living and working in Scotland over the next nine months and we feel very lucky to have her with us.

All in all, we are delighted with how the term has gone so far and with the continued enthusiasm and commitment shown by our pupils. We look forward to a yet another successful year in Modern Languages.

To keep up-to-date with further activities in the Modern Languages department you can follow us on Twitter @KinrossML.

### Science Club

The club has reassembled for the current session and is proving to be more popular than ever. We now have 35 S1 and S2s in the junior club and 11 S3 and S4s in the senior club. Our S5 Science Champions have been volunteering with the junior club as they begin to plan their Bronze and Silver CREST award projects. Ideas range from designing catamarans and investigating the effect of capsaicin on the growth of microorganisms, to creating fidget toys to support their peers with additional support needs.

Our Senior Science club are collating a list of interesting topics of their choice including the science of serial killers, the human conscience and the science behind music for a book. This book will be available to purchase at a number of events later in the year.

Parents, pupils and the community will have the opportunity to see the projects first hand at our end of year Science Fair and in school assemblies. On top of this we will be running mini workshops of fun science experiments to try! Details of the event will be announced nearer the time. Keep up-to-date with the latest news from our clubs on the science faculty twitter @Sciencedepkhs.

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## Cooking Up A Storm

The Home Economics Department have had some interesting visitors recently. The visits have helped to develop pupils' skills for work.

All S3 and S4 pupils enjoyed sessions with the Royal Navy who offered practical cookery sessions. They donned their aprons and prepared themselves for a Ready Steady Cook Challenge. Pupils were challenged to produce a two course meal using a mystery ingredient. This was aimed at developing teamwork and communication skills whilst under pressure. They also learned about the wide range of careers available to them in the Royal Navy and were given an insight into life at and under the sea!

During the last week of term, our S4s also had a very special visitor. Mark Heirs, who is a private chef with many famous and wealthy clients across the world, came to visit us. Mark is an Ambassador for the Futurechef competition. KHS has successfully taken part in the competition over the past six years, getting as far as the regional finals every year. Mark conducted a masterclass in garnishing where pupils were shown how to build up a plate, taking a simple tart to something that looked worthy of a Michelin star. The school heat is taking place on Friday 26 October. Watch this space to hear how our pupils get on.



*Yum - it looks as good as it tastes!*

## The Scottish Mathematical Council Enterprising Maths Competition

This year the Maths department entered three teams into the annual Enterprising Maths Competition run by the Scottish Mathematical Council.

Each team consists of four pupils from S3 and S4 who compete at heats held throughout the country. On Monday 1 October, our teams put their brains to the test and returned with some fantastic results! Team two placed seventh out of nineteen teams and team one did incredibly well to come third in the competition.

The result we were really hoping for was delivered by team three who earned the title of Perth and Kinross Regional Champions and their place in the National Finals on Tuesday 6 November at the Glasgow Science Centre. Well done to everyone who took part. They all worked so hard and did the school proud on the day. Also, best of luck to Ailsa, Sam, Adam and Sarah who will represent the whole county in the National Finals. We are all rooting for you!

## Kinross Centre

Well, you may not want to hear this, but Christmas is fast approaching! (At the time of writing, a little over 10 weeks away.)

We are getting underway with preparations for our Christmas fayre, Christmas lunch and concert and our annual panto. Not to mention all the other fun things that will be happening in the centre over the festive period.

This month has been quite busy. The highlight was a tea dance held in Kinross High School arranged by Interact, Eilidh Smith and her team of extremely talented young people. The music and entertainment were brilliant and the interaction with our service users was fantastic. We danced together, sung together and were extremely well fed. We rated the tea and homemade baking on a par with a five-star hotel. A great big thank you to everyone involved, from the organisers to those behind the scenes - you are all fantastic.

We also had our last barge trip for this year. Instead of Ratho we went to Falkirk and we all had a very pleasant afternoon with music and a picnic on the barge. Thank you to the Seagull Trust.

On Monday 8 October we started a felt art work programme run by THAT (Tayside Healthcare Arts Trust) which was very much enjoyed and appreciated.

Our programme of activities (including exercise classes, indoor curling, morning worship, and singing group) is becoming very popular.

We would love you to be involved with the Kinross Centre, either as a service-user, a volunteer or as a supporter. If you would like further information please contact Nan Cook on 01577 863869.

## Portmoak Film Society

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



October's film was the classic 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' which provided a sparkling (not just the diamonds!) contrast to the wet and windy weather that our audience braved to come out. Made in 1961, we agreed it had easily stood the test of time and measured up to any modern 'romcom' with its humour, NYC sophistication and of course the scene-stealing 'Cat'. The audience gave it an 81% good/excellent rating.

The next film on **Saturday 10 November** is also about romance, this time a teen love story involving aliens set in punk-era London. It's 'How to talk to girls at parties', based on a short story by Neil Gaiman and seen in the UK on limited release earlier this year. It's more of an indie offering in our palette of Portmoak films this season, but don't let that put you off, especially if you're a fan of punk – and you'll love Nicole Kidman as Queen Boadicea channelling her punk godmother alter ego and Matt Lucas as an alien boss!

Films start at 7.30pm in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell, and refreshments are provided afterwards. You may also bring your own bottle. A season's membership costs £32, available from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood (phone 01592 840638) or pay £5 on the door. Loyal fans and newcomers always welcome!

To find out more about all the featured films and 2018-19 dates, visit our website.

# Sports News

## Kinross Curling Club

### Kinross Hits the News!

In September, we made the national STV news to share the excitement about our 350th anniversary Bonspiel. It was a super article capturing the thrill of the event.

The long awaited celebration of our oldest club was well worth the wait. Twenty rinks from 15 clubs took part in a four day extravaganza on and off the ice. The high road final was between two Kinross CC rinks and was a fitting tribute to the quality of the competition. Congratulations to Iain Cormack and his rink, with sincere thanks from all spectators to Sandy Nelson and his rink for a great challenge. We also came out top in the low road final against Dollar and Devon Vale.

Royal Montreal, from Canada, was one of six international representatives and they came out top of the consolation bonspiel on Sunday morning.

In addition to curling, everyone enjoyed a whisky tasting and dinner at the Kirklands and a brilliant ceilidh at the Windlestrae. President Jim Patterson and his committee should be congratulated for organising the event.

Kate Caithness, World Curling Federation President, took time out of the busiest of schedules to 'open' the new extension. She was joined by local curler Ross Hatten and Scottish Wheelchair Association Vice Chairman, Ted Bidgood. Ena Stevenson, Chair of Kinross Curling Trust welcomed them to the rink as they emerged from our new lift (the specific reason for starting the extension project). The assembled curlers and spectators were joined by Board members and key individuals involved in the building.



*Scottish Wheelchair Association Vice Chairman  
Ted Bidgood at Kinross curling rink*

### Open Bonspiel

It now seems such a long time ago since the opening bonspiel on 22 September. We had a full entry of 16 rinks in the 3 end x 3 games format. Congratulations to Ally Simms with his Kinross CC rink who were top with +13 shots, followed by Dunfermline CC with +10 shots.

### Staff Changes

Our manager Steven has been off work since early August. We are pleased to say he is feeling stronger but at the time of writing, has not been given an indication of when he can return. He has appreciated all the good wishes.

Sadly Donald has also been off work and is now convalescing. Meanwhile the team have done a great job with Craig leading the ice crew and Peter in charge of the bar/cafe team. We have appointed Emma and Rachael and, together with Susan and Nicola, we now have a tremendous team.

On the ice Jim has increased his hours and Stuart Biegala has been trained up to give vital support. We have also had invaluable support from a team of volunteers on the ice.

### Extension Update

We are thrilled with the feedback about the extra space we now have. One big bonus has been the fact we can now use the old office as a room for board and club meetings (donations to the development fund are welcome). We are still working out the best ways to manage brooms and bags. You can help by keeping them in the ice hall, or returning them to your car, before going up to the bar. Keep your ideas flowing so we can maximise the impact of the extension.

### Fundraising

This will continue until we complete the refurbishment of the changing rooms, the viewing panels and car park. The 'new' under ice logos sold out very quickly and we will welcome these sponsors to the rink in the near future to mark their support. In addition, 36 of our stones have been 'named'. Hurry to capture one of the 28 that are left.

The 'buy a brick' campaign has also been well supported and we have had several donations from local clubs. We received £400 from Stuart Biegala who ran the Aberdeen half marathon and Dalgety Bay CC have organised a Quiz Night. Look out for other fundraising activities!

### Book Signing

Nancy Campbell is coming to the rink on **Tuesday 20 November** from 6pm to sign copies of her new book, 'The Library of Ice', which features curling at Kinross.

### Events and Competitions

Many of Scotland's best young curlers will be at Kinross between 12 and 14 October for the Under 21 Junior Classic. Club Championship: We are looking forward to a full entry on 23 and 24 November. Please note that clubs can enter more than one team and individuals can also enter their own rink. The Over 40's Bonspiel (11 to 13 January 2019) has one space left so hurry to claim it!

Sadly we have had to cancel the Stick Pairs League due to illness and injury of several participants. We will organise alternative stick events so look out for news.

### Open Forum

Over 20 curlers representing 14 clubs attended an informal discussion about the rink and future plans on 2 October. We will circulate feedback in the near future. More opportunities for curlers to meet and share ideas will be arranged during the season.

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## Eilidh Doyle's Year

Now that another Athletics season has come and gone I would like to thank everyone again for their continued support and to emphasise how much it is appreciated.

My season started in February with preparation and qualification for the World Indoor Championships which took place in Birmingham at the beginning of March, where in the 400m Individual Event I was delighted to win a bronze medal. Next up was the Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast in Australia where I won my 3rd consecutive 400m hurdles silver in a very competitive race and was in the Scottish 4 x 400m relay team that came 5th in a new Scottish record time. However, the biggest moment for me at The Commonwealth Games, if not the greatest moment in my athletics career was being chosen to carry the flag and lead out the team at the Opening Ceremony. Given that I was voted to do so by the members of Team Scotland from all the participating sports and that Scotland led the parade because it was the most recent host nation made it particularly special. It was truly a great honour and a memory I will always cherish.

Unfortunately during this part of the season I picked up a calf injury that meant I was unable to compete until just before the European Championships held in Berlin in August.

In Berlin I was 8th in the final of the 400m hurdles and picked up a bronze medal in the 4 x 400m relay.

Looking back it was a long and up-and-down season, but to come away with three major championship medals and the honour of leading the Scottish team out of Australia made it unforgettable for me.

Training for the 2019 season, which begins with the European Indoor Championship in Glasgow and ends with the world championships in Doha has begun and I'm looking forward to another good year of competition.

Thanks again,

Yours in sport

*Eilidh Doyle*

## Fossoway Tennis Club

Senior Club afternoons will commence on Sunday 4 November from 1-3pm so time to look out those scarves and hats and pop along for a hit!

The AGM will be held on **Monday 26 November** at 7pm at The Stables, Crook of Devon.

The social and prizegiving takes place at The Stables on **Friday 30 November** at 7pm. There will be the usual grand raffle, tasty treats and not to be missed, Gerry and Martin's fabulous quiz! Hope to see you at these events.

### Tournament Results

Juniors Winner: Sarah Cassels  
 Runner Up: Isla Campbell  
 Bronze: Milly Cassels  
 Ladies Winner: Elizabeth Palmieri  
 Runner Up: Ruth Campbell  
 Gents Winner: Gerry Keegan  
 Runner Up: Ben Thornber  
 Macdonald Cup Winners: Elizabeth Palmieri & Shaw Gran  
 Runners Up: Susan Grant & Martin Grant  
 Mixed Winners: Elizabeth Palmieri & Gerry Keegan  
 Runners Up: Susan Grant & Martin Grant

## Kinross Golf Club

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

Congratulations to the Kinross Golf Club Bell Trophy team who won the final in a hard fought match against Blairgowrie. With the score at two each, Neil Burke halved the final match resulting in extra holes being required. Neil held his nerve and secured the win on the first extra hole. Congratulations to Stevie, Scott, Ryan, David and Neil for delivering a win for Kinross.

Our Gent's section has been extremely successful in team competitions this year: Ochil League (Winners); Coronation Trophy (Winners); Scratch League (Winners); Bell Trophy (Winners); Stroyan Trophy (Runners Up); County Club Championship (Runners Up); UK Annodata Matchplay (Last two in Scotland); Perth and Kinross County Masters (Semi-Finalists; hopefully Scott Michie and Craig Hynd can get to the final and bring this home too!)

It's been quite a season and we are rightly proud of our teams representing Kinross Golf Club in area, county and national competitions. Well done to everyone who played a part.

This season's Junior prize giving and fun night took place on 25 September. Congratulations and well done to all the winners.



*Junior prize giving*

Season Winners: Best Driver, Luke Laidlaw; Best Putter, Adam Herd; Best Iron Player, Oliver Jackson; Best Approach Play, Joe Pontin; Best Behaviour, Callum McGee; Most Improved Player, Oliver Dunn.

Fun Night Winners: Longest Drive Winner, Oliver Dunn; Nearest the Pin Winner, Joe Pontin; Putting Winner, Oliver Jackson; Four Hole Challenge Winner, Adam Herd.

Our Sunday High Teas will continue throughout November. Why not bring the family along for some delicious food and home baking? Serving from 4pm to 6pm. Please call us on 01577 862237.

**Saturday 3 November** is Prizegiving night with Guest Speaker Alan Tait and Table Magician 'Magic Bri'. Results will be published in the December Newsletter.

**Friday 30 November** is Ladies Night with an ABBA Tribute. Book your tickets at the bar.

Check out our website for more information or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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



## Kinross Road Runners

<http://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>



By the time this goes to press the clocks will have changed and we will be well into our winter training programme. It's a full programme with something for everyone and you decide which sessions you want to do – some very keen members do them all! Our training sessions fit all abilities – whether you're new to running or looking to improve or just wanting to keep fit and active through the winter. Don't hesitate, just come along and give it a try. We always extend a warm welcome to any newcomers who'd like to join us. Getting the motivation to get out for a run when it's dark outside is made that little bit easier in the company of a club, not to mention catching up with familiar faces whilst getting in some fresh air and exercise all at once.

Loch Leven parkrun continues to flourish and is on every week at 9.30am on Saturday mornings at the Larder. It's fantastic to see many new faces at the event each week whether it be 'parkrun tourists' visiting the area or locals new to running and discovering the parkrun phenomenon. KRR members have an added incentive to get along to a local Parkrun as we now have a Parkrun Series running until January. There's also the Junior Parkrun every Sunday morning at 9.30am over a 2k course at Kirkgate Park for 4 to 14-year-olds.

Club training for November is outlined below. We meet for all sessions at 7pm at the Health Centre car park opposite the Campus. Tuesday nights will focus on hill work with a programme of sessions designed to improve your running strength whilst Wednesday evenings are mainly speedwork. We also have a couple of less formally structured torchlit trail runs where we head out on the quieter trails with head torches. We meet up for an informal Sunday morning run every week at 9am at the Health Centre car park for either a trail or hill run at a very leisurely pace.



*Gill Lopez finishes the Ochil 30 mile Ultra*

### Programme for November

<b>Tuesday 5</b>	5 mile street-lit run
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	2 mile time trial, kit sale & hot chocolate
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	5 mile street-lit run
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	Hills: Reps
<b>Thursday 15</b>	Torchlit trail run
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	Hills: Intervals
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	8 x 90 sec intervals
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	Hills: Pyramid
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	Pyramid reps/Parlaufs
<b>Thursday 29</b>	Track session

Check our Facebook page or website for further information or to make contact.

## Ladies Curling

### Senior Pairs

Eight teams took part in the Ladies Senior Pairs competition organised by the Kinross & District Ladies Branch (KDLB) on 4 October.

Run on a Schenkel system, each team played three games of five ends, with each player delivering three stones per end. The winners were the unbeaten pairing of Lizzie Glennie and Eileen Thomas. Several pairs had had two wins, but Valerie Inglis and Maggie Scott clinched the runners-up spot with most ends.



All 16 ladies enjoyed this competitive event, which was played in the 'true spirit of curling'.

The competition was generously sponsored by Cameron and Val Gaudin of High Valleyfield Pharmacy, with prizes presented by KDLB President, Irene Baillie.

*Left to right:  
Runners-up Maggie Scott  
and Valerie Inglis,  
KDLB President Irene Baillie,  
winners Lizzie Glennie and  
Eileen Thomas*

## Kinross Kobras

[www.kinrosshockey.org](http://www.kinrosshockey.org)

At the end of September, Kinross Hockey Club hosted the Midland District Junior Hockey Tournament. Teams from Dundee, St Andrews and Stirling joined nine Kinross teams for a great day of hockey. We had five teams at U10, two at U12 and two at U14, all of which played very well. There were some notable head to head clashes between the Kinross teams and also some hard fought games against tough opponents.

A special thanks goes out to the umpires Alyssa, Lucy, Izzy, Niamh, Lauryn, OJ, Kara, Pete, Claire, Kirsty and Monty and the team coaches James, Dave, Stuart, Sophie, Paul, Kirsty, Richard and Monty together with the car park and catering helpers.

In the same weekend, Rachel Leslie was in action for the Midland District U16 Girls team, which came third in the Inter District Championship. Rachel and others from the Girls Development Squad have been helping the Ladies second team with some extra players this year. They have been getting some great experience of adult hockey.

Training is busy with a new session being run by Stuart Neave. This session is for six and seven year olds and is from 5.30pm



to 6.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is already becoming popular. The regular sessions are ongoing from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The Thursday session for older children from 7.30pm to 8.30pm also continues. Hopefully all this training will be put into practice at our next tournament in Stirling at the end of October.



*U14 players from the Kinross Tournament*

## Volleyball

Junior boy members have been busy playing over three consecutive Sundays in Scottish Volleyball's Junior National League. Two Sundays were in Edinburgh and one was in Kinross. The boys played against teams from Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Ayrshire and Oban. It has taken the team time to 'bed-in' with many new players in this year's team. They travel to Oban on 11 November to play their next round of fixtures.



*Kinross junior boys' under 18 team*

The Perth and District Volleyball League also began on Sunday 28 October. Both Kinross Recreational League sides (Kinross BB and Kinross Mongrels) opened the season by playing against each other before meeting Perth's Tay Pearls. The Premier League starts on Sunday 4 November with the Kinross Scotrange team playing Mental Blocks, Team Fife and Dodgy Spikers.

Coaching sessions continue on Monday evenings at the Campus large games hall from 8pm to 9.45pm. New members are welcome.

Kinross High School's volleyball coaching sessions on Wednesdays after school continue to be well attended. There are various age group teams for boys and girls preparing for Scottish Volleyball's Scottish Cup competitions and national festivals. Senior boys and girls teams are preparing for the first festival of the season in Aberdeen on 1 November.

The S2 and S3 boys and girls teams play their first national festival in Edinburgh's Napier University on 20 November. The S1 festival takes place on 27 November, also at Napier.

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## Kinross Rugby Club

### Youth Section

#### Minis

The season is now well underway for our youngest players. Training resumed in August and, with over 90 youngsters attending on a Saturday morning, it's going to be a busy season!

First off was an away fixture to Hillfoots RFC. Over 260 children attended from various clubs. However, this was only a warm up for our own minis festival on Sunday 30 September. Again, over 270 children took part on a sunny, blustery day which was perfect for rugby. Clubs in attendance were Kinross, Boroughmuir, Howe of Fife, Glenrothes, Perthshire and Mackie. Parents and friends were out in force to support, man the tea tent and BBQ, and direct the car parking efforts. We are grateful to Jamie Montgomery for the use of Market Park, to KLEO for the use of their marquee and tables, and to the many families of Kinross-shire who

support the Minis. Topping the winners table were the Kinross P7s.

Term ended with a round robin festival at Heriots RFC, where the Minis debuted their new strips! More to follow next month!

If your child is in P1 to P7 and is interested in rugby, please contact Morven Clark by email on [kinrossrugby.juniors@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossrugby.juniors@gmail.com).



The winning Kinross P7 team at our Home Rugby Festival

## Kinross Bowling Club 2018

The outdoor bowling season has finished and the closing of the green was on Sunday 30 September, which was a rather cold day - however we played the George Smith pairs and had an enjoyable day, followed by a buffet.

The weather this year overall has been very good for us, and makes bowling more enjoyable.

Thanks to all the members for their support throughout the season. Special thanks to Paul and George for all the work on the green, to Christine the treasurer and the ladies for all the baking and so on supplied throughout the year. We would like to hear from anyone who would like to try bowling (it's good exercise and great fun!) If you are interested the season will resume in April 2019. Contact George Rennie on 01577 864727 or [georgemrennie1@btconnect.com](mailto:georgemrennie1@btconnect.com). Come along and give it a go!

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Ladies Pairs  
Gents Pairs  
Mixed Pairs  
G. Smith Pairs  
Ladies Championship  
President's Trophy  
Gents Championship

#### Winners

P. Grant  
S. Rennie  
P. Grant  
S. Rennie  
S. Rennie  
S. Rennie  
G. Rennie  
C. Matthews  
G. Rennie  
P. Grant  
S. Rennie  
J. Cousar  
S. Rennie  
J. Mitchell & J. Cousar  
R. Moffat & I. Christophers  
S. Rennie & I. Christophers  
J. Stewart & Jim Cousar  
S. Rennie  
I. Christophers  
P. Grant

#### Runners Up

S. Rennie  
J. Mitchell  
I. Henderson & J. Stewart  
J. Mitchell  
P. Grant  
G. Rennie  
P. Grant  
I. Christophers  
P. Grant  
G. Rennie  
J. Mitchell  
I. Christophers  
Jean Cousar  
P. Grant & G. Rennie  
P. Grant & J. Mitchell  
J. Mitchell & G. Rennie  
Jean Cousar  
P. Grant  
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## Kinross Otters

It has been a great few weeks for Otters with our Second Division Squad coming in 1st place in their league!

There have been lots of seasonal bests and personal bests all due to the hard work and commitment shown in training and at the events. It just goes to show that all that hard work pays off and we must thank our 2018 Club Captains, Libby Broadhurst and Sarah Coutts. They have been great cheerleaders for their squad. It was a family affair with former Otter Cameron McClosky taking time out from his medical studies at Dundee University to swim alongside his little brother Gregor, with both of them helping Kinross Otters swim to victory! Despite relaxing a bit over the last couple of weeks with holiday training in place, the Premier Division Squad still have one meet left and we'll share their progress in our next update.



Left: Gregor and Cameron McClosky  
Right: Sarah Coutts and Libby Broadhurst

Gala success does not happen by chance and we are indebted as always to our tireless team of coaches, poolside helpers and officials. Not to mention the behind the scenes team who take care of the paperwork, planning and keep everyone on track.

That teamwork paid dividends too at the Glenrothes Novice Meet on 22 September which saw a massive array of Pb's and medals for Kinross Otters. Well done to all the parents who attended to help as officials and to cheer from the side-lines. The next big thing for us is our Club Championships taking place at our home pool on Sunday 28 October. This is a fun day for everyone involved, with a great atmosphere of support and team spirit.

The most hotly contested prize on offer is not the Best Boy or Best Girl, although those are biggies, but the Parents 50 Freestyle and the Past Swimmers 100 IM are the trophies the grownups want to get their hands on!

We'll be running a tombola and a book stall to raise funds as well and thanks are due for all the kind donations we have received.

Our Annual Awards Night in November will showcase all the winners at our Club Champs and promises to be a fun-packed evening! Photos to follow! #teamotters



## Orwell Bowling Club

The bowling season came to an end for another year with the closing of the green on Saturday 29 September. The raffle and donations raised £110. This money will be added to the opening game collection and divided between the Blind Bowlers and the RLNI. They will both receive £150 each. Well done to all who contributed. Our last two friendlies were played against: Perth West End on Sat 15 Sept: Orwell 73 Perth West End 62 Auchtermuchty on Sat 22 Sept: Orwell 39 Auchtermuchty 51.



### Competition results for 2018:

#### Gents

Champion  
Presidents  
Somerville Pairs  
  
Cunningham Cup  
  
Watt Triples

Tomney Rink

#### Ladies

Champion  
Miller Cup  
Hamilton Salver  
Taylor Pairs

Crockett Pairs

Balloted Triples

Rink

Ann Wilson  
4 Bowl Pairs  
Nomination 2  
Bowl Pairs

#### Mixed

Senior Champion  
Keir Cup  
Centenary Cup  
Kinloch Trophy  
Meldrum Cup

Frank Adamson  
Mixed Triples

MacLay Mixed Pairs

#### Winners

David Winton  
Paul Allcoat  
David Winton &  
Gordon Morton  
Tom Reid &  
Jim Whittet  
David Scott &  
Bobby Brian &  
Nicol Tomney  
David Winton &  
Vic McKechnie &  
Gordon Morton &  
Tony Venn

#### Winners

Jean Menzies  
Jean Menzies  
Sandra Fullerton  
Jean Menzies &  
Jeanie Jackson  
Maz Thorn &  
Sandra Fullerton  
Sandra Fullerton &  
Linda Reid &  
Maz Thorn  
Sandra Fullerton &  
Linda Reid &  
Jean Menzies &  
Anne McGouldrick  
Jeanie Jackson &  
Linda Reid  
Margaret Hooper &  
Maz Thorn

#### Winners

Maz Thorn  
Tom Reid  
Michael Hamilton  
Bobby Brian  
Mike Thorn &  
Graeme Duncan  
Nancy Findlay &  
David Scott &  
Nicol Tomney  
Abbie Winton &  
David Winton

#### Runners Up

Paul Allcoat  
Gordon Morton  
Bobby Brian &  
Paul Allcoat  
John H Taylor &  
Michael Hamilton  
Tony Venn &  
Jim Whittet &  
Graeme Duncan  
Bobby Brian &  
Tom Reid &  
Jim Whittet &  
Nicol Tomney

#### Runners Up

Sandra Fullerton  
Abbie Winton  
Linda Reid  
Sandra Fullerton &  
Anne McGouldrick  
Abbie Winton &  
Anne McGouldrick  
Margaret Hooper &  
Jeanie Jackson &  
Mary White  
Jeanie Jackson &  
Joan McFarlane &  
Mary White &  
Maz Thorn  
Mary White &  
Margaret Hooper  
Jean Menzies &  
Sandra Fullerton

#### Runners Up

Tony Venn  
David Winton  
Andy Lloyd  
Michael Hamilton  
Sandra Fullerton &  
Gordon Morton  
Linda Reid &  
Tom Reid &  
Jim Whittet  
Jean Menzies &  
Graeme Duncan

### Dates for the diary

On **Saturday 27 October** there will be a Presentation Buffet Dance.

On **Sunday 25 November** we hold our Annual General Meeting.

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5pm, Friday 16 November**  
**for publication on Saturday 1 December**

## Kinross Tennis Club

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

The weather might be turning colder but the tennis will continue in Kinross! Our adult club sessions will still be on Wednesday evenings (6.30pm) and Sunday mornings (10.30am). New players are always very welcome to join us.

### Club Championships

We've had a busy month on court with the conclusion of the Club Championships. The Women's Doubles final was a tense affair with the Nelson ladies (Gail and Edna) managing to hold off Elma McCulloch and Siobhan MacLeod with a 6-4 6-2 victory.

Meanwhile, the Junior Club Championships were held during the last evening of the term's coaching. Almost 30 children were on court competing until it was dark!

The finals were hard fought with Patrick MacLeod winning the 8 and under and Oliver Jackson securing a double victory winning the 10 and under and 12 and under titles!



Siobhan MacLeod, Elma McCulloch, Edna Nelson and Gail Nelson



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## League Matches

The Men's doubles team have also been putting in a strong performance after winning five out of their six matches in the Perth and District League. They are currently sitting in third place in division two.

### Tennis for Tots

Coaching will continue throughout winter. This group have had a fantastic term with 18 players attending on a Saturday morning and 20 during the week, including the Rosemount Nursery players.

Tennis for Tots will be moving indoors to the Millbridge Hall on Saturday mornings after the October holidays. Contact coach Siobhan MacLeod by email at [kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com) for more information.

### Junior Coaching

Junior coaching will also be moving indoors after the holidays. It will take place on Tuesday evenings at Loch Leven Community Campus. Contact coach Daniel Reed by email at [dartennis@gmx.co.uk](mailto:dartennis@gmx.co.uk) for more information. Further details on all coaching and club activities can also be found on our Facebook page.



Oliver Jackson and Patrick MacLeod

### Social Tournament

We held another successful social tournament on 30 September. Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed the sunshine, tea, and a spot of tennis!

### Court Maintenance

This task is especially gruelling at this time of year. We are very grateful to Simon Byford and Mauro Salmi who did a fantastic job of weeding.

### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on **Thursday 22 November** at 7.30pm in the KGV clubhouse. All members are strongly encouraged to attend and show their support to our very hard working committee.

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## Loch Leven Junior Parkrun

[www.parkrun.org.uk/lochleven-juniors](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/lochleven-juniors)

Junior parkrun is a free weekly timed 2 kilometre run for children aged 4-14 years old. Our local event is on at Kirkgate Park in Kinross every Sunday morning at 9.30am. If you've not given this a go before, then come and join us for an active start to Sunday mornings.

If your child hasn't registered for parkrun before then go to [www.parkrun.org.uk/register](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register) to sign up and print off your unique personalised barcode which is your passport to junior & 5K parkrun events across the UK and the rest of the world.

Come and celebrate our 1st birthday event on 4 November – there is sure to be cake! Just don't forget your barcode! #DFYB



*Loch Leven junior parkrun event*

## Kinross Vaulting Group

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[kinrossvaultinggroup.co.uk](http://kinrossvaultinggroup.co.uk)

### Taster Day Updates

In August we held two fun and successful junior taster sessions to allow potential new equestrian vaulters to try out the sport. There was a good mix of ages and abilities amongst the children. Some had done a lot of riding before and were very confident around horses, some were competent and talented gymnasts, and some had never actually been on a horse before and were just curious to try out a new sport.

After a rigorous warm-up and stretching session with the KVG coaches, the children were introduced to vaulting on static barrels. These are used by vaulters to learn new routines and perfect tricky moves before attempting them on a horse.

Next, the children were 'bunked' on to a horse in walk, to let them get used to the sensation of movement and height of the horse as they were lunged around the arena. By the end of their sessions, each child was able to perform a few basic moves in canter and, judging by the happy faces, it's fair to say that everyone enjoyed their time in the arena.



*KVG vaulting horse Toby in the show ring with Bryony Pettinger*

Five new vaulters signed up after the sessions. They will train over the winter months ready to compete in spring next year.

### Showing Success for Ulisco de Montsec and Toby

Not content with establishing himself as an outstanding vaulting horse this season, Liz Mackay's Ulisco de Montsec has also enjoyed considerable success on the dressage and showing circuit. Toby, Liz's 14.2hh Welsh pony (who is a firm favourite with KVG's younger vaulters), has also had a successful season. Both horses have been schooled and ridden by Bryony Pettinger.

At Highfield Equestrian at Howe in September, Ulisco de Montsec and Bryony came first. They won reserve champion in the Ridden Novice Horse and came third in the Foreign Breed class.

Toby and Bryony came second in the Leisure Pony class and fourth in the M&M Part Bred class. Furthermore, Toby and Bryony won the Donna Diva Open Prelim 15 Championships at SNEC on 30 September. Ulisco de Montsec and Bryony came third and then second in the prelim 14.

We are very proud of the achievements of these horses and of Bryony's continued commitment to the schooling schedule necessary to achieve such results.

### Christmas Gift Vouchers

Following the success of August's taster sessions, we will be selling gift vouchers for our next vaulting taster session. The two hour session will take place at the KVG arena on **Saturday 29 December**. Vouchers for the taster session cost £17 and would make a wonderful Christmas gift. The minimum age for vaulters is five years old and there is a weight limit of 12 stones.

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**CLEISH** – Cleish SWI celebrated its 90th birthday with a lunch in the village hall. Catering was by Ian & Sheila Wotherspoon from the Hideaway. Members from other Institutes within the Group attended. Linda Retson, SWI National Chairman toasted the Institute and the cake was cut by Marion Stirling, assisted by President Helen Buchanan. After a lovely meal there was a short comedy sketch by "The Three Chars". A lovely afternoon was had by all.



*The 90th birthday celebrations at Cleish SWI*

**MILNATHORT** – Met on 20 September 2018 in the Town Hall. Jean Paterson, President, welcomed members after the summer break. It was good to see a full hall. Usual business was taken care of, Jean thanked members who had been involved in entries for the Kinross Show, Pat Pilgrim gained the most points for Milnathort and was presented with a trophy. Jean gave an in-depth report on the recent National Conference she had attended, pointing out the proposed changes to the present constitution, and members were asked to give this some thought.

Jean then introduced our speaker for the evening, Gwen McQueen from 'Heavenly Goodies'. Gwen was an excellent speaker explaining how she came to be making delicious chocolates and other sweets. Of course, we were all delighted to sample some of her goodies!

The raffle was drawn, Jean gave the vote of thanks to Gwen and wished us all a safe journey home.

Flower arrangement in a teacup:	Aileen Hunter
3 pieces of chocolate tiffin:	Kathleen King
Flower of the month:	Denise Stephenson

**BISHOPSHIRE** – The SWI Meeting was held on Thursday, 11 October 2018. President, Joanne Cowan, welcomed members and our Speaker Pat Rollo. Pat came along to speak about her career as a Scottish International Athlete and Manager and led us all in a short Zumba session to Dancing Queen!

Mug coaster or mat – any craft:	Sylvia Herrington
Small flower arrangement in a mug:	Norma Smith
Flower of the month:	Jane Martin

We meet on the second Thursday of every month in Portmoak Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

**BLAIRINGONE** – The meeting was held on 10 October 2018. President Mary Ramsay welcomed members from our neighbouring Institutes to our first open meeting of the new season. She then introduced Gillian Skene who gave us a lovely demonstration showing the intricacies of working with wire, beads and pearls to make unusual and original jewellery. Much of her work is dedicated to making jewellery to suit a bride, mother of the bride or to match that special outfit for a special occasion. The members were given an opportunity to "try our hands" at this new skill and although perhaps the outcome was not quite as good as Gillian's, nevertheless the more talented of us got a result. The evening was completed by a purvey the quality of which you would expect from a Women's Institute!

Favourite piece of jewellery:	Jan King
Flower of the month:	Valerie Scott

**CARNBO** – President Jay Hutchison welcomed all members and guests to the October meeting. After business Lesley Bruce of Cala Jewellery was introduced. Leslie who designs and makes all the jewellery herself gave an interesting talk and demonstration of all the lovely items she makes. Christine Allan gave a vote of thanks.

Josephine Paterson and Margaret Greener were awarded the shields won for their Community entries in the Kinross show.

Flower of the month:	Sheila Reid
A piece of homemade jewellery:	Margaret Greener.

The next meeting is on Monday 19 November at Carnbo Hall at 7.15pm. All welcome.

**GLENFARG** – The meeting was held on 11 October 2018. President Margaret Scott welcomed ladies from Cleish Institute who provided an excellent evening's entertainment. Members tasted jams and chutneys, laughed at how wives were supposed to treat their husbands in the 1950s - with a modern interpretation - and learned, to their surprise that they did not eat nearly enough biscuits. It was a very interesting quiz! It was all good fun and enjoyed by all.

Flower of the month:	Margot Moran
Individual fruit fool:	Helen Quartermaine
Photograph of my garden:	Liz Yull

**POWMILL** – Vice President Wilma Sim welcomed members, visitors and four new members to the October meeting. She then introduced Pamela Hunter from Hunters of Kinross who gave us a slide show and talk on their history. Pamela also started Kinross Heartstart, which has grown into a national campaign called "Butchers at the heart of communities" and aims to have a defibrillator at every high street butcher in Scotland.

Pamela gave us the enthusiasm and encouragement to drive forward with our plan to install a defibrillator in Powmill village as part of our 100th birthday celebrations in 2020.

Baked item containing pumpkin:	Jackie Tait
Favourite trinket box:	Mary Wilson
Garden gem:	Mary Wilson

Tea was served by Maz Thorn and Sharon Buchanan.

# Out & About

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Loch Leven has come alight this month with the sight and sound of our beloved pink-footed geese as they arrive to winter on the loch in their thousands. Five juvenile gannets and a guillemot have also been spotted and the gannets have been practising their plunge dives in the shallows of the loch. It's a lovely treat to see these birds, as their usual habitat is along the edges of cliffs out at sea. We suspect their visit may have been encouraged by the delicious range of scones we have in the café, or perhaps it's a result of the recent high winds?

The red squirrels have been particularly active this month too, and have been spotted scurrying busily around our peanut feeders looking for food. They are often seen on an almost daily basis now on the leafy loop trail, right next to the visitor centre.

Our wonderful team of reserve volunteers have been hard at work replanting and planting a range of new tree species around the reserve. A total of 840 trees have been planted, including a mixture of silver birch, rowan, scots pine and oak. Lots of new homes for nature!

As the geese arrive so does the start of our winter goose counts as we begin to

monitor the influx of pink footed geese onto the reserve. The data gained from these surveys helps to identify any changes in population growth and distribution over time, which we can use to make management decisions for the future.

We have some exciting events coming up at Loch Leven this month with an **"introduction to stargazing"** evening on **Tuesday 20 November 7-9pm**. Turn

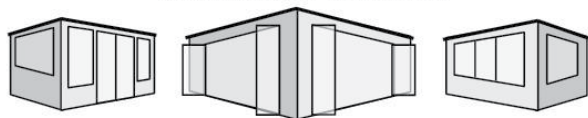


your sights to the skies over Loch Leven for an unmissable space discovery evening. Experts from Dalgety Bay Astronomy Club host this special event, bringing with them top kit and tips. Booking is essential; RSPB members £10. (child members £4), non-members £12 (child £6).

Join us for **"A trip back in time: Mary Queen of Scots"** on **Saturday 8 December 1-3pm**. Local writer David Munro tells the story of Mary Queen of Scots' dramatic escape from Loch Leven Castle 450 years ago. Hear about her 11-month imprisonment on Castle Island and her frequent earlier visits to this corner of Scotland which included a near capture at the foot of Benarty Hill and an encounter in Kinross with the Protestant reformer, John Knox. Booking is essential; RSPB members £8, non-members £10 (child member £3, child non-member £5). Booking for all our events can be done via our Eventbrite page at [rspllochleven.eventbrite.com](http://rspllochleven.eventbrite.com). The underpass project is now almost completed and is estimated to open at the end of the month. Our wonderful reserve volunteers have been hard at work finalising some of the finishing touches, including spreading wildflower mix and planting trees along the edge of the path. We would like to thank the community for their support and patience during this time. The project has been a long time in the making and will make a real difference for all, allowing access to the countryside no matter what your ability.

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## Weather



### September Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	95.3mm = 3.81ns
Heaviest rainfall	24.6mm (19th)
Total sunshine for the month	132.7 hours
Sunniest day	9.6 hours (4th)
Minimum temperature average	4.83°C
Lowest temperature	-2.4°C (22nd)
Maximum temperature average	15.38°C
Highest temperature	20°C (2nd)

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It's been quite a stormy month at Loch Leven. Persistent rain and winds from the south west of storms named after someone or other!

Many thanks to all that phoned in about the damaged trees. We work hard here to make sure the trail is free of fallen trees and safe to use for everyone. Some quite large trees needed removing. We will be planting more this winter. We prefer it when the storms come when there are no leaves on the trees because the leaves act as a sail bringing the trees down.

With the bad weather came a few unusual migrant birds. A ferruginous duck from Southern Europe was in Vane Bay and the Kirkgate. This is a very rare duck in Scotland and was enjoyed by birdwatchers from throughout Scotland. With the huge flock of diving ducks was also a North American lesser scaup. The storms blew in seabirds too. There were up to four gannets flying around the middle of the loch doing their characteristic diving for fish. Some of them remained for over a fortnight. They appeared to be carving out a reasonable living in the loch though the local ducks didn't know what to make of the flexible winged visitors! A single adult guillemot was also seen.

There have been an outstanding number of pink-footed geese around Loch Leven already this autumn. I was standing at the pier and estimated over 20,000 coming in from the west between 4pm and 5.30pm. The next day I took a drive to the north and east and found over 10,000 using the fields

feeding on the spilt grain. We don't do our first synchronised count until late October but hopefully these birds will remain in the area before moving on to more southern haunts like Lancashire or Norfolk.

We still have a few places left on our **Dawn Goosewalk** on **4 November** at Burleigh Sands starting at 6.45am. This year I'm trying something different. Hopefully we can get closer to the geese leaving the roost and get them flying over our heads as they leave. What I've been finding in the last few years is that the shooting pressure is quite heavy off the reserve and the geese are reluctant to leave their roost and swim to the middle of the loch where they are joined by other birds. They swim towards Burleigh before leaving in broad daylight. Hopefully we'll get them flying overhead. Please phone the office to book a place on 01738 458609.

Please keep an eye on the blog. We've been really successful recently at updating it every week. If you put "Loch Leven Wordpress" into your search engine you will find it.

The volunteers have been busy this month. Not only with tree clearance but we have also completed our mowing and grass collection and we've revamped the shed and compound. If anyone has any spare time and wishes to give volunteering with us a go please give the office a ring.

Are we going to have a warm wet winter or a cold crisp one? Time will tell.

Jeremy, Reserve Officer

## Farming

What do you do if you want to be a farmer but don't have a farm?

Here's the story of Douglas Bennie, a Kinross-shire lad who has followed his dream of becoming a farmer with a grit and determination that is inspirational. Many readers will know Dougie. He's the son of Annette and Jimmy from Mawcarse, was a pupil at Kinross High School and a very active member of Young Farmers, serving as Chairman of the Kinross club in 2005.

I know Dougie as he came to help my Dad at Bankhead as a teenager. He also worked on many other farms in Fossoway and was always chatty, cheerful and eager to learn. After studying at both Elmwood and Auchincruive, Dougie concentrated on his career in poultry, eventually becoming a manager at a local poultry farm.

However, his strong farming roots coupled with bags of enthusiasm and energy meant it wasn't long before he started rearing calves in rented sheds, rising early to feed them before work and returning after his day job was finished to feed them again. From there he started taking on grazing, often wee fields and even though they were scattered across Kinross and Fife he was able to build a rearing enterprise around his job.

United Auctions, the Stirling-based livestock market, noticed this budding stockman and following the bad winter of 2012 offered him the chance to take on more cattle. Dougie says, "In the summer of 2013, I increased the store cattle numbers from 15 to 60. It was a leap of faith but when the horse meat scandal broke in the autumn, demand for good quality beef soared and I sold them all into a good market. I invested the profits into a tractor and some equipment to help with the business and it was then I started to think I could maybe take on the tenancy of a farm." Dreaming big eventually paid off when after five attempts, Dougie, his wife Grace-Ann and their young family were given the opportunity to farm at Balrobert Farm, just outside Inverness. The couple now farm together and are four years into a 10-year farm tenancy. When I caught up with Dougie he was busy fixing the hydraulic pipe on his loader tractor, which had worn through during the last day of silage-making. He tells me there is never a dull moment nowadays. He's established a herd of 75 suckler cows and flock of 200 Texel cross and Mule ewes. The 300 acres of land at Balrobert is free-draining and the farm is all in grass. He says the rainfall

is a wee bit lower than Kinross-shire so the cows are out-wintered and calve in April and May, and the ewes lamb a bit earlier to spread the workload.

Dougie points out that he has had to manage his cashflow very carefully. He works off the farm for three days each week for a neighbour. He's also had to learn how to plan and always tries to look ahead to the target market when he is producing stock. Whilst half of the calves are sold to store back in Stirling, the remainder and a proportion of the lambs are sold to Dingwall Abattoir, the main supplier to butcher's shops across the Highlands and the Balrobert stock is also included in the Castle of May Selections range as the farm is within 100 miles of the famous fortress.

The Scottish Government made the farm available for a starter farmer so it's only in Dougie's hands for another six years before it will be offered to another new entrant to agriculture. In the meantime it seems that the family are doing all they can to build the foundations of a good farming business and I'd like to wish Dougie, Grace-Ann and their children, Alexander (7), Molly (6), John (5) and Robert (2 months) all the best for their future in farming.

Fiona



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Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

**Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.**

### Regular Services and Events

Sundays: 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche. Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

**Monday:** Evening House Group: contact office for details.

**Tuesdays:** 10am: Pram Service. Afternoon House Group: contact office for details.

**Wednesdays:** 10.45am Service, Church Centre.

1.30pm: Craft Group. 3.05pm: 'Talkback' for P6/7 in Upper Room.

Evening House Groups: contact office for details.

**Fridays:** The Brigade, 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 most Saturdays.

### Other Events and Services

#### October

**Sun 28** 6.30pm: 'Out of Darkness, Light' - Celtic style service.

**Tue 30** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.  
7.15pm: Guild – 'The Middle East – Rosemary Johnston, past National Convener', Church Centre.

#### November

**Thu 1** 7.30pm: Thursday Group – Beetle Drive.

**Sat 3** 7pm: 'What a Wonder-Full World', Perth Theatre.

**Sun 4** 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

**Mon 5** 8.00am: Silent Meditation

**Tue 6** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court. 4pm: Service at the Sycamores.

**Sat 10** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to office).  
10am – noon **Coffee Morning and Craft Sale**, church centre.

**Sun 11** **Remembrance Sunday – Centenary of the Armistice**

10.00am: United All-age Remembrance Service.

10.55am: Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

11.15am: Morning Worship. 6pm: Reflective Evening Worship.

**Tue 13** 7.15pm: Guild–'Lifepath 2018-Following the Saints', church centre.

**Thu 15** 9pm: Late-evening service of Compline.

**Sat 17** 11am: All Friends Together.

**Sun 18** 10.30am: Morning Service, with dedication of the Guild.  
12.15pm Cheese Roll and a Chat: a chance to meet, chat and discuss some questions, following the 10.30am Service. Finishes 1.30pm.

**Sat 24** 10am – 12.30pm, 1.30pm – 3.30pm: **John Bell** presents 'Tales and Tunes – A Treat for Advent'. Organised by Kinross-shire Churches Together. Suggested donation for whole day £15, including lunch. Book through church office.

**Sun 25** 10.30am: Morning Service, with Brigade enrolment.

**Tue 27** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

7.15pm: Guild–'Visit to Debrecen 2018', church centre.

## Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Tel: 01577 842128

Email: [estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: [neil.maclure19@gmail.com](mailto:neil.maclure19@gmail.com) Tel: 01577 864826

Please visit our website: [www.cleishchurch.org](http://www.cleishchurch.org)



### Sunday Services 11.15am

#### November

**Sun 4** 11.15am **Morning Worship and Junior Church** followed by refreshments in the Village Hall in aid of Guild funds. Traidcraft Stall.

**Mon 5** 3.15pm **Messy Church** in the Village Hall. Open to all children and their carers.

**Sun 11** 11.15am **Remembrance Sunday**  
Morning Worship followed by Congregational Lunch in the Village Hall.

**Sat 17** 8.30am **Men's Breakfast Meeting** in Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway.

**Sun 18** 11.15am **Morning Worship\*** led by members of the Kirk Session.

**Sat 24** 10am - 12 **Grand Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. Baking & Produce Stall.** All welcome.

**Sun 25** 11.15am **Morning Worship\***  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Mon 26** 2pm **Cleish Guild** meet in the Village Hall.

\* Please note that refreshments will be served in the Young Room after Morning Worship. All welcome.

## Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross  
[www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

**Sunday** 10.30am Breaking of Bread  
12.30pm Sunday School  
4.00pm Gospel Meeting (1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, Friends and Neighbours Tea)  
**Monday** 7.30pm Prayer Meeting  
8.15pm Bible Study  
**Thursday** 9.30am Toddlers Group (Montgomery Toddlers)

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## 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.

## Breaking out of the Debt Trap

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland recently chose "Christians Against Poverty" for its Harvest Appeal because of the church's concern about the impact in Scotland of poverty, including child poverty. CAP was started in 1996 by John Kirkby, a Christian who sacrificed his career in finance to use his knowledge to help people crippled by debt. The charity recently featured in a BBC documentary and runs a network of centres, including locally in Dunfermline and Burntisland. Its work has now widened to cover, for example, helping people get back in to employment.

The church's special collections at its Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving Services in September were supplemented by donations at a well-attended and meaningful evening service in the form of a Harvest Supper. A total of £2023 has been raised and this will be targeted at the charity's work in Scotland.



Harvest Festival donations at Kinross Parish Church

## St James' Catholic Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329

[www.catholickinross.com](http://www.catholickinross.com) Email: [Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com)

[facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/](https://facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/)

[facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/](https://facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/)

### Regular Services

Mon	7pm	Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Prayer Group at 8pm in the church hall.
Tue	10am	Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am).
Wed	10am	Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am). Teas / Coffees after Mass, in the church hall.
Thu	10am	Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am).
Fri	10am	Holy Mass preceded by Morning Prayer and Confessions (9.30-9.50am).
	3pm	Divine Mercy Devotions.
Sat	10-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions (first Saturday of every month Holy Mass at 10am).
	6pm	Vigil Mass.
Sun	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.

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

## Kinross Churches Together

### Tales and Tunes - A Treat for Advent

John L Bell of the Iona Community and an internationally acclaimed musician, song writer, broadcaster and preacher is coming to Kinross Parish Church on **Saturday 24 November** to get us thinking about Advent and also teach new songs in a matter of minutes – his speciality!

The event is hosted by Kinross Churches Together whose Secretary, Alex Cant, describes John as a "humorous and original speaker as well as a miraculous singing teacher!" The morning session is 10.30am -12.30 and will include singing and have a workshop format, while the afternoon runs from 1.30-3.30pm and will contain community singing. The suggested donation is £10 for a half day, £15 for a full day. A sandwich lunch will be available. Tickets can be bought at local churches or from the office of Kinross Parish Church (10 Station Road, Tel: 01577 862570) and it was already clear in October that tickets are being bought from well beyond Kinross-shire.

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## St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

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Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector. Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

St Paul's is inclusive, 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. (The Rector is now licensed by the Registrar's Office to conduct Same Sex marriages at St Paul's). Our aim is to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile.

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

We predominantly use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but create experimental devotion for special events throughout the year. If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

### 1st Mondays

10am Pastoral Care group (Side chapel).

### Tuesdays

11am Informal Holy Communion (Side chapel).

### Thursdays

1.45 – 2.45pm Rector's Hour. An opportunity to drop in and speak to the Rector in the Church Office.

### Forthcoming Services and Events - all welcome

#### November

##### Sun 4 ALL SAINTS GIFT SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist (GiftAid envelopes available from the Treasurer).

##### Sun 11 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**\*\*8.30am Shortened Sung Eucharist\*\***

10am Service of Remembrance (Kinross Parish Church).

11am Act of Remembrance – Kinross town Cenotaph.

##### Sat 17 ST PAUL'S QUIZ NGHT 7pm (Masonic Hall, Kinross)

£3 per person. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received. Refreshments available and donations welcome.

##### Sun 18 Pentecost 27 (Proper 33)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

##### Sun 25 CHRIST THE KING

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

5.30pm Said Evensong with hymns.

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## Trinity Church

A new Church ... A new Beginning.

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Crook of Devon, Station Road, KY13 OPG

www.trinity-church.co.uk

Sauchie & Fishcross United Free Church of Scotland, Scottish Charity No. SC009740.

### Sunday Service

We meet every Sunday at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

The service starts at 10.30am for teas and coffees, with the gathering to worship God commencing at 11am.

After the service, there will be refreshments and conversation. For more information about who we are and what we do, visit our website.

### What is KYTHE?

Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise, known as KYTHE, is a charity set up in 2014 with a vision to engage with, encourage and support young people living in the area, through the employment of a Christian Youth Worker.

Who is KYTHE?

The charity was set up by the four Kinross-shire Churches of Scotland and has been funded by these churches, local individuals, businesses and several charities and trusts.


KYTHE is linked with Scripture Union Scotland through its Associate Worker Scheme.

Why KYTHE?

Given the challenges and temptations which teenagers today face, KYTHE's vision is to offer Kinross-shire young people:

- Support – from where they are
- Guidance – to make positive, informed life choices
- Faith – support, trust and kindness to young people of all faiths and none, through dynamic Christian youth work.

If you would like more information about KYTHE and how it and you can help young people, please contact info@kythe.org.uk, or Youth Worker, Barry Dougal: barry@kythe.org.uk



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### Classified Advertisements

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## **Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church**

**Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

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

### **Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:**

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during the services.

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

**Prayer Meeting** held 30 mins before each service.

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

### **Morning Prayers at 9am**

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

**Messy Church** in Orwell Hall on 1 December from 4 to 6pm.

### **Festival of Christmas Trees**

By popular request this event will be held again this year on:

Fri 30 Nov 6.30-8.30pm

Sat 1 Dec 10am-4pm, 6-8pm

Sun 2 Dec 2-4pm

Refreshments will be served in the Hall.

### **Dates and events for your diary**

**4 Nov** Joint All-age Service in Orwell Church at 10.30am  
No morning service at Portmoak Church.

**13 Nov** Culdees Celtic Service in Portmoak New Room at 10.30am

**13 Nov** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm: 'Malawi Fruits Project' - Bill High.

**17 Nov** Christmas Bazaar in Milnathort Town Hall from 10am to 1pm. Soup lunch available as well as tea/coffee and all the usual stalls.

**27 Nov** Culdees Celtic Service in Portmoak New Room at 10.30am.

**27 Nov** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm: 'Medical Officer in Changi' - Jackie Sutherland.

**30 Nov** Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room from 10:15am to 11.45am: Prayer Experience with Ginni Auld.

**2 Dec** Joint All-age Service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.  
No morning service at Portmoak Church.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200  
[orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com)

### **Need to check something in an old Newsletter?**

Consult our electronic archive at

**[www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)**

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

## **Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church**

**Church of Scotland** (Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

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

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse

Telephone: (01577) 842128

Email: [estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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

Email: [aclassicsoul@aol.com](mailto:aclassicsoul@aol.com)

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

We have prayer time every Sunday before worship, 9.15-9.30pm.

All are welcome.

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am. All are welcome.

### **November**

**Sun 4** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship.

**Sat 10** WW1 Commemoration event at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

**Sun 11** 9.30am Remembrance Sunday service at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

**Fri 16** 7.30pm Film Night with Willie Shand.

**Sun 18** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.

9.15am Morning Worship.

**Sun 25** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.

9.45am Morning Worship and Celebration of

Holy Communion.

### **Café Refresh**

Thursdays, 2-4pm. Join us for a friendly blether with delicious home baking, tea and coffee. All are welcome.

### **[messychurch@fossoway](mailto:messychurch@fossoway)**

Our next Messy Church will be on Friday 30 November at 3.15pm in the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

Lots of messy fun; all are welcome but remember that all children need to bring an adult.

### **Christianity Explored**

7.30pm in the Church Hall, November 1 and 8. Christianity Explored is a relaxed and informal way of sharing the best news you can ever hear, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life. All are welcome.

### **Film Evening**

7.30pm-9.30pm in the Church Hall.

On Friday 2 November we will be showing: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* (rated 12). In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war.

Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.

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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  
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## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP, SCIO

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Tel: 01577 862071/07592 392235

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

**Monday** Garden Guddle: 9am-3pm

**Tuesday** Playgroup: 9.05am-11.50am

Rising 5's including Lunch Club: 12.10pm-3.10pm

**Wednesday** Playgroup: 9.05am-11.50am

**Thursday** Playgroup: 9.05am-11.50am

**Friday** Playgroup: 9.05am-11.50am

*Garden Guddle* is an outdoor session in the grounds of Swansacre Gardens. The children can expect lots of mud, water, fun and exploration. Aimed at 3-5 year olds.

*Playgroup* is aimed at children from 2-5 years of age. The children have a vast variety of equipment and resources to help them learn through play.

*Rising 5's* is aimed at children in their pre-school year. It aims to sit alongside school nursery, and the sessions are more structured and filled with activities to engage children.

Please contact Victoria for availability or more information on the above sessions: [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)

Swansacre is also available to hire for Private Functions. For more information or to book please contact Lesley on: [facilities.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:facilities.swansacre@gmail.com)

Swansacre Playgroup SCIO – SC017748 – Registered Scottish Charity

## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

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 Catherine Mason on 07583 022608 or just come along!

## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,  
[debileighs@hotmail.com](mailto:debileighs@hotmail.com)

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

## PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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



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

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

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

For all queries please email  
[portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com)  
or find us on Facebook

## MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

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

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

## Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

# Notices

## Flutterby Fitness Pilates & Kinross 50 Plus Keep Fit Group



### Afternoon Tea

all proceeds to  
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**Tuesday 30 October**

2-4pm in the Masonic Hall Kinross

Tea & delicious home baking  
Various stalls for early Christmas shopping!  
Traidcraft cards & gifts Neal's Yard Organics  
CHAS Christmas cards Flamingo Paperie cards  
Jennie Wren's cards and candles  
Scarlet Goose gifts & more!  
Raffle  
Entry by donation All Welcome

## 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. Existing and new members very welcome. Contact Elaine on 01592 840266.

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| <b>1 Nov</b> | <b>Beetle Drive</b>                          |
| <b>6 Dec</b> | <b>Christmas Meal Outing</b>                 |
| <b>3 Jan</b> | <b>Cycling without Age</b> (Kirsteen Ross)   |
| <b>7 Feb</b> | <b>Jewellery</b> (Gillian Skene)             |
| <b>7 Mar</b> | <b>Woodland Trust</b> (Ian Baird)            |
| <b>4 Apr</b> | <b>Aero Space Kinross</b> (Alisdair Stewart) |
| <b>2 May</b> | <b>AGM</b>                                   |

## Homebrew Autumn Concert

Come and support local talent at  
Kinross Parish Church on

**Saturday 3 November at 3pm.**

Any donations received (after costs) will  
go to Strathcarron Hospice.

Further details from Margaret Sikora,  
Email: margaretsikora9@gmail.com



## Networking Breakfast Wednesday 7 November

**At Loch Leven's Larder, 7.15am-9am**

The Partnership Networking Breakfast is on a roll! We've had talks from a great variety of speakers on subjects including change, conflict resolution and running clinics in Africa. On **Wednesday 7 November** we are pleased to give Alisdair Stewart the floor to tell us about negotiating with backers and sponsors, and the challenge of "selling a dream" to hard-nosed business funders.

Most of us will know Alisdair in his current voluntary role as Chairman of the Kinross-shire Partnership. A retired senior banker, he has experience across a wide range of financial sectors. For 10 years he was Head of Clydesdale Bank Corporate Investment Services.

Alisdair came to Kinross 17 years ago so he could be closer to the Scottish Gliding Centre, where he was formerly Treasurer. Whilst Chairman of the Partnership, he came up with the idea of creating an aviation- and space-themed visitor attraction (Aero Space Kinross) to stimulate tourism and create local jobs. To that end, a charitable Community Benefit Society – Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust – has been formed, and Alisdair will shine a light on the journey from concept to current day.

Come to Loch Leven's Larder and meet friends, colleagues and new faces. Whilst eating a sumptuous Scottish breakfast, you will be encouraged to tell your fellow diners, in less than 60 seconds, who you are and what you do. We hope you will enjoy listening to the speaker, and then continue to network or head out to whatever your day has in store.

To book please email Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk. You can choose to pay online in advance or in cash on the day. The meeting cost, including a full cooked breakfast, is £10 per person. We look forward to welcoming you on **Wednesday 7 November**.

[www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk](http://www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/visitlochleven](http://www.facebook.com/visitlochleven)  
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## Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2018



**Sun 4 November**

**Goose Walk,**  
6.45am, Burleigh Sands car park

All dates and times are subject to change. All our events are free and booking is essential. To book your place on any of the above events, please email: [LOCHLEVEN\\_NNR@snh.gov.uk](mailto:LOCHLEVEN_NNR@snh.gov.uk)

## Funding Alert!

PKC regularly produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. The list will be posted on [www.kinross.cc](http://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.

## Kinross Garden Group

2018/19 Season

**Thursday 8 November at 2pm**

in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross.

With Richard Cormack

'Encounters with plants'

All welcome to join us

## Planning a Christmas event for your community group?

Check your date in the diary at [www.kinross.cc/diary](http://www.kinross.cc/diary) to avoid clashes. Email [admin@kinross.cc](mailto:admin@kinross.cc) to have details of your event entered in the online diary.



## The Gaelic Society of Perth

After last month's great ceilidh, The Gaelic Society of Perth will hold their November Ceilidh at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St, Perth on **Friday 16 November** at 7.30pm. Come and hear some great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. We have a wealth of talent - the Mod Gold Medallists Wilma Kennedy and Donald I Brown and the Traditional Gold Medallist Calum Alex MacMillan will be singing together with up and coming young star Shona Brown. We will be treated to the wonderful playing of the fiddler Rose Logan and Alistair Duthie will play the pipes. Admission is £6 for Members and £7 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! All welcome.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589, on our website [gaelicsocietyofperth.com](http://gaelicsocietyofperth.com) or like us on Facebook - we are Gaelic Society of Perth.



Anne Bennett, Deirdre McTaggart, Norman MacKinnon and Joyce Ramsay

## Kinross-shire Historical Society

Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross, at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all six talks of the season. Membership: adults £7.50; under 18s free. Visitors: £2 per talk.



### Programme for 2018-2019

- 19 Nov:** **East Lomond Hill Fort** – Dr Oliver O'Grady & Joe Fitzpatrick. Re-assessing Pictish Fife.
- 10 Dec:** **Oor Ain Game O' Curlin'** – Prof. David Munro MBE & Jim Paterson. The 350-year story of Kinross Curling Club.
- 21 Jan:** **My Jute Journey** – Sandra Thomson. The History of Jute from 800BC to the present day, with stories of travels in India and Bangladesh.
- 18 Feb:** **Bounty Whalers and the Inuit** – Dr Eric Graham. The effect of whaling on native communities.
- 18 Mar:** **The Klondike Gold Rush** – Dr Martin Hepworth. The search for gold in America in the nineteenth century.

## Royal Mail Delivery Office

Opening hours from Monday 26 November

<b>Mon-Sat</b>	<b>7am-1pm</b>
<b>Sunday 23 December</b>	<b>11am-3pm</b>
<b>Monday 24 December</b>	<b>7am-12.30pm</b>

**Kinross Delivery Office**  
87 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AR



**The Boathouse, Kinross - Thurs 8th Nov from 7pm**

**Tickets £7.50, which includes glass of fizz and snacks**

The chance to sell and buy quality new or nearly new dresses, hats, fascinators, scarves, bags and more.

To sell, bring up to five quality items you no longer want and the price you would like for them. Once sold, half the money goes to you and half goes to charity.

Fashion show and new clothing line by Integro Image Consultants and more stalls on the night

Proceeds to Cycling Without Age Kinross

All info on tickets.



For more information and tickets, please contact Kinross Tongent on Facebook or on 07845 791318 or buy tickets from the Boathouse



## Skins & Bobbins Classes

**Thursdays are fully booked.** For Tuesdays and Fridays, please book in advance.

Primary classes take place on Tuesdays and Senior classes on Fridays. For confirmation of dates and availability of places, please contact the shop.

Knitting and crochet group for adults continues on Saturdays, 2pm-4pm.

Skins & Bobbins, 120 High Street, Kinross. Tel: 01577 208107.

## Music In Dollar

### Programme for 2019

- Sun 20 Jan** **Ayman Jarjour**, solo guitar. At 3pm.
- Sun 24 Feb** **Emily Mitchell Vocal Ensemble**, with a mixture of opera, songs from musicals and traditional airs. At 3pm.
- Sat 16 Mar** **Alistair Savage**, traditional fiddle group. At 7.30pm.

**Please note that the January and February concerts will be held at 3pm.** All concerts are held in the Gibson Hall at Dollar School.

We hope this eclectic mix – both of musical styles and time – will tempt you to come and try the Society out if you have not been before, and we hope you will renew your membership if you have been a member previously.

Further information is available from the Concert Secretary on 01577 864589 or, from the Society website [www.musicindollar.org.uk](http://www.musicindollar.org.uk).



**Christmas Shopping Night**

Friday 30th November  
6pm - 8.30pm

**Crook Of Devon Village Hall**

We have a variety of craft stalls – just perfect for Christmas gift ideas and stocking fillers.

Refreshments will be served.

Come and join us for some festive cheer!

**Fossoway Primary School PTA**

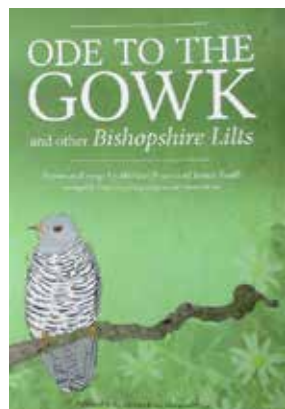
Activities include: Craft stalls, Body Shop at Home, Tweed bags, Raffle and tombola, Usborne books, Christmas light switch on.

### Bass Player Wanted

We are looking for a bass player for a blues/rock band for some jamming, the occasional gig, but mostly for fun. We are two guitarists and a drummer, in the 40/50 age bracket and local to the Kinross area. You don't have to be a virtuoso player - just good enough for playing some blues. Get in touch for if you want to know more. Kevin Miller 07727 251428

### Michael Bruce Trust

This year's annual illustrated talk will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 1 November in Portmoak Village Hall. Trust Chairman Dr David Munro, MBE, will give a talk entitled "Portmoak in Poetry, prose and Music," drawing on much of the creative activity that has taken place during the Living Lomonds Landscape programme, the Our Portmoak project and the recent anniversary marking 250 years since the death of the poet Michael Bruce. Entry is £4, including tea and coffee after the talk, and there will be a raffle in aid of Trust Funds.



Cover of 'Ode to the Gowk' published by the Michael Bruce Trust in 2018

The Michael Bruce Trust exists to keep alive the memory of 'The Gentle Poet of Lochleven' which is achieved by maintaining the cottage museum in Kinnesswood and supporting local educational activities. The Trust recently published "Ode to the Gowk and other Bishopshire Lilts," a booklet and CD on sale in the Michael Bruce Cottage Museum and Kinross Museum at a price of £5.



**Milnathort Primary School Christmas Fair**

Sat 1 Dec 10am-12pm - Milnathort Primary School Hall

**Plus a Very Special Visitor...**

Activities include: Bauble Painting, Cake & Candy, Craft Gift Stalls, Pocket Money Stall, Fun Games, Tombola & Raffle, Kids Christmas Crafts, Waffles.

**Children Free, Adults £2 (inc tea/coffee)**



**Milnathort filmhouse**  
at Milnathort Town Hall

**Christmas Eve Family Film**  
with a 'Special Guest Appearance' and Raffle

TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT  
TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

**elf**

Monday 24th December at 3.00pm  
(Doors open at 2.30pm)

Tuck Shop Available with Festive Refreshments

Information and Online Booking  
[www.milnathortfilmhouse.com](http://www.milnathortfilmhouse.com)

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[subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org)



## KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**5 November 2018**  
**Men's Shed**  
**(Roy Gilmour)**

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



### Orwell, Portmoak and Glenfarg District Girl Guiding

Due to an increase in guide numbers and the new exciting programme recently rolled out, we are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to open a unit in Portmoak and a unit helper for our Milnathort unit.

There will be full support from our great team. If interested, please give Alison a buzz on 07764 750212.

### 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](http://www.thebikestation.org.uk)

The Perth Bike Station is an accredited Revolve organisation.

### 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 can arrange delivery of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: [CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk)



**SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER**  
**CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT!**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**  
**GUARANTEE YOUR SEATS BY**  
**BOOKING YOUR TICKETS ONLINE**

**8.00pm (Doors Open at 7.30pm)**



**Over 18s Only - BYOB**  
**Tuck Shop with Movie Snacks and Soft Drinks**

<b>Adult</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
<b>Concession</b>	<b>£4.00</b>

**Book Tickets Online or Pay at the Door**  
**Information and Online Booking**  
**[milnathortfilmhouse.com](http://milnathortfilmhouse.com)**

Follow Us On:  



## Befriending Kinross

**Are you new to the Area?**  
**Would you like someone to talk to?**  
**Someone to have a coffee with?**  
**Help to feel less socially isolated?**

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

[ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com](mailto:ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com)      t: 07747 018 550



## 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 is Monday 5 November 2018.**

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:  
[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund)

## Ceilidh Dancing

**Mondays:** From 2pm until 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.

**Monthly Sunday Ceilidhs:** These take place in Milnathort Town Hall, 2pm until 5pm with a break at 3pm for tea and biscuits. Cost: £5. There is no pressure to dance; what better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than hearing these top players? People wishing to learn dances could attend the Monday classes (see above). All money left over after paying the band and hall will go to charity. To make charity suggestions, contact Vi Todd, 01577 863244.

**25 Nov** Liam Stewart      **16 Dec** Ian McCallum

## Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2018-19

Term	Start (for pupils)	End
Winter	Mon 22 Oct 2018	Fri 21 Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 7 Jan 2019	Fri 29 Mar 2019
Summer	Mon 15 Apr 2019	Fri 28 Jun 2018

### Holidays and In-Service Days:

In-Service days:	Thu 15 Nov and Fri 16 Nov 2018
Christmas holiday:	Mon 24 Dec 2018 – Fri 4 Jan 2019
In-Service & occ holidays:	Wed 13 Feb – Fri 15 Feb 2019
Spring holiday:	Mon 1 Apr – Fri 12 Apr 2019
Easter w/e & In-Service day:	Fri 19 Apr – Tue 23 Apr 2019 (Easter Sunday is 21 April 2019)
May Day holiday:	Mon 6 May 2019

## 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.

## 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.





**Give a Greyhound a Home**  
[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://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**  
Tel: 01577 850393 (evenings)  
07826 244765 (daytime)  
Email: femiejimmyf@aol.com



## 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**  
**Co-operative, Kinross**



Open to clients:

**Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm**

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

Contact: Tel: 07518 913107

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:

**31 March and 30 September**

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](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Friday 16 November	Saturday 1 December





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**



## 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

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

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**Arngask Primary School  
Glenfarg Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 1 December**  
**Glenfarg Village Hall**  
**10am-1pm**

**Christmas Crafts  
Stalls  
Teas & Coffees  
All welcome**



## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

**13 & 27 November**

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

## 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

## Mindfulness Meditation Class

**Mondays and Fridays, 7pm-8pm**

**Wednesdays, 6pm-7pm**

Loch Leven Community Campus ICT Room

Participants can expect to do some gentle movement, mini sound workshop, relaxation, meditation, mp3 guided meditation, philosophy and reflection.

The sessions are run on a drop-in basis. Entry is by donation. Further information from Vincent Johnston at:

Vincent.johnston@icloud.com



## Community Councils

**Kinross:** Chair: Bill Freeman, 01577 865045  
Email: kinrosscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

**Milnathort:** Chair: Craig Williams, 07885 722125  
Email: craig@stovestuff.scot

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

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

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

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
Jonathan Bryson	4 Burnbank Meadows	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	01577 864037
Dave Cuthbert	85 Bowton Road	07799 750289
Barry Davies	60 Lathro Park	01577 865004
Bill Freeman (Chair)	64 Muirs	01577 865045
Ian Jack	Burnbrae Grange	01577 863980
Lynne McKay	5 Springfield Road	01577 531076
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	01577 864603
David West	30 Muirs	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
Andrew Muszynski		01592 840467

Have a look at our website: [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

### Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

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Applegarth, Sunnypark, Kinross, KY13 8BX

### Luke Graham MP Member of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire

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## Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

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### Mobile Library Service

#### Visiting on Tuesdays 6 & 20 November

Glenfarg	Main Street	1200-1300
Forgandenny	Rossie Place	1545-1615

#### Visiting on Wednesdays 14 & 28 November

Kinnesswood	Opposite shop	0930-1000
Portmoak	Hall	1005-1020
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1025-1050
Portmoak	Hall	1125-1140
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
Levenmouth Farm		1100-1120
Hatchbank Road	Gairneybank	1140-1200
Powmill	Mill Gardens	1320-1340
Cleish	Phone Box	1400-1415
Crook of Devon	Village Inn	1345-1430
Carnbo	Pitcairnie Lane	1440-1500
Causeway Court	Kinross	1515-1535
Whyte Court	Kinross	1540-1610

For more information, see: [www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries) and click on 'Services in the Community'

### Blythswood Care collection in Perth

The charity Blythswood Care uplifts donations of secondhand goods in Perth at **MacDiarmid Park**. There will be collections there on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.15pm: **6 November, 4 December.**

Blythswood Care welcomes undamaged and good quality donations of: clothes, footwear, books, toys, blankets, bric à brac, bicycles, soft furnishings (bedding, curtains etc), CDs, DVDs, mobile phones, tools and small items of furniture. All soft furnishings must have a fire label with BS code BS7177 attached. Regrettably Blythswood **cannot** accept electrical goods.



## Local Volunteer Opportunities

**Broke not Broken** is a voluntary organisation working for the prevention and relief of poverty by providing support and practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Please contact Claire Slight to find out how you can help: [clare.slight@brokennotbroken.org](mailto:clare.slight@brokennotbroken.org)

**Greyhound Rescue Fife** at Baltree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, needs volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at [www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)

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

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

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

**The Potager Garden** is a small community garden in Bowton Road in Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, and a main aim is to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or [amandajames1577@gmail.com](mailto:amandajames1577@gmail.com)

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

**Kinross (Marshall) Museum:** The Museum Trust is looking for volunteers to help care for Kinross-shire's heritage collections and man the Museum Study Room in the Loch Leven Community Campus on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would like to know more, drop by or contact the Museum on 01577 867153 or email: [information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk](mailto:information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk).

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

**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.

**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](mailto:davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk) or Bill Freeman, email [billywhizkid78@gmail.com](mailto:billywhizkid78@gmail.com) or contact 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-12.30pm. 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.

**Children's Hospices Across Scotland:** Can you spare a few hours of your time? We are looking to fill the following volunteer vacancies:

**Drivers, Complementary Therapists, Nursing Support, Housekeeping, Garden and Kitchen.**

Volunteering with CHAS is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and to make a huge difference to the lives of the families who use our services. For further information please visit our website [www.chas.org.uk](http://www.chas.org.uk).

**Seamab** is a residential school that cares for and educates some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland. We are looking for volunteers to help us place and manage collecting cans across Perth and Kinross. Volunteering for Seamab will help make a huge difference to the lives of the children at Seamab and will be a great way to meet new people and develop new skills. For more information please contact Melloney Flinn at [mflinn@seamab.org.uk](mailto:mflinn@seamab.org.uk) or call 01577 840307.

For more volunteering opportunities, go to the community website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) and look for 'Volunteering', or look at [www.vaperthshire.org](http://www.vaperthshire.org)

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

## Useful telephone numbers

### Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252
NHS 24	111
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111
Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

**Police, non-emergency** 101

**Police, Fire & Rescue, Ambulance & Coastguard emergencies** 999

**Gas** (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

**Water** (loss of supply, foul water emergency) 0845 600 8855

**Floods** SEPA Floodline recorded messages 0345 988 1188

### Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)

Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm)	01738 475000
Reporting non-emergency Road and Lighting faults (CLARENCE)	0800 232323

### PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

Adult care services	0345 301 11 20
Anti-social behaviour helpline (*42* telephone and leave a voicemail)	01738 476173*42*
Child protection	01738 476768
Council housing emergency repairs	01738 476000
Dangerous buildings	01738 476476
Environmental Health	01738 476476
Flooding	01738 476476
Homelessness	0800 917 0708
Mental health services	0345 301 11 20
Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

**Traveline Scotland** 0871 200 22 33

**Loch Leven Community Campus** 01577 867200

**Kinross High School** 01577 867100

## Weekly Programme

Monday	<b>Exercise Class 11.15am</b> <b>Scrabble, cards &amp; other Games 1.15pm</b> <b>Bingo 1.30pm</b> <b>"Stride for Life" Walking Group 2pm</b>
Tuesday	<b>Carpet Curling 11am</b> <b>Relaxation Class 1.15pm</b> <b>Games 1.15pm</b> <b>Singing group with Alex Cant 1.45pm</b>
Wednesday	<b>Morning Worship 10.45am</b> <b>Dominoes, Scrabble &amp; other Games 1.30pm</b> <b>Tai Chi 1.30pm (14th, 28th)</b> <b>Fantastic Fun Quiz 2pm</b>
Thursday	<b>Carpet Curling or Boccia 11am</b> <b>Crafts 1.30pm</b> <b>Film or music Afternoon 1.30pm</b> <b>Dominoes, Scrabble, cards 1.30pm</b> <b>Balance &amp; Strength Class 1.30pm</b>
Friday	<b>Balance &amp; Strength Class 11.15am</b> <b>Dominoes, Games or music 1.30pm</b> <b>Bingo 1.30pm</b>

**Coffee Bar open to all**

**8.30am - 4pm**

**Older Adults Lunches Daily**

Our activities are open to everyone.  
Please feel free to come in and have  
a great afternoon.



**01577 863869**

**kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk**

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



## Additional Events for November

<b>Hearing Loss Support and Advice</b>	<b>11am - 12pm</b>	Monday 5th
<b>Chiropody</b> (Tel 01577 863869 for an appointment)	<b>9.45am - 1pm</b>	Thursdays 1st, 22nd
<b>Library Trip</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	Thursday 29th

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm  
Saturday: 9am-5pm  
Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9am-1pm & 2pm-6pm  
Saturday: 9am-12.30

Tel: 862219

**Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is  
Asda, Dunfermline**



## REFRESH

*In association with Light & Life*

**Wednesday 14 November**

**7.30pm - 9pm**

Angel Cakes Tearoom, 157 High Street, Kinross

This will be the third in a series of events organised by the team who previously ran Healing Rooms in Milnathort. We are now working with "Light and Life" who have events throughout Scotland.

"Refresh" is an opportunity for you to relax in a friendly environment, enjoy Angela's delicious cakes, tea or coffee and also experience some relaxing therapies such as hand massage, encouraging words, healing prayer and prophetic art. There will also be uplifting live music to enjoy and opportunity, if you wish, to have a chat with some of our trained volunteers.

There is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be on sale.

## Dollar Museum

1 High Street, Dollar, KY14 7AY

Open from Easter to Christmas at the following times:

**Saturdays 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm**

**Sunday 2pm-4.30pm**

Free Entry

Access also possible by arrangement.

Email: [dollarmuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:dollarmuseum@btconnect.com)

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

Dollar Museum is a lively, award-winning visitor attraction. It is situated at the top of the Burnside, beside the Golf Club and at the entrance to the Mill Green and Dollar Glen. We have both parking and disabled access.

There are displays on the History of Dollar, Castle Campbell, the Devon Valley Railway, the Japanese Garden at Cowden and Prehistoric items excavated in the local area. New for 2018 are exhibitions on WW1 and the Bicentenary of Dollar Academy.



## Crafts for Christmas

The thriving Craft Group from Kinross Parish Church are holding a Coffee Morning and Craft Sale on **Saturday 10 November** in Kinross Church Centre from 10am until noon. This is the group's main annual event

and over the past few months members have been busy preparing a wide range of Christmas gifts for the sale. All proceeds go to Kinross Parish Church (SC 001255).



## 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.

**Eckman Log Splitter** **£10**  
Seller Details: Sandra Ralston 07774 181768  
mail@sandraralston.co.uk

**German made frame tent for two adults** **£75**  
Excellent condition. Outer tent 4m x 3m90, height 2m; inner tent 2m x 2m. Easily erected with spring-loaded metal poles. Instructions included. Packs into three bags, supplied. Various extras included. Collection or delivery up to 30 miles.  
Seller Details: Bill Cooper 01781 4707659  
bill\_cooper\_2000@yahoo.co.uk

**Double portable clothes rail** **£20 ono**  
Chrome and black. From Argos, only six weeks of use since new. No longer needed.  
Seller Details: Norman Sillett 01577 865799  
nordot123@btinternet.com

**Dog Crate** **£20**  
RAC metal fold flat dog crate suitable for puppy or small dog, L 24, D 17, H 19 inches. Comes with plastic tray. Nearly new.  
Seller Details: Bob McIntosh 07774 974776  
bobrmcintosh@gmail.com

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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 full details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

### Taxi Driver, A2B Taxis, Kinross

Required for holiday/sickness cover for council contracts, also one shift per week. Would suit active retired person. Contact Bruce on 07743 332237 or email a2bkinross@hotmail.com.

### Restaurant Manager, The Courthouse, Kinross

If you are a dynamic and engaging individual with hospitality and/or management experience who is looking for a new challenge, or a graduate not sure where you are headed, we have a great opportunity in a fantastic business! You'll be passionate with a strong determination to drive the business forward and take our independent neighbourhood restaurant, and your career, to the next level.

We offer a competitive salary and the assurance that we will always strive to ensure you are supported and have the opportunity to develop your career and skills.

Email your CV and covering letter to jobs@courthousekinross.com.

### Chef De Partie, The Courthouse, Kinross

Exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and experienced (at least 3 years) Chef de Partie looking for a great career! We are a busy eatery with a fabulous atmosphere and a focus on fresh, seasonal dishes. You will be working with a great team in our independent neighbourhood restaurant under the supervision of our highly experienced Head Chef.

You will be a dynamic person keen to develop your skills and work hard. You will have a real passion for food and be able to support the senior chefs in the daily running of a busy kitchen. You will be driven and full of energy to see your team succeed.

We offer an attractive salary dependent on your skills and experience and the chance to be part of a tight team.

To apply, send your CV and covering letter explaining why we should choose you to jobs@courthousekinross.com.

### Vacancy on Kinross Community Council

This rare opportunity is open to any resident of Kinross over the age of sixteen. The Community Council meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm, where they discuss issues pertaining to Kinross. Many important issues come before the Community Council, including planning applications and proposals to develop the town. Community Councillors sit with the elected Perth and Kinross Councillors and can raise issues affecting the community directly with them. If you are interested in applying, please go to the Council website at: [www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils), download and complete the co-option nomination form and send it to: Community Council Team, Perth and Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH.

### Receptionist, Loch Leven Health Centre, Kinross

We are looking for a temporary member of staff to join our Reception team. This full time post is required to cover maternity leave. Hours are 37.5 per week Monday to Friday and a split shift is required to provide cover in the early morning and late afternoon. Secretarial skills would be an advantage. Further information and an application form can be downloaded online at [www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk), or contact Reception on 01577 882112. Closing Date is Monday 12 November.

## Wanted

Retired gent (76 years) seeks cottage for immediate rent in Perth and Kinross area. Guaranteed good tenant, local references, have car and bike and no pets. Gardener, DIY, chef, mechanic, writer, careful and friendly! Please call Andy on 0782 167 6800.

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Sat	27	Milnathort Filmhouse: The Lego Ninjago Movie & The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society	
Sun	28	<b>British Summer Time ends:</b> clocks go back one hour at 2am	
Tue	30	Afternoon Tea for Macmillan Cancer Support, Masonic Hall	94
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Fri	30	Robin Stevens, author talk, library	57
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Sat	1	Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre "Jack and Billy" at library	50
Thu	6	The Thursday Group: Christmas Meal Outing	94
Sat	8	"A Trip Back in Time: Mary Queen of Scots" by David Munro at RSPB Loch Leven	81
Sat	8	Portmoak Film Society shows "The Breadwinner" and "Mountain"	
Sat	8	Milnathort Filmhouse: The Greatest Showman	97