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# Letters

## Editorial

Kinross-shire is a vibrant society, with many community groups, sports clubs and other organisations. There is no better time to appreciate this than at the Better Place to Live Fair, which takes place on Saturday 3 March at the Community Campus. If you are new to Kinross-shire, or looking for a new activity, this is an ideal opportunity to find out what's on offer. (See page 8).

This issue of the Newsletter also illustrates how active the Kinross-shire community is, with reports of three new projects: a campaign to start up a local radio station, the launch of the University of the Third Age locally and the introduction of the Cycling Without Age initiative to the county.

The Newsletter will have a stand at the Better Place to Live Fair; come and say hello!

We have made further changes to the Newsletter this month, with more colour. If your community group has a colour logo and we're still using a black & white one, please send us a colour version. Thank you.

This month we welcome David Anderson to the Newsletter Team as our new Distribution Manager. David will soon be getting to know the shopkeepers at the various outlets around the county that stock the Newsletter.

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Cllr: Councillor

CC: Community Council

CCllr: Community Councillor

### About the Kinross Newsletter

The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for over 40 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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## Demand Responsive Transport

As a disabled pensioner who no longer drives, I was perplexed by the implied criticism of the Demand Responsive Transport service in the Fossoway and District CC (December meeting) reports included in your February Newsletter.

Without this invaluable service I would be denied my last bit of independence.

I have found the service providers to be helpful, accommodating and pleasant. I know I am not alone in appreciating their thoughtfulness and would be devastated if any added bureaucracy caused the service to be terminated.

Alison Hollis

Muckhart

(Full address supplied)

## A Settlement Losing Its Identity and Purpose

Having recently watched the box set of the epic mini-series 'Centennial', which chronicles the settlement and development of a small town in the American High Plains through the ages, I was struck by the parallels with some of the changes now taking place in our town.

When more settlers are encouraged to come to our small settlement by the great powers in the nearby city, the Local Development Treaty should govern their numbers, but this is easily by-passed by eager developers from outside the area with the connivance of the great powers, who encourage a greater influx than the Development Treaty allows.

Seizing this opportunity, the developers devise speculative new schemes to build more homes on greenfield land around the town and change the character of the traditional settlement with their many colourful new buildings.

The great powers in the nearby city, who are slow and have become comfortable in their ways, are no match for the sharp developers and welcome their schemes with new planning treaties, and promises of great bounty for all.

Meanwhile the wily developers hand out festive baubles to gain the trust of the unsuspecting local inhabitants.

All does not go well, however, as fine ancient trees are cut down and farmland disappears under the new buildings on the edge of the town. Rain washes the soil from the ravaged farmland on to the Milnathort trail and seasoned homesteaders watch for the floods that often affect this area.

Meanwhile, in the town, residents and local leaders loudly wail about the tricks played by the developers and whispers are heard about the forked tongues of the great leaders in the nearby city, who fail to enforce the terms of their planning treaties.

Brightly coloured new dwellings multiply on the old mission school land, while the traditional school building, which was loved by many, is allowed to fall into ruin.

Elders are confused by the loss of their sidewalks and startled horseless carriage drivers collide with the new ornamental pillars on the main street. Some traders who fear for their livelihood pack up and leave, while others shake their heads, wring their hands, and still hope for the promised bounty.

To be continued in the next episode.

Ken Whitcombe

Lathro Park, Kinross

## Kinross Rail Link

In November's Newsletter, Cllr Watters expressed pessimism about the possibility of a new train service direct from Perth to Edinburgh, passing through Kinross. He also claimed that the new UK funding had been reduced by £600m over the previous settlement. I replied in December Newsletter, explaining that the funding had in fact increased by £600m over the previous settlement. Now in February, your reader Susan Forde says my assertion is incorrect and makes other observations about the rail funding issue.

Firstly, I would confirm that the new funding as announced by the UK Government on 13 October 2017 is in fact £3.6 billion for the next funding period, which runs from 2019-20. The new funding figure is in fact a £600m increase on what was provided in the previous period. These figures are published and acknowledged by the Scottish Government and are not in dispute.

So why did Councillor Watters (and Ms Forde) argue that the funding had been reduced? The reason is that he was basing his comment on the fact that Mr Humza Yousaf, Scottish Government Transport Minister, does not wish the traditional Barnett formula to apply to this particular funding and wishes to use a different formula. This, of course, is an entirely reasonable argument to make, but it is disingenuous to compare the actual funding of £3.6 billion with his inspirational target funding of £4.2 billion, and declare that this is a reduction!

In addition, I suggest it would be foolish of Mr Yousaf to try to discredit Barnett calculations when it suits his argument, as this could be used against him (and Scotland) in other discussions. To remind readers, Scotland generates income of £54 billion per year, but has expenditure of £69 billion per year. The balance of £15 billion is made up by Barnett funding, sometimes known as "English taxpayers".

Ms Forde then goes on to make some further points.

She says that the settlement covers funding in addition to the block Grant for maintenance but the increase does not cover the expansion of the network, more re-openings, nor modernisation. This is incorrect. The funding of £3.6 billion is made up of £1.9b for required renewal activity and £1.7b for development issues. Obviously, it doesn't cover all of the other points she mentions because they would attract separate funding on a business case basis, similar to the process with the new Borders railway. So the amount that the Scottish Government can spend on the rail network is not entirely reliant on the Network Rail financial settlement.

Then she states that Scotland is obliged to contribute to a share of the Crossrail scheme in London. This is incorrect. No charge against Scotland is made in GERS (Government Expenditure & Revenue Scotland) for this development. In fact, the opposite is true and Scotland benefits from Barnett consequential money from this UK expenditure.

Finally, Ms Forde claims that Scotland contributes to the HS2 rail project in England. This is partially correct. Scotland's share is estimated as 2% of the cost, reflecting the expected economic benefit of the project to Scotland. This equals £7m in 2015-16, a very small part of Scottish Government expenditure. Once again, this UK spending will bring more money to Scotland as a result of Barnett consequentials.

On a separate note, I am pleased to see that Liz Smith MSP and Councillor Callum Purves do not share Councillor Watter's pessimism regarding a Kinross rail link and are pressing the Scottish Government for a feasibility study. I think we should all support their efforts.

Alan Thomson

Easter Dunochil, High Street, Kinross

## Congratulations



Both families are so delighted to announce the safe arrival of our precious, gorgeous baby, **RUBY HANNA WATSON**, on 8 January 2018! First baby for Ashleigh Louise Hanna Watson and Craig Munro Watson. Second great-grandchild for Jean and Tom Webster.

## Thanks



**MILNATHORT TOWN HALL COMMITTEE** would like to thank all who attended their fundraising Burns Supper. It was a fantastic evening. We are very grateful that we managed to raise £1300, primarily due to the generosity of Anne and Joe Giacomazzi, who gave of their time and talent to produce an excellent meal. We are also very grateful to a group of girls from Kinross High School who served the meal. They are raising funds for their World Challenge this Summer, so we were able to give them something towards this. Also to Gregor Senior, also doing World Challenge, who came and played violin. Thank you to our very own Kathleen Murray for her excellent piping skills and for getting Gregor to play for us. The speakers on the evening were also fantastic; Alex Cant addressed the haggis superbly, Joe Giacomazzi with his interesting Immortal Memory, Dr McCracken and his wife Janieanne for their very entertaining Address and Reply to the Lasses and Jeannie Paterson for her renditions of To a Mouse and a poem from one of our local bards, Jim Douglas. Grateful thanks also to Loch Leven Brewery for selling us some of their produce, two pale ales, which went down a treat and for being so supportive and helpful.

My personal thanks to all those who helped organise and set up the evening, particularly Susan Britton who put a tremendous amount of work into organising the evening, Jess McHardy for her washing up prowess and bar skills and George Cobb for his excellent bar skills and clearing up talents.

*R Tolson, Chair*

The **OUR PORTMOAK TEAM** (David Munro, Wendy MacPhedran, Nicola Carmichael and Oliver O'Grady) would like to thank all the volunteers and participants who joined in with such enthusiasm and curiosity in our activities and events. Thanks also to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland for funding the project.

The Our Portmoak project is now officially at a close but news of our exciting finds from the community archaeology at Dunmore hill fort, Kilmagad Wood and Portmoak Old Chapel will be published in the April issue of the Newsletter.

See the Kinross Museum website ([www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk](http://www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk)) for more information or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



*Digging an archaeological trench at Portmoak Primary School*



## Radio station for Kinross-shire

**Kinross-shire FM**

### Project to establish Kinross-shire FM is launched

An exciting new project is underway in the area. The goal? To provide Kinross-shire with its own full-time FM radio station. The project is headed up by Samuel Dick, a local musician who, in his travels, has dabbled in radio and realised the potential gains that a radio station can bring a community. Sam explains: "I couple of years ago I was invited on BBC Radio 1's Surgery (an advice programme for teenagers) to discuss the pros and cons of working in the creative industry. A terrifying experience!



Local musician Samuel Dick

"After the show was broadcast, I received many messages thanking me for my advice. It was a great feeling to have helped so many people, something I couldn't have done if it wasn't for the airwaves.

"It was then that I really understood how important radio was – not just for entertainment but as an outlet for opinions and ideas.

"I saw first-hand just how powerful radio can be, how it can enrich everyone's lives.

"It was then that I realised the potential of Kinross-shire having its very own radio station."

### What is a community radio station?

Under OFCOM guidelines, a community radio station must:

- Provide social gain to volunteers and the wider community
- Offer training and work experience opportunities
- Be run as a non-profit venture

### The first broadcast:

The path to a full-time community radio licence is one full of challenges. The first big milestone will be the first RSL (Restricted Service Licence) broadcast.

This broadcast will last approximately one week, with the aim of ensuring equipment and personnel are ready for the challenges of broadcasting 24/7. It also serves as a test, showing OFCOM that Kinross-shire FM can be trusted with the power!

The target is for the first RSL broadcast to have been successfully completed before summer 2018. Then (after everyone has caught up on sleep!), the fight is on for Kinross-shire FM to be granted a full-time radio licence from OFCOM.

### Kinross-shire FM is your station:

#### We need volunteers!

If you are an individual or group interested in any aspect of the project, get in touch!

All ages, all interests: anybody and everybody.

Always wanted to host a radio show showcasing your love of funk? Want to gain training and work experience with in the radio industry? Want to enrich your local community?

#### Now's your chance!

#### Funding

Community radio stations don't run on thin air. They run on people power and money.



Under OFCOM rules, community radio stations **must** generate equal to or more than 50% of its income from funding grants and donations. All donations to the project will be gratefully received.

You can donate to the project via the Kinross-shire FM crowdfunding page at:

[www.crowdfunder.co.uk/kinross-shire-fm](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/kinross-shire-fm)

Aside from investing in your community, you can also receive fantastic rewards for your donations!

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#### For more information:

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## Councillor Purves

### Millbridge Car Park

I have written on a number of occasions about the concerns people have raised to me regarding the lack of parking in Kinross town centre. I previously mentioned that the Council had been looking for a site on which to locate an additional car park in Kinross but unfortunately they have been unable to secure one. My ward councillor colleagues and I have therefore asked the roads team to look at the possibility of expanding the car park beside the Millbridge Hall. A draft design indicated that this could add seven additional spaces here, which would be a 25% increase on the current number. At a recent meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, the Council agreed to reallocate £30,000 of funds to this project. I shall keep readers updated on its progress.



### RSPB Loch Leven Underpass

For several months my fellow ward councillors and I have been putting forward the case that the Council should be supporting a new underpass under the B9097. This would ensure that visitors in wheelchairs or mobility scooters would be able to move between the RSPB Loch Leven Nature Reserve and the Loch Leven Heritage Trail without having to drive to another car park. The RSPB have already secured funding from other organisations such as Sustrans. I was therefore delighted that at the same meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee mentioned above, the Council agreed to make a contribution of £150,000 towards this project, which will now allow this project to go ahead. *[See also page 86.]*

### Portmoak Primary School

Along with the Convener of the Lifelong Learning Committee, Councillor Caroline Shiers, I recently visited Portmoak Primary School for a public meeting on their report by HMI Education Scotland. The report highlighted that: children in the school were confident and articulate; they are enthusiastic and motivated about their learning; there are very strong partnerships with parents, partners and the wider community; there is excellent provision for children's health and wellbeing; and the dynamic leadership of the headteacher has a very positive impact on the school. Portmoak is the first school in Perth & Kinross to have received a rating of excellent in one of the key evaluation areas under the new reporting system. Moreover, it received not one but two excellent for 'Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion' and for 'Leadership of Change'. This fantastic report is a testament to the hard work of the headteacher, teachers, pupils and parents who have made this school such a success.

### Budget

By the time this edition of the Newsletter is published, the Council will have debated and agreed its budget for the forthcoming financial year. I shall provide a full update in the next edition on the detail of the budget.

**Councillor Callum Purves**  
**Scottish Conservative & Unionist**

## Councillor Robertson

### Important Buildings

There appears to be a growing trend where developers gain planning consent for a site containing an important building, perhaps a Listed building or key building in a Conservation Area, then demolish everything on the site leaving only the important building. This has happened at the old Kinross High School site where Persimmon Homes wasted no time demolishing all the buildings on the site leaving only the Edwardian frontage. However, instead of immediately starting work on this section of the site it has been left as a shell, putting it at risk. The Council have now taken action to try and force the developer to start work on the Edwardian section.



Likewise in Kinnesswood at the Lomond Hotel site. Local people rightly wanted the original hotel building retained and this was agreed as part of the planning consent. However, all the other buildings were quickly demolished leaving the very forlorn and run down hotel building standing. This not only creates an eyesore in the village, but also puts the building in danger. When it comes to sites like these, I think developers should not be allowed to clear sites without plans in place and a building timetable, which can be enforced, to protect important structures which form part of the site.

### Green Routes

PKC has now formally agreed to proceed with making the two roads linking Milnathort and Glenfarg through Middleton and Netherton respectively into Green Routes (walking and cycling friendly roads). This will reduce speed limits on the roads to 40mph. The speed limit at Middleton, Netherton, Drunzie and Duncricvie will be reduced to 30mph. I have asked for the roads east of Glenfarg (the Balcanquhal loop) and the roads through Tillywhally to Tillyrie to be considered in future expansions of Green Routes.

### Double Yellow Lines

There have been a number of requests for double yellow lines (entrance to Gallowhill Road and two sites on the High Street). These are due to be progressed this year.

### Gallowhill Road Crossing

The crossing point at the bend in Gallowhill Road is not safe because of the poor sight lines. Plans have now been drawn up to improve this situation. The railings on the south side of the road will be taken away and replaced and the crossing point is being moved to a point where pedestrians can see approaching vehicles. This should happen this Spring.

### Fly Tipping

There have been a number of instances recently of fly tipping throughout Kinross-shire. Please watch out for suspicious vehicles such as flat bed trucks carrying waste materials in rural areas and note their registration numbers. This will help the Police trace those responsible for this costly and anti-social activity.

### Connecting Communities

There are quite a few parts of Kinross-shire where there are missing sections of pavement linking settlements to the nearest bus stop, for example; places like Gairneybank and Gairneybridge on the B996. There is currently no Council budget for such works. As part of the budget process for 2018/19 I have requested a fund be established to allow pavements to be built in such places.

**Councillor Willie Robertson**

**Deadline for all Submissions**  
**5pm, Friday 16 March**  
**for publication on Saturday 31 March**

# Better Place to Live Fair 2018

Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

Saturday 3 March, 10am – 2pm

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**There is something for everyone.**

From useful information to fun activities, this is your chance to meet over 60 local clubs, groups and local businesses and the different services available to you.

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## Kinross-shire Decides!

Come and support the community groups that have applied for Kinross-shire Decides. They will have information stalls to showcase what they do.

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## Councillor Watters

### Traffic in Kinross & Milnathort

Some of you have expressed concern about the potential disruption from the increase in traffic due to the new houses being built in Kinross and Milnathort. In response to these concerns and at the request of the local Community Councils, I arranged for Community Councillors and a local resident with road-engineering expertise to get a demonstration of the council's new computer-based Traffic Model. This model allows road engineers to analyse the current flow of traffic throughout the area and to predict what the future traffic flow will be. The model highlights problem areas so that remedies can be put in place to minimise the disruption before it happens.

The demonstration began by showing the current flow of traffic, looking at known hot spots including:

- Roundabout at centre of Milnathort
- Junction on the Muirs at the High School
- Junction between The Muirs and Springfield Road
- Roundabouts and Junctions next to Sainsbury's
- High Street in Kinross.

The model quantified what most drivers already know: traffic at these junctions and roads can get pretty busy at certain times of the day.

Next, the demonstration showed us the projected increase in traffic five years from now. This showed a clear increase in traffic at all the above mentioned hot spots, the most noticeable being at the High School junction immediately before and after the school day.

We were also able to compare the traffic flow if there were slip roads onto the M90 at the south side of junction 7, Milnathort. This showed that the benefits were relatively minimal given the costs involved in upgrading the junction. The more beneficial and cost-effective way to minimise future disruption will be to investigate the problem areas mentioned above and to implement road design changes or other measures that will minimise the impact of the extra traffic. Council Roads and Planning officers are currently looking at the costs for running this analysis within the Traffic Model. If there is enough money within this year's budget, they will progress with this.

This approach would put the priority on design changes first and then new

slip roads at Junction 7 when the funds become available.

At the time of going to print, Council Officers have confirmed they will run the analysis within the Traffic Model and investigate if any road design changes will improve the traffic flow at the above mentioned junctions. If you would like any more information on this, please get in touch with me.



### Tourism at Loch Leven

'Mary Queen of Scots' is an upcoming film starring Margot Robbie, Saoirse Ronan, Joe Alwyn, and David Tennant. 'Outlander' and other historical films have led to a significant increase in visitors at the historical sites highlighted in the films. It is important that Kinross-shire is ready to make the most of the increase in tourism that will be generated by renewed interest in Mary, Queen of Scots.

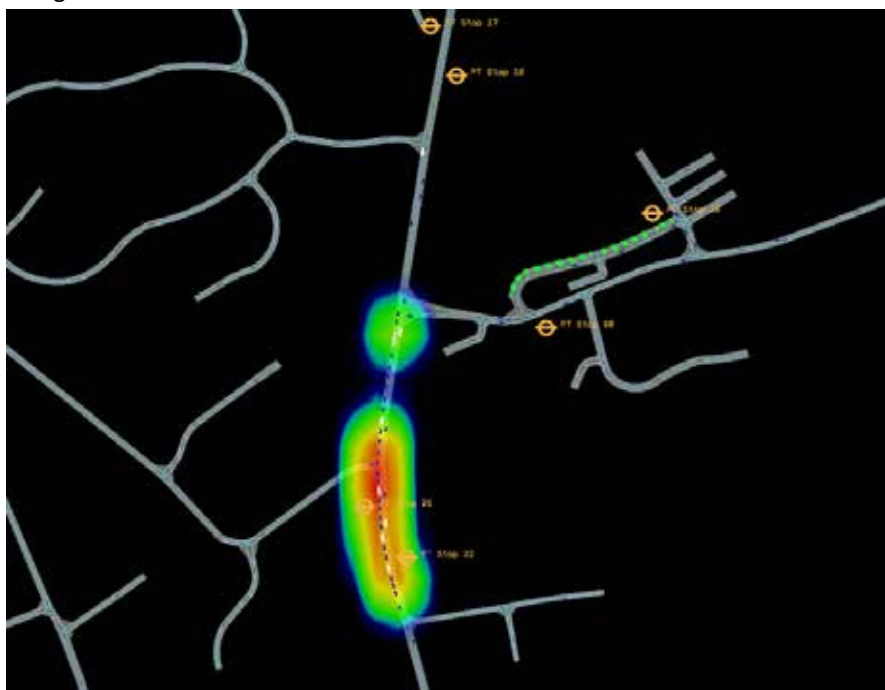
Loch Leven Castle is already a major draw for the area, and Historic Scotland (who manage the castle) have now committed to a significant investment in the Loch Leven Castle site, including the purchase of two new boats to ferry visitors out to the castle. I am working with Council Officers in charge of tourism on ways to enhance any potential tourist windfall generated by the film.

### Community Hub

I was glad to assist at two recent meetings aimed at setting up a Community Hub in Kinross. This Hub will provide a base where various third-sector organisations can locate themselves within a single building in Kinross. I am inspired by the commitment of the professionals and volunteers working to set up this project which will provide a valuable resource for many people in the community, including those in greatest need of help in these difficult times.

I can be contacted on 07557 812513 or email me on [RWatters@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:RWatters@pkc.gov.uk).

**Councillor Richard Watters**



*This image of the junction on The Muirs at the High School shows the predicted traffic at 8.45am on a school day in 2024. Vehicles are shown individually and delay times are shown by the coloured areas, with red being the longest delay*

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## Cycling Without Age comes to Kinross-shire

by Gregory Welsh, Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub

Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub is on a mission to end loneliness for older people in Kinross-shire. In partnership with Cycling Without Age Scotland, we have developed a project to bring trishaws to the area to enable people that are older or no longer able to ride a bike for themselves to 'feel the wind in their hair' and enjoy social and inter-generational connections.

We are looking to raise £2500 to help fund the purchase of a trishaw. These specially adapted bikes will make a massive difference to an older person's life.



People who can no longer ride a bike love to experience the outdoors through the Cycling Without Age project



The trishaw bikes have electrical power assist

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Our volunteer pilots will take local people and care home residents out on free trishaw cycle rides. The bikes have electrical power assist, so there is no need to be super-sporty or fit to be a volunteer pilot.

If you would like to become a pilot or make a donation, please contact Kirsteen Ross at [KRoss@liveactive.co.uk](mailto:KRoss@liveactive.co.uk) or Gregory Welsh at [GWelsh@liveactive.co.uk](mailto:GWelsh@liveactive.co.uk)

## Green Park play area upgrade – ideas and opinions wanted

Perth & Kinross Council is planning to upgrade the play area at Green Park in Kinross and would like to hear the views of local residents.

An electronic survey form has been set up and can be found at: [www.pkc.gov.uk/playareaimprovements](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/playareaimprovements)

PKC staff say: "Parents and adults are welcome to submit views but we would be grateful if you could also help your child complete a survey too. May we ask when helping your child, please allow them to give their own thoughts, preferences and use their imagination."

The survey closes on **Saturday 31 March 2018**.

After the results are collated, PKC Landscape Architects will draw up some initial designs which will then go out for further consultation.



Green Park play area - what would you change?

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## Temporary closure of part of Loch Leven Heritage Trail – Mary's Knowe

Scottish Natural Heritage will temporarily close part of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail for up to five days in the week beginning Monday 12 March 2018.

Every effort will be undertaken to minimise disturbance to path users and the works will not affect the weekend opening of the trail.

This temporary closure is essential for Public Health & Safety reasons while forestry harvesting work is undertaken.

Extraction will be ongoing after the path has reopened so, if requested, please follow any instructions from the onsite banksman. Scottish Natural Heritage's aim in undertaking the work is to remove all of the older, often wind damaged spruce trees in the plantation and to replace them with native species, thus improving the habitat and increasing biodiversity. The replanting will be done this spring with a mix of species. Existing Scots pine and native broadleaves will not be felled.

A diversion is in place along the 'town loop' which passes from Kirkgate Park along the High Street and rejoins via Sunny Park, behind the health centre.

Neil Mitchell  
Reserve Manager  
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*See also the diversion map at right.*

Loch Leven Heritage Trail Temporary Path Closure



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## Luke Graham MP for Ochil and South Perthshire Passing of Perth & Kinross Leader



I would like to start by expressing my sorrow on hearing of the passing of Councillor Ian Campbell, the leader of Perth & Kinross Council. Ian was an excellent Council leader, who worked tirelessly for his ward and for Perth & Kinross. Ian's knowledge, passion and humour will be missed by all. My thoughts are with his family.

### Royal Bank of Scotland

As many of you will know, I have been spearheading the campaign to keep the RBS branches in Kinross, Alloa and Comrie open. Since hearing about the proposed closure I have:

- Raised the issue in Parliament, both in debates and through ministerial questions
- Taken the issue directly to the Treasury Minister to call on the Government to object to RBS' callous treatment of its customers
- Written to the Lending Standards Board to ask them to review RBS' conduct
- Worked with colleagues on the Scottish Affairs Committee to hold RBS to account through public hearings
- Launched a petition to collect signatures from customers across Ochil & South Perthshire.

To date, our petition has received hundreds of signatures, which have helped raise the profile of branch closures across the constituency. It is encouraging to see local action combined with pressure from Westminster has helped changed the mind of a large multinational company, and it has undoubtedly helped secure the partial reversal announced by RBS last week. [Early February.]

However, RBS' half-hearted announcement still does not go far enough. I will therefore be indefinitely leaving the petition open for further signatures, so we can keep up the

pressure on RBS and ensure Kinross, Comrie and Alloa are not forgotten.

The petition can be signed on my website [www.lukegraham.org.uk](http://www.lukegraham.org.uk) under campaigns.

### Visit by Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

On 3 February I welcomed Michael Gove to the constituency, to meet local businesses and attend a roundtable meeting with local farmers. The Secretary of State discussed the availability of agricultural labour and the new policy frameworks that will shape environmental and rural policy post-Brexit.

### Budget

The other key issue impacting our community is that of the Council budget. Despite receiving a real term increase in the block grant from Westminster, including £35m per annum more for Police & Fire Scotland, Holyrood is still passing cuts on to local councils - Perth & Kinross Council is no different. Devolution is supposed to bring powers as close to local communities as possible. However, instead of centralising powers and funding at Holyrood, meaning we continue to see frontline services suffer as a result, we need to return to those principles of devolution to make it work better for everyone.

### Planning

Following representations from Perth & Kinross Council, MSPs and myself, the Westfield development in Fife is now under review. I will continue to track progress and keep residents updated. In addition, I have received a number of local enquiries about developments across Kinross-shire that I am following up with Perth & Kinross Council.

### Contact

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

## 2009 Colts raising funds for good causes

The 2009 Kinross Colts football team recently raised £2376 through a series of individual sponsored challenges. These included hill climbs, being gunged, being silent, washing cars, swimming, cycling around Loch Leven and so on.

Thanks to their efforts they have been able to provide the community of Milnathort with a new defibrillator. The team donated £1300 to the town to fund the purchase of this potentially life-saving equipment.

Local garage Stewart and Smart in Milnathort agreed to host the device outside their premises and the defibrillator has now been installed thanks to local electrician Adam Neilson, and is available for the community to use.

The 2009 Kinross Colts are a community football team who, in addition to the defibrillator, have donated money to Alzheimer's Scotland and made numerous donations to 'Broke not Broken'.

The 2009 team is made up of 30 kids from Milnathort, Kinross, Crook of Devon, Scotlandwell and Glenfarg and details can be found on their Facebook page.



Some of the 2009 Colts at the defibrillator in Milnathort



## Councillor Barnacle

*Abridged copy of Cllr Barnacle's submission dated 2/2/18 to PKC regarding LDP2.*



### Proposed Local Development Plan 2 INFRASTRUCTURE

It is disappointing that a Kinross-shire section of the Plan in terms of Spatial Strategy has been dropped and settlements for the whole authority area listed alphabetically. Where is the accompanying infrastructure report for the shire we were promised, I note only reference to a Kinross and Milnathort study!

Would the Plan support identified parking areas within settlements during its lifetime?

Why is the supermarket site and neighbouring Park & Ride not identified in the Kinross settlement?

I lament the complete lack of reference to the need for mitigation measures for the Route Action Plans for the A977, A911 and B9097.

There is no reference to the lack of a rail service in Kinross-shire, despite administration support.

### POLICIES

**Placemaking:** Whilst welcoming a capacity range to address previous concerns, I suspect it will be far too generous to the development sector.

**Settlement Boundaries:** I regard the potential for exceptions on development as generous and open to breaches thereof; I feel they should be restricted to illustrations of community benefit.

**Residential Amenity:** The policy mentions improving that of existing residents and I feel this should be accorded more importance. Could we consider the creation of significant buffer zones between developments. Could we also enhance the policy to give communities more time to protect 'assets of community value', such as garages and hotels, giving more time for alternative proposals.

**Housing in the Countryside:** I maintain that planning at PKC don't recognise the extent of windfall development in Kinross-shire, serving the Edinburgh market.

**Affordable Housing:** LDP2 should recognise the need for appropriate provision in the rural villages, rather than just the tiered settlement development approach of Tayplan.

**Traveller Sites:** I believe this policy is far too 'open door' and open to breaches thereof. I refer you to my comments later regarding the Crook Moss and Greenacres sites!

**Conservation Areas:** There is no mention of exploring new possibilities, contrary to national policy.

**Spatial Framework for Wind Energy and Landscape:** Policy 31 D and 37 should refer also to Local Landscape Area designations and their need for protection from inappropriate development. There is an urgent need to review the exclusion of the Cleish Hills and Devon Gorge from such designation following a deeply flawed consultant's exercise.

**Trees, Woodland and Development:** Experience of inappropriate felling by developers suggests that tree protection is not strong enough and that TPOs alone (not mentioned here) are insufficient to safeguard important groups of trees - a major omission in 'Big Tree County'. I would like to see much greater attention at planning committees to the representations from our biodiversity and tree officers!

**Loch Leven Catchment:** This policy fails to mention the 'protocol' between SEPA, SNH and PKC. There is an urgent

need for review of this in relation to its total lack of effectiveness when dealing with the increasing number of retrospective applications.

**Finally:** A number of policies allow for survey/reports to be commissioned by applicants, rather than chosen by PKC and the applicant billed. In areas such as airfield safeguarding, buildings retention, habitat, trees and transport it often produces a report open to challenge because it is not 'independent'.

### SITE ZONINGS

**Balado:** I support the revised settlement boundary here.

**Cleish & Blairadam:** I am content with the settlement boundaries. However, Greenacres traveller site has expanded way beyond the planning department's potential, stated in May 2006 and I still have concerns that the current boundary will be breached, particularly on the north west.

**Fossoway:** Final development proposals should be seen in the context of work by the Fossoway Community Strategy Group.

**Blairingone:** I support MU74 and E22.

**Carnbo:** I support the settlement boundary but feel there should be no more housing development until mains drainage is available.

**Crook of Devon and Drum:** I am in support of the settlement boundary here and the inclusion of the mixed use site MU266. PKC had discredited the work of their landscape consultant by repeatedly ignoring his assessment of the Crook Moss area as being not appropriate for development, mainly through drainage constraints, when sanctioning development of the neighbouring Crook Moss gypsy/traveller site against the wishes of the local community and members. Residents of the Crook Moss site have been there since March 2012 and as far as I'm aware are still in breach of conditions on drainage and water supply, also landscaping. The site is an eyesore, with a lack of enforcement obvious nearly 6 years later; it is undoubtedly the worst planning decision I have encountered in nearly 20 years as a local councillor. We also know from Scottish Water that both Crook of Devon & Drum WWTP's are at or near capacity and require upgrades; the development of MU266 can be 'a growth project' to fund such upgrades.

**Powmill:** I have noted concerns about the range of housing presented for H53 and suggest it is on the high side. There is no requirement for A977 mitigation measures to be addressed through contributions, which I suggest is an oversight.

**Rumbling Bridge:** I support E24 and the amendment to the settlement boundary to include open space on the former area of village setting to the north.

**Glenfarg:** Would the settlement boundary prohibit an Employment site?

**Kinross and Milnathort:** I have concerns about the current level of housing growth here, in particular the apparent disregard of planning conditions on the Kinross High School and Lathro Farm sites. Is a community masterplan approach facilitated by LDP2? H49 Pacehill site in Milnathort: I understood this site has already received planning permission, against my wishes, for I believe it is over-development.

**Portmoak:** I am content with the settlement boundaries in this CC area, however I would like to see a successful outcome to the CC's dialogue with the landowner, in order that Stephen's field can be acquired for community use.

**Councillor Mike Barnacle**



## Report on the Lathro Farm Development by the Lathro Action Group

Much of the recent attention on the new housing developments in Kinross has focussed on the controversy regarding the lack of progress on the renovation and conversion of the Edwardian building facing the High Street on the town's former High School site. However, there are also concerns regarding the same developer's progress on the Lathro Farm greenfield site at the northern end of the town.

Persimmon's Lathro Meadows development did not get off to the ideal start last year when their contractors began groundworks on the farmland in mid-March before the council had confirmed approval for the development.

Further controversy then arose when the council issued formal planning approval before the detailed environmental monitoring surveys that EC and UK Law and the Scottish Government's own official planning guidelines (SPP) specify should be completed '**prior to the determination of the planning application.**'

This, despite written requests from Kinross CC and other interested parties that a number of issues should be further examined and clarified before Persimmon were allowed to develop the site.

PKC's planning officers paid scant regard to their concerns however, and some of the assurances detailed in the Development Quality Manager's recommendation to committee to approve the development were also conspicuously absent from the conditions attached to the planning approval document the council issued to Persimmon, provoking more debate.

There are now a number of areas of concern around this development; some due to the council's failure to follow statutory procedures and sound recommendations, and others due to the questionable activities of the developer. The most important of these are numbered on this aerial photograph taken on 26 January, and explained in more detail on the following page.



Photograph by Ken Whitcombe, Aerial Photography Solutions

## Report on the Lathro Farm Development by the Lathro Action Group

### 1. Lack of Required Environmental Surveys

EC Directive EC92/43, more commonly known as the Habitats Directive, clearly states that when the presence of any European Protected Species (EPS) such as bats or otters is suspected on a site, detailed surveys must be carried out to ascertain whether *'an EPS is present, or what the effects might be of such a species being present'* **before** planning permission can be granted.

This policy is also confirmed in the Scottish Government's SPP 214 and in a special bulletin sent to all Heads of Planning Authorities, emphasising that case law had reinforced the message that the EC was willing to take court action against member states when this process was not followed. Yet the council ignored the above by granting planning permission before the required surveys had been carried out.

### 2. The Felling of Thirteen Ancient Oak Trees

PKC's on-line planning portal carries a report from Envirocentre, the environmental consultants engaged by Persimmon, stating that *'the mature oak trees, which offer the most suitable bird nesting habitat on the site, are outwith the residential development zone.'*

Yet a belt of thirteen magnificent ancient oak trees was felled by the developer to create more space for housing, making a mockery of Persimmon's claim in their own sales brochure that *'we also incorporate local landmarks such as trees to create beautiful landscaping schemes.'*

Kinross CC had asked the council to apply Tree Preservation Orders to these oak trees, while RSPB Scotland pointed out that *'the area of trees has not been included in any surveys for nesting birds or protected species (i.e. bats) and that a farmland survey for nesting birds had been carried out on 8 February, more than a month before the nesting season.'*

The Woodland Trust also reminded the council that *'damage and loss to ancient woodland is contrary to Scottish Planning Policy and to the Control of Woodland Removal Policy. Scottish Planning Policy recognised the importance of ancient woodland and aims to ensure its protection in the guidance contained in SPP 216, 217 and 218.'*

Even the council's own Biodiversity Officer stated *'It is my opinion that these are important trees from both a visual and biodiversity point of view; that they should be retained and protected with the development, and if they are to be felled then full bat roost and activity surveys will be required prior to approval of the application.'*

Yet all these appeals fell on deaf ears, both at the council and at Persimmon, despite strong protests by all four of our elected council members.

### 3. Absence of Proposed Buffer Planting

The *'proposed buffer planting along the southern perimeter of the site'*, which the council's Development Quality Manager specified in items 166 and 167 of his Report to committee to ensure separation between the existing and new developments and prevent overlooking, does not exist. Houses have been built, or are planned, right up to the site boundary and these will overlook existing properties in Lathro Lane and Lathro Park. The proximity of the new houses to the skate park may also cause aggravation between residents and users of this popular facility.

### 4. Existing Flooding Problems

Regular flooding of the path, and the adjacent grass area between Lathro Lane and the leisure centre, results in the most direct pedestrian route between the Lathro Estate and the leisure centre, children's nursery, shop, bus stops, pedestrian crossing and entrance to the Community Campus frequently becoming impassable. This flooding also periodically shorts out the electricity installations in that area, causing power outages in parts of Kinross and Milnathort.

Yet despite complaints to the council going back many years and recent meetings between concerned residents, our elected council members and officers from PKC's flood management team, the council seems to have no solution to this long-standing problem.

The flow of the North Queich was also recognised as being 'flashy' in several of the authoritative reports made to the council at the planning stage and it periodically bursts its banks, flooding the land on either side of its course through the development area.

In *'Policy EP2 - New Development and Flooding'* PKC's Development Quality Manager's report to committee states, *'There is a general presumption against proposals for built development or land raising on a functional flood plain and in areas where there is a significant probability of flooding from any source, or where the proposal would increase the probability of flooding elsewhere.'*

Yet the same report recommended this development should be approved, despite the fact that official Scottish Planning Policy also counsels against planning permission being awarded for new developments in areas prone to flooding.

### 5. SUDS Drainage and High Groundwater Levels

The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency stipulates that all new greenfield development must be drained by sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS). However, the engineering guidelines for SUDS state that the groundwater level (the water table) should be at least 1 metre below the base of the SUDS system to ensure there is sufficient unsaturated ground to absorb any sudden deluge in order to prevent the system overflowing.

Authoritative surveys of the development site at planning stage reported that groundwater was encountered at between 1 and 1.5 metres over 75% of the site and at much shallower levels over large areas, raising serious questions about how effective this SUDS system will be. The flooding that presently occurs in the area adjacent to the leisure centre appears to be caused by rising groundwater during wet weather, and the lower lying areas of the new development are likely to be similarly at risk.

Plans show an electricity sub-station and a pumping station situated close to the only SUDS basin on the development, and any significant overflow from the SUDS, or flooding from the nearby North Queich, could affect the electricity supply to these installations. Householders could also find themselves in difficulty, as most house insurance policies no longer cover flood or other damage caused by rising groundwater. We will keep a very close eye on this development and report any significant updates.



## Retired but not retiring

### University of the Third Age comes to Kinross



Retirement is sometimes depicted as the end of active life, but it can also be the most invigorating and rewarding of times. The difference is what you do, how you do it and who you choose to do it with.

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The U3A does not ask for, nor give, any qualifications. People participate entirely for the pleasure of doing what they do, be that learning a new language, singing with others, playing the ukulele, walking the hills, studying philosophy, or dozens of other social and learning activities that members want to pursue. What's more, all these activities take place through the day and at the convenience of the members.

There are just dozens of stories from members who say that joining their U3A was a life changing experience. Janet

Holland, Chair of Bearsden and Milngavie U3A, said: 'We have gone from nothing to over 500 members in three years. I am doing things today I never ever dreamed I would be doing once I retired.'

There are currently 50 U3A groups in Scotland, with hundreds more throughout the UK.

Ed Link, member of Perth U3A and National Executive Council Trustee for Scotland, said: 'With nearly one million people over 65 in Scotland, there is a huge need for organisations such as the U3A.'

Every U3A is locally organised and managed but federated to The Third Age Trust. The Trust provides a number of support services to members including insurance, members' magazine and an opportunity to network with other members across the UK.

Now the really good news is a U3A is coming to Kinross!

**The kick-off event is a public meeting** to be held on **Wednesday 28 March** at 2.30pm in the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross, KY13 8DW.



*Learning the ukulele – just one of the many opportunities available through the U3A*

#### For more information on the U3A

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#### Launch of U3A in Kinross

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*A beautiful wintry scene looking from Burleigh over Loch Leven towards Portmoak.  
Photography courtesy of Alistair Smith*

## New piping and drumming initiative for local schools

A steering committee has been formed recently with the help of the Scottish Schools Piping and Drumming Trust (SSPDT) to create an exciting new opportunity for Kinross-shire primary and high school pupils to learn the pipes or drums.

Working with all the local primary schools (from Blairingone to Portmoak) plus the High School, the group will recruit and appoint a piping and a drumming tutor, hopefully to both be in post by August this year, to offer chanter/piping and drumming tuition (on a fee paying basis) to local children from the age of about nine.

The lessons, which will take place during the school day, will be complemented by a weekly after school club, which in time will develop to become a novice juvenile pipe band called Kinross-shire Youth Pipes and Drums (KYPAD).

An initial taster weekend will take place in Spring this year for all potentially interested kids. Watch this space for further details!

In the meantime, for any queries, whether you are a parent or even if you are interested in applying for a tuition post, please contact Stephen Kennedy at [kypipesanddrums@gmail.com](mailto:kypipesanddrums@gmail.com)

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From 1 April 2018, householders wishing to recycle their garden waste in their brown bins will require a Garden Waste Permit, which will cost £25 per year per brown bin. Food Waste (cooked food and uncooked food) will continue to be collected free of charge in the brown bin.

If you have a brown bin but have not yet received a letter to update you on the changes to the service, please contact the Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476 or email [recycle@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@pkc.gov.uk)

Households wishing to continue the garden waste collections should order their permit before 5 March 2018. The permit will arrive by post to their home in advance of the service start date. The permit should be attached to the back of the brown bin to inform the bin crew to empty the bin containing garden waste. Permits can be ordered online at [www.pkc.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

### Further information

Residents will be able to order and pay for a permit through MyPKC ([my.pkc.gov.uk](http://my.pkc.gov.uk)), the Council's new online customer service portal. MyPKC can be used for a wide range of services including fault reporting, permit requests and to make payments. It's quick and easy to use, available 24/7, 365 days a year, from anywhere and on any device.

We appreciate that not all householders have internet access or means to pay online. Please phone the PKC Customer Service Centre on 01738 476476 to arrange an alternative payment method.

## A wee cèilidh at the campus

Step Wee Cèilidh are delivering two free interactive sessions for children combining Gaelic language, storytelling, song and Cèilidh dancing. Participants will gain exposure to Scotland's rich heritage through these fun sessions celebrating music, language and culture.

The cèilidh takes place at Loch Leven Community Campus on **Saturday 24 March** with a session for P1-P4 age group at 10am and a session for 0-5 year olds at 11.15am.

For further information or to book a free place, contact [Gaelic@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:Gaelic@pkc.gov.uk) or call 01738 476495.

## News from the Health Centre



### Pharmacy First Service

Your community pharmacist plays a vital role in managing long-term medication and dispensing prescriptions, but they are keen to promote the other services that can be accessed by all patients.

Your community pharmacist can be your first port of call for common clinical conditions. They offer a wide range of treatments for minor ailments through the national Minor Ailments Scheme. This allows pharmacists to offer treatment over the counter without the need for a GP consultation. If you meet eligibility criteria, supply can be made on prescription through this scheme. This has been particularly useful over the winter months as patients look for relief of cold symptoms, but applies to a wide range of other conditions where over the counter treatment is available.

Pharmacy First extends treatment options to two common conditions that would have previously required a trip to the GP surgery.

Your community pharmacist can now treat **Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections in females aged 16-65**. If you have symptoms that may indicate a urinary infection, think **Pharmacy First**. A consultation with the pharmacist will allow you to discuss your symptoms and the pharmacist can advise on treatment, including antibiotics if deemed suitable, or make a referral onward if required. This allows quick assessment and treatment, particularly useful during evenings and weekends when your GP surgery is closed.

**Impetigo** is a common infection that mainly affects children, but can appear in adults too. It presents as a crusty rash usually around the mouth and nose. It is highly contagious, and can cause problems with access to school or nursery. Anyone with these symptoms can present in the pharmacy, where the pharmacist can assess and prescribe antibiotic cream should it be required.

A small cohort of pharmacists in NHS Tayside have undertaken advanced training allowing them to assess an even wider range of conditions including the ear, nose and throat, along with a number of common skin conditions. Assessment in the pharmacy allows prompt treatment if required.

**Pharmacy First** allows quick and easy access to a health professional, along with treatment and advice without the need for an appointment. Pop into your local pharmacy for advice on any common condition, and our pharmacists can advise the most appropriate treatment for you.

Remember, think **Pharmacy First**.

### Receptionist Vacancy at the Health Centre

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## Your rubbish could be school's treasure!

Kinross Primary School is appealing to local residents and businesses to donate 'Loose Parts' – items that the children can play with to develop their creativity, imagination and problem solving skills.

Loose Parts are materials that, when given to pupils, can become anything they wish. They can be used freely to create, explore textures and develop curiosity and imagination. These materials have no directions or instructions. Children make their own decisions about how to use the resources.

Depute Head Teacher, Mrs Jo Bell, said: 'We are looking to reuse and recycle unwanted home, trade and business scrap. These 'real life' resources enable children to make connections to their family interests, local cultural, natural heritage and the world of work.'

The school has made a list of suggested resources which are shown below. If anyone has a donation to make, please contact the school.

Contact details:

Kinross Primary School, Station Road,  
Kinross, KY13 8TG

Telephone: 01577 867272

Email: KinrossPrimary@pkc.gov.uk



Nature loose parts	Creative and messy play	Household items	Building materials
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Bamboo	Bottle tops	Baskets	Guttering
Earth	Cardboard boxes	Blankets	Gravel
Feathers	Cotton Wool	Buckets	Hammer
Leaves	Corks	Cardboard	and nails
Mud	Glass stones	Clothes pegs	Hose
Pinecones	Glue	Foam	Milk crates
Pebbles	Googly eyes	sponges	Paint brush
Sand	Glitter	Ice cube trays	Planks of wood
Shells	Greeting cards	Lampshades	Sand
Sticks	Paint	Lego	Tarpaulin
Stones	and brushes	Magnets	Tyres
Tree stumps	Pipe cleaners	Potato masher	Washers
Twigs	Pompoms	Pillows	
	Sponges	Sheets	
	Wrapping paper	Sieves	
	Yoghurt pots	Shoe polish tins	
		Trays	
		Vinyl records	
		Washing up brushes	
Metal	Wood	Sensory items	...and there's more!
Baking trays	Building blocks	Cotton wool	Chalk
Bottle tops	Curtain rings	Hessian	Plastic bottles
CDs	Dolly pegs	Netting	and tops
Cooking utensils	Drift wood	Ribbon	Hula hoops
Muffin tins	Pastry brush	Silk	Wallpaper
Spoons	Spoons	Shoe laces	samples
	Sticks	Tin foil	Straw bales
		Velcro rollers	
		Wool	

## Roseanna Cunningham MSP for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire



### Reducing plastic use

Roseanna Cunningham MSP has registered her constituency office on an app called 'Refill', which lets people know that they can refill their water bottles there if they need to.

Ms Cunningham's office is now the first venue in Perth to be registered with the app and she is encouraging others in the city and across Scotland to follow suit.

Ms Cunningham said: "The Refill app is a great idea and, while I am happy for my constituency office to be the first in Perth to be registered as a refill spot, I hope it won't be long before I am followed by many more."

"Even if this was just about being a good neighbour and a decent human being, allowing thirsty passers-by to fill up their water bottles, this would be a good idea but it goes far further than that."

"Between 8 and 12 million metric tons of plastic end up in our oceans each year – over 80% of it coming from land-based sources. The main contributor is larger plastic litter, including everyday items such as drinks bottles and other types of plastic packaging."

"By publicising the availability of this small service via the Refill app we can provide a network supporting people who choose to carry a refillable water bottle – whether on a walk, a run or just through their normal working day – rather than one or more single-use plastic bottles."

"Reducing our use of plastic is one of the big ecological challenges facing us right now as a society. Recent wildlife programmes have done a magnificent job in bringing the scale of the issue to the public awareness but it is up to each and every one of us to be part of the solution and we can all play a small part in a big response by making a commitment to using less plastic."

### Royal Bank of Scotland

Welcoming the announcement by RBS that they have reversed their decision on the closure of a number of Royal Bank of Scotland branches across the country, including Comrie in her constituency, Ms Cunningham said: "I am very pleased indeed that Comrie is on the list of branches that RBS have announced as having been reprieved from closure."

"I am also very conscious that this reprieve only applies to ten branches across the country and while I congratulate RBS on being prepared to revisit their initial decision despite having stated they would not, I urge them to further reconsider the future of those branches like Kinross that are still facing closure."

The Royal Bank's justification for closure was a fall in branch usage of 44% since 2012 across the country. Ms Cunningham asked for branch specific figures, which showed a drop of 14% in Comrie and 33% in Kinross, both significantly below the national figure.

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## Kinross to host the 40th Glenfarg Folk Feast

Friday 6 April – Sunday 8 April

Once again, Kinross is to host the Glenfarg Folk Feast, the event taking place over the weekend of 6 to 8 April and centred around The Green Hotel. This will be the 40th such Feast and will be the highlight of the Folk Club's very special 40th birthday celebrations, the club having formally opening its doors in Glenfarg in 1978. Hence the committee have spent many happy hours finding some of Britain and Ireland's very finest artistes to grace the Backstage at the Green and to provide all attendees with stellar entertainment.



John Doyle

So, what will be on offer? Well, apart from the expected singarounds, sessions and general background of music in the hotel and village pubs throughout the weekend, the celebrations will get underway on the Friday night with a Ceilidh-Concert to get the spirits roused for the remainder of the weekend. The music will be provided by The Jimi Shandrix Experience, under the leadership of the amazing Sandy

Brechin on accordion. One of the top ceilidh bands in the world, they will be ably assisted during the night by local lad Tich Frier and the club's own Farg Folk.


Saturday will formally begin with a fiddle workshop undertaken by Charlie Stewart, another local lad and last year's Young Scottish Traditional Musician of the Year. Charlie will be followed by an organised Singaround. This will be followed by The Original Song Competition, this year's theme being, appropriately, "Party Time", with the trophy for the event being awarded to the funniest original song of the afternoon. As is normal for the Feast, the day will end with an evening concert. On this celebratory occasion, it will feature the internationally famous, and sensational, Boys of the Lough (BOL), the wonderful Irish singer-songwriter-guitarist John Doyle and the brilliant young Scottish duo of Mairead Green and Anna Massie. The line-up for this concert is truly exceptional and is guaranteed to be a sell-out.

Having thought that it couldn't get any better, Sunday starts with a special event as it will feature A Conversation with Cathal McConnell who, of course, is the main man from the BOL. That is followed by another Singaround and the world-famous Puff-a-Box championships! And there will be no let up as we move to another great night at Backstage featuring the exciting antipodean duo The James Brothers who will be joined on stage for the night by the inspirational Emily Smith, the legendary musician and entertainer Richard Digance, and the beautiful vocals of Pauline Alexander performing alongside the guitar expertise of Sandy Stange. When the music finally stops,

everyone will know that they have experienced a fittingly brilliant climax to a truly memorable birthday party. Further information on all of the above and on available accommodation can be found on our club website. Tickets can be obtained either on-line through the website or our ticket hotline 07944 665617. The committee have done their bit and would now love you to come along and see for yourself just how good a weekend's entertainment you have on your doorstep. Hope to see you all there!

Website: [www.glenfargfolkclub.com](http://www.glenfargfolkclub.com)

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## New secretary gears up for 188th Kinross Show

Kinross-shire Agricultural Society has appointed Jane Drysdale as its new secretary. Jane has taken over the administration and running of the society which runs Kinross Show and has more than 300 members.



Jane Drysdale, new Kinross Show Secretary

Jane, who comes from a farming family, has a wealth of experience within the agricultural sector. Having studied to become an agricultural secretary at Elmwood College, she has put the skills to use running the office, doing the books and helping with whatever needs done while working alongside her husband John in his agricultural engineers business. With their children, Rob, Lynsay and Scott now grown up, she has a bit more time and was looking

for a new challenge. The part-time role is home-based but Jane is particularly looking forward to meeting new people and becoming more involved in the Kinross-shire community to help support the society.

Taking over from Mary Morgan who has been in the position for fourteen years, Jane spent most of 2017 in the role of assistant secretary. "Having the time to shadow Mary, learn the ropes and get used to working with the office bearers and committee of 21 members has been invaluable," says Jane, who has already started work preparing the Premium List for this year's event, which takes place at RSPB Loch Leven on Saturday 11 August.

Andrew Marshall, Kinross-shire Agricultural Society President who farms at Mains of Struie says, "I'm delighted to welcome Jane to the society in the role of secretary. I'm fortunate to have an enthusiastic committee, a spectacular showground and great support from the local community so Kinross Show looks set to go from strength to strength with this new appointment."

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## 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 at the community campus.



### First World War Timeline 1918

21 March Germany launches a major offensive at the Battle of Picardy

### Kinross-shire Roll of Honour 1918

21 March Ralf Dodds  
21 March David Reid  
23 March William Beveridge  
24 March Frederick G Cumming  
24 March Frederick J Day  
24 March Robert Drysdale  
25 March Colin M Boswell  
25 March George T Coventry  
25 March Francis Keillor  
25 March Richard Lumsden  
29 March Albert E Ling  
29 March Alexander Nicol

### The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme

The Thiepval memorial bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between 1 July and 18 November 1916.

The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial, which was built to a design by Sir Edwin Lutyens between 1928 and 1932. Thiepval Memorial was unveiled by the Prince of Wales in the presence of the President of France on 31 July 1932.

James McNaught from Fossoy, a Lance Sergeant in the Highland Light Infantry, was the only Kinross-shire man to be killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. His name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial along with eight other local men who subsequently died in action during the Battle.

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There you will find separate guides on the following topics:

- Farm Building Security
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## Police Scotland – local community

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Community officers for Kinross-shire:

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

**Email:** [taysidekinross-shireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:taysidekinross-shireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

**Community Sergeant (Kinross-shire): Sgt Robert Hogg.**

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



## Community Watch

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

## Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

## Police tracing a female in Kinross

Police are seeking to trace a white female, aged late 50s to early 60s, stocky build, shoulder length blonde hair who was wearing a blue raincoat and would have been in the Emslie Drive/Station Road area of Kinross around 2030 hours on Sunday 11 February 2018. This is in relation to an ongoing investigation. The female is described as having two dogs with her at the time, one white Alsatian and one tri-colour Alsatian. If you have any information in relation to this incident, please phone Police Scotland on 101 or give information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please quote CR/003491/18.

## Community Asset Register

In October 2017, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service launched the Community Asset Register (CAR).

This is a register of volunteers who have a particular asset or skill which they feel could be used to support emergency services and responders at an incident. Examples include someone with a boat who could be called in times of flooding to assist in evacuating people from houses to a place of safety. Similarly someone with a 4x4 may be used in times of severe snow to transport vulnerable people to a community hall.

Anyone interested in registering can find out more on the website [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)

Even when someone has registered, they are under no obligation to mobilise when they are called by the Operations Control centre.

## Gaelic evening with Maeve Mackinnon and guests

Contemporary Gaelic Singer Maeve Mackinnon returns to Kinross-shire following the release of her third studio album *Strì* at Celtic Connections.

Even amid the wealth of gifted musicians thronging today's Scottish folk scene, singer Maeve Mackinnon stands out as an exceptional young talent. With a repertoire spanning Gaelic and English-language material, both traditional and contemporary, she's won acclaim equally for the eloquent emotional connection



Maeve Mackinnon

she forges with every song, communicated in a bewitchingly honeyed, husky yet vibrantly earthy voice, and for her music's dynamic interplay of boldness and sensitivity.

Maeve will be joined by a selection of special guests including Perth Gaelic Choir, Glè and Kinfauns Stepdancers for an evening of Gaelic song, dance, storytelling and more at Milnathort Town Hall on **Saturday 24 March** at 7.30pm.

For a sneak preview of what you may hear on the night, check out [maevemackinnon.bandcamp.com](http://maevemackinnon.bandcamp.com)

Tickets (£7/£5, BYOB) are available at Macbeth Currie Estate Agent in Kinross, Light Up My Heart in Milnathort and online through TicketWeb.

For more information, contact [Gaelic@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:Gaelic@pkc.gov.uk) or call 01738 476495.

# Community Council News

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

## Kinross Community Council News from the February Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 7 February 2018 were: Cllrs B Freeman, (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), M Blyth, J Bryson, D Colliar, D Cuthbert, B Davies, I Jack, T Stewart and D West; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves, R Watters and W Robertson; PC D Stapleton; Martin Smith and Ronnie Bennett of Edgehill Property Assets; and six members of the public.

**Apologies:** None.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police Report:** PC Spalding said there had been problems with drivers using Swansacre as a shortcut when the High Street was closed recently. Cllr Cuthbert asked him to define 'access'. PC Stapleton admitted it was open to interpretation, and need not refer only to the street concerned. Any one who feels they have been given a ticket unfairly can appeal. There have been youth issues at Burnbank Meadows.

Cllr Freeman has noted parking on double yellow lines at Douglas Crescent at school time. PC Stapleton suggests asking the traffic wardens to visit. It is hoped that the planned drop-off and pick-up zone will help matters once the school development is completed.

A member of the public raised the issue of cars parking on the wrong side of the road with headlights on, contrary to the Highway Code. PC Stapleton said police would not take action if they saw this.

Cllr Thomas has noted cars parking in between the granite bollards on the "pavement" parts of the level surface in the High Street between Burns Begg Street and the former library. PC Stapleton said police would only get involved if cars are causing an obstruction and police are called at the time.

**Granite bollards in High Street:** There were two instances of a car colliding with a granite bollard in the space of one week (26 Jan – 2 Feb). It was reported that both drivers had been dazzled by low sun. PKC staff are arranging for reflectors to be affixed to the bollards as soon as possible. Reflectors had been promised after a walkabout between officers, councillors and community councillors in December 2016.

Some residents feel the narrower carriageway due to the

Kinross Town Hall works is making accidents more likely. The CC agreed to write to PKC to request one lane of traffic, to be controlled by traffic lights, during the Town Hall redevelopment. It was also agreed that a full review of the Shared Space scheme



One of the cars in collision with a bollard

be requested. Cllr Barnacle offered to do this. See also High Street Regeneration below.

**Kirkland's Garage Development:** The Chair welcomed Martin Smith and Ronnie Bennett of Edgehill Property Assets, who gave an informal presentation about their proposals to redevelop the former Kirkland's Garage site. Drawings were available to view. The proposal is to retain the original house and restore it. An extension to the house using modern materials such as zinc is proposed, to clearly show what is original and what is new. The house would form two dwellings. The workshop etc through the pend at the back would be demolished and six flats of modern design built. Parking would be provided for all dwellings. Various questions were asked and answered and Mr Smith and Mr Bennett were thanked for attending. They hope to apply for planning permission very soon.

**CC Representation on Campus Management group:** To secure this, it had previously been suggested at CC meetings that an amendment to the Loch Leven Community Campus (LLCC) management group constitution would be required. However, Cllr Purves now proposes to put an amendment to the Lifelong Learning Committee that would propose a community council representative on all campus management groups, not just LLCC. The CC welcomed this news.

**Royal Bank of Scotland branches:** Cllr Barnacle reported that ten out of the 62 RBS branches proposed for closure have been given a reprieve, but the Kinross branch is not amongst the reprieved.

### Address by Ken Whitcombe

Lathro Park resident Ken Whitcombe addressed the CC. He had provided a document the day before, and at the meeting provided copies of an annotated photograph showing issues with the Lathro Meadows housing development site.

**Flooding issues:** Scottish Planning Policy states that planning permission should not be given for areas that flood. Yet Lathro Meadows floods from two sources: the Queich burn when it overflows and rising groundwater. The natural groundwater level is close to the surface in this area. The path at the back of the leisure centre floods regularly, sometimes ankle-deep. PKC can't fix it because it is groundwater. It sometimes floods a local electricity sub-station, causing powercuts. Mr Whitcombe alleged a new road on the Lathro Meadows site has flooded twice since January and that Persimmon have powerful pumps operating 24 hours per day. He also alleged the water level in his garden in Lathro Park is getting closer to the surface since the Lathro Meadows development began, and that another Lathro Park resident has experienced a flooded garage. [See also article pages 18 to 19.]

### Planning a Community Event?

Check the Diary on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) to ensure that your event won't clash with another.

List your event as soon as you can to help others with their planning. Contact the website administrator by email: [admin@kinross.cc](mailto:admin@kinross.cc)



**Quality of information:** Last year Mr Whitcombe had attended and addressed PKC's Development Management Committee (DMC) meeting regarding an application for Springfield properties on a sub-section of the Lathro Meadows site. This experience suggests to him that councillors on the DMC are, at times, being given misleading information by Council officers. For example, in response to a question at the DMC, a council officer stated that PKC would not be held responsible for any drainage problems on the Lathro Meadows site. Yet a few days later, PKC planning officer Steve Callan stated in an email: 'The drainage system is either adopted/maintained by Scottish Water or the Council's Roads Department. Our RCC are awaiting this confirmation by the developers consultant but we would expect for a development of this scale it will be Scottish Water.' Mr Whitcombe said there are reports of water authorities refusing to take over responsibility for the drainage systems on Persimmon Developments due to these not meeting the required standards. The report to the DMC for the major Lathro Meadows application stated there would be a buffer zone to the south, but for a large part of the site there isn't.

**Radon:** Much of Kinross is in a radon gas area. Directives have been sent to chief executives to say that houses must have special membranes. When Mr Whitcombe asked PKC Building Standards if this has been done, he was told this information is not in the public domain. Inspections are not mandatory. Mr Whitcombe is trying to find out what surveys have been done on the primary school, campus and health centre.

**Complaint:** Mr Whitcombe has lodged a formal complaint with the EC regarding PKC's granting of planning permission at Lathro Meadows without the required habitat surveys for protected species having been carried out. His complaint has been accepted.

**Action and responsibility:** Mr Whitcombe feels the CC could be more pro-active. He suggests the CC should send at least two members to walk around any site for which there is a major application and could have contacted more organisations when the trees at Lathro were in danger of felling. It was countered that a walkabout would not have helped in a situation where a developer flouts rules, or is allowed by the authority to flout rules. Cllr Davies said he had some sympathy with the points Mr Whitcombe made, but pointed out that the community councillors are volunteers. The CC has written numerous letters, contacted the press etc. The CC did ask for a TPO for the trees. Cllr Davies suggests that, as our elected and paid representatives, it is the ward councillors who need to be more outspoken. Cllr Barnacle said he had been very active in trying to prevent the felling of the Lathro oaks. He admitted there was a lack of due care and attention by council officers to policies of the council on matters such as flooding, buffer zones and tree protection. He gave several examples of actions he wished to be taken being thwarted by council officers. He also pointed out that planning is a devolved matter of the Scottish Parliament. The Planning (Scotland) Bill going forward at the moment is very pro-development and he suggested MSPs should be questioned about this. Cllr Barnacle said planning was unsatisfactory in other local authority areas too. Cllr Robertson pointed out that very few residents had objected to the Lathro Meadows application in the first place. However, the concern now is to ensure that we are not left with a site that causes flooding for the people in Lathro Park. He has

had officers from the council out to look at the situation. Mr Whitcombe said PKC are the lead authority on flooding but the officers do not seem to understand the issues. There was further discussion of where power was held at PKC. It was noted that Scone CC recently received a favourable ruling by the Information Commissioner, forcing PKC to release a recording of a planning committee meeting. Some time ago Cllr Robertson requested that committee meetings are recorded and this is now being done routinely (with films put on YouTube).

### Other Matters

**Civic Trust Letter:** Kinross-shire Civic Trust had written to PKC Scrutiny Committee on 5/12/17 to ask that the Scrutiny Committee examine PKC's failure to ensure that certain developments were carried out in accordance to the LDP. The CC had been asked to support the letter at the December CC meeting but deferred. The Civic Trust had since received an unsatisfactory reply from the convener of the Scrutiny Committee and has written again (6/2/18), and again seeks the CC's support. By a majority vote the CC decided to write to the Scrutiny Committee in support of the Civic Trust letter.

**Muir's Kiosk Defibrillator:** The equipment is now installed and operational. Cllr Davies summarised the history of the project, which was largely enabled due to a grant from SSE. He had circulated the final accounts and proposed that the surplus of £350.55 be donated to the Kinross First Responders, who had agreed to check and maintain the Muir's defibrillator going forward. A First Responder who was present said that the sum would need to be paid to the Scottish Ambulance Service in the first instance. This was agreed. Cllr Davies to give the Treasurer any necessary information. The CC warmly thanked Cllr Davies for all his hard work in making this project a success.

**kinross.cc website:** The community website was set up jointly by the Kinross-shire Partnership (KP) and Kinross CC approximately 17 years ago. KP no longer receives any PKC funding and more of the financial responsibility is therefore falling to the CC, this at a time when funding of the CC has also been dramatically decreased. Neither body is therefore in a position to fund the current arrangement. KP currently oversees the running of the website.

Although some funding has been granted from the Newsletter charitable fund (KCCNL), this is not suitable for continuous ongoing support. It was unanimously agreed that the CC write to KP to suggest that the website comes under the wing of Kinross Newsletter Ltd (the Newsletter trading company).

**Traffic Management Model:** Cllrs Davies and Cuthbert and Mr Bob Mitchell represented the CC at a demonstration of the model and reported on this. [See page 9 for more.] Those who had attended the demonstration found it fascinating and worthwhile. Cllr Watters will keep on top of this project.

**Kinross Town Centre Regeneration:** Additional metal bollards were installed in January at the Give-Take, 13 months after it was agreed they were required. One is dented already. Problems with the granite bollards were discussed under Police Report above. It was agreed that another walkabout should take place after the Town Hall works are completed.

**Talla Park & Avenue Road:** The CC received a response from PKC to its letter of 4/12/17. Traffic & Network Team have been investigating and liaising with Mr Tough (resident) in an effort to identify measures that would address the community's concerns. Once this part of the project has been completed, they will consult with the CC and local elected members. The

CC was copied into an email to Cllr Robertson from another resident who would like to see more bollards in the town centre to prevent parking on pavement at sorting office and Bayne's.

**Planning Applications to be considered.** No comments were made on any of these:

17/02260/ADV Display of signs for Co-op, 54-56 High St.

17/02273/ADV Display of sign, land 300m NW of Lathro Farm.

17/02285/ADV Display of signs, land 2m SE of Lathro Farm.

17/02286/FLL Siting of a sales unit, formation of car park, landscaping and associated works, land 120m SE of Lathro Farm.

17/02199/LBC Alterations to wall, The Walled Garden, Burnbrae.

Formation of outdoor riding arena (in retrospect), land 70m SW of Gellybank Cottage.

18/00053/FLL Alterations and reinstatement of window, Royal Bank of Scotland, 55 High Street.

**Planning Applications determined by PKC.** Cllr Colliar reported on these.

**Former Kinross High School site:** Nick Brian had promised on 6/12/17 that a copy of the agreement between PKC and Persimmon regarding the Edwardian building would be placed on the PKC planning website 'Public Access'. It is still not there. Secretary Cllr Thomas has emailed twice to chase this up. A reply from Eddie Jordan on 5/2/18 said the document is being reviewed by the FoI team and solicitor to see what should be redacted first. Eddie Jordan will update the secretary when it is on 'Public Access'.

**Lathro Meadows:** See also discussion under 'Address by Ken Whitcombe' above. The old sandstone wall bordering the pavement had been removed before Christmas, leaving an unsupported earth embankment over the holiday period. A member of the public had queried (on the CC Facebook Page) its apparent replacement with modern red brick. The CC understands that the brick will be clad with something more suitable in due course.

**Vote of No Confidence in PKC:** Agreed to take the action of writing to Scrutiny Committee first.

**LDP2 and Sites from MIR:** The timing of the LDP2 consultation was unfortunate as the CC did not have a meeting scheduled in January. No submission regarding the proposed LDP2 was lodged by the CC. However, following receipt of an email from PKC to warn that three sites dismissed by PKC after the MIR stage might be put back in the plan, the secretary wrote to object those sites being reinstated. The CC had received a copy of Cllr Barnacle's submission regarding LDP2.

**Hockey Club at KGV:** The CC had received a letter from a resident on the Muirs along with copies of documents the resident had received from the hockey club regarding proposals for the strip of land between the artificial pitch and the wall to the rear of the houses on the Muirs. It was agreed the CC should contact the Hockey Club and ask one of their committee to come to the March CC meeting to present the proposals.

**Licensing:** Copies of two applications received in recent weeks: one for variation to licence to allow piped music at Le Jardin, the other for provisional premises licence at Unorthodox Roasters. No objections.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence:** Over 60 items received since the last meeting. Most had been circulated to Cllrs and a summary provided. The correspondence included updates from the NHS regarding the changes to Mental Health and Learning Disability provision and also the transformation of Surgical Services; thanks from George Lawrie for the CC's support regarding the planning application for toilets at the pier; and notification that the deadline for applications for the Participatory Budget had been extended to 12 February.

#### Reports from Ward Councillors

**Councillor Watters:** The **Skatepark** is of a fairly advanced design and some parents wondered if there could be an extension to it at an easier level for younger children. Cllr Watters has been in contact with Live Active Leisure over this.

**Councillor Robertson:**

**Gallowhill Road:** [See page 7.]

**Kinross Common Good Fund:** It is suggested that the CC could have a non-voting representative on this committee. The CC agreed this was a good idea and would think about who it should be.

**Community Benefit Fund:** A sum of £1,000 is levied on new houses in the Auchterarder area for community benefits. A similar scheme for Kinross is to be looked at. A proposal may go to the Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee.

**Councillor Barnacle:**

**Mini glass recycling points:** Cllr Barnacle informed the CC that the Environment Service is planning to introduce five new points in Kinross. The CC would like to be consulted about this.

**Guide for Footpath Groups:** Cllr Barnacle provided the CC with a copy of this.

**Councillor Purves: Parking provision:** [See page 7.]

#### Other Business

**CC Finance:** Cllr Jack, Treasurer, awaits payments for wreaths from Girl Guides and cadets.

**Powers of CCs:** Cllr Jack notes that Mr Whitcombe did not supply the CC with documentation to show what powers Community Councils have.

**M90 fencing:** Cllr Jack notes that the fencing at the junction 6 roundabout is a disgrace and a motorway information sign has gone. It was agreed he would draft a letter for the secretary to send to BEAR Scotland.

**Winter service:** Pavement clearance has been poor during snowy and icy weather.

**Dog mess:** Cllr Blyth complained about the amount of dog mess on pavements. It was suggested the CC should ask for the dog warden to visit and survey the streets.

**CC vacancy:** The secretary had received a message via Facebook from a resident who had tried to apply. The secretary contacted the CC Liaison office at PKC, but they have no record of it. She asked the resident to try again.

### CLOCK & WATCH REPAIRS

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

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**KCCNL Grants Meeting:** Suggested date is Thursday 12 April. This was agreed.

**Ninewells Hospital:** Cllr Bryson raised the topic of inadequate parking at Ninewells Hospital. He wonders if there is a strategic plan. Cllr Purves will find out when the current car parking contract expires.

**Loose Parts:** Cllr Bryson reported that Kinross Primary School is seeking items such as driftwood that could be used in outdoor play. He will put an appeal on Facebook and in the Newsletter. [See page 25]

**Recycling:** Cllr West wonders if PKC exports any of its recycling matter for processing. Cllr Purves will check.

**Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS):** Cllr Freeman notes the VAS in Milnathort. Cllr Robertson said Kinross CC could suggest locations, though it may take a long time for them to be realised. Two suggestions made at the meeting were Springfield Road and High Street but it will be put on the agenda for next month.

**Zebra crossing:** Cllr Robertson said the zebra crossing on Springfield Road is going to be raised.

**Better Place to Live Fair:** A stall has been booked for the CC at this event. The Chairman asked that all Community Councillors drop by for a while to man the stall. Ward councillors are also welcome to be at the stall to meet the public.

**The Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

### Draft Agenda for the Meeting on 7 March

Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of Meeting of 7 February. Police Report. Matters Arising from Meeting of 7 February. Vehicle Activated Signs. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. Planning. Licensing. Correspondence. Reports from P&K Councillors. AOCB. Date of Next Meeting.

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

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### Vacancy on Kinross Community Council

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

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For an informal chat about what being on the CC is all about, contact one of the Community Councillors (see p. 104.)

## Milnathort Community Council News from the February Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on Thursday 8 February 2018 were: Cllr Caroline Flory (vice chairman), Cllr Kevin Heneghan (secretary), Cllr Elyse Kirkham (treasurer), Cllr Stuart McHardy; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, R Watters, M Barnacle and C Purves; minute-taker Elizabeth Rougvie and 14 members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from Cllr Craig Williams (chairman) and Cllr Matthew Leach.

**Police Matters:** Cllr Heneghan reported that Milnathort had not been mentioned in any police reports since the last meeting, which was welcomed. No police were in attendance but he had been in regular contact and officers were being encouraged to attend when possible by the local inspector.

**Trustees of Donaldson Park:** Cllr Heneghan advised that he had been in touch with a lawyer, who was unable to attend the meeting but would provide further information on what was a complex legal document surrounding the trusteeship of the park. Following discussion, it was agreed to wait until the legal expert was available before taking any further action. It was not the case that the CC wanted five members of the Trust replaced.

**Traffic calming:** Cllr Kirkham reported that two of the three new vehicle-activated signs in the village were now operational; however the one in Burleigh Road still had to be activated as it was not solar-powered. The CC had been instrumental in bringing about the measures. Responding to an enquiry made by Cllr Leach, PKC Traffic & Network stated they were unable to provide details of any other planned works in the area as they had not yet received details of their forthcoming year's budget.

**Parking restrictions, South Street:** The double yellow lines outside Heaven Scent and J&D Funeral Directors had been eradicated over time and, following discussion, it was agreed to write to PKC to advise that the CC would not want them re-instated.

**Potential blockage in burn:** Cllr Watters said that this had now been addressed.

**Planning matters:** The CC's planning spokesman, Cllr Campbell Lawson, was not in attendance, therefore this was not discussed.

### New matters and correspondence

**MCC by-election:** Cllr Heneghan advised that he would be leaving in March after two years as secretary, creating a second vacancy on MCC. Currently there are seven members and eight places. Serving members who have been co-opted will be required to complete a form should they wish to be elected. If there are more applications than vacancies a postal ballot will be held.

**David Drysdale Bequest:** David Drysdale, who passed away in April 2017, left a bequest of £5000 for the CC, which has been received. The CC would be pleased to hear of ideas as to how the money should be spent, but it was not felt appropriate to use it for repairs or maintenance.

Cllr McHardy stated that more council houses in the area were being fitted with new windows and doors.

**Tree-thinning in Donaldson Park:** Following discussion, it was agreed to support PKC plans to thin/replant the trees in the north-east section of the park to make way for trees that were more suitable for the surroundings. Funding had been made available for the project and it was felt that advantage

should be taken of this before the trees began posing a danger to neighbouring properties. The CC agreed that this was desirable, and a show of hands from the members of the public present indicated their agreement. Kevin Heneghan will advise Richard Brough of PKC of this.

**Tillywhally Wood:** Milnathort in Bloom have offered to carry out planting and general tidying around the cairn in Tillywhally community woodland, which is managed by the CC. It was agreed to support the idea and investigate possible funding opportunities.

**Speeding buses:** An e-mail was received from a resident complaining about the speed of school buses on roads around the village. CCllr Heneghan will pass it on to the appropriate person.

**War Memorial:** CCllr Heneghan advised that he has the keys to the War Memorial gate and will pass them on in due course.

**A fly-tipping incident** reported by a member of the public has been dealt with. However, Cllr Robertson said this problem was on the increase in Kinross-shire and advised members of the public to note down the registration number of suspicious vehicles.

**Forest plan:** A Larbert-based timber firm has indicated an interest in creating a forest on agricultural land in Milnathort. Planning permission would be required for this and the public will have the chance to comment.

**Notice board:** The CC notice board in the South Street bus shelter is in need of repair due to water ingress and vandalism. CCllr Heneghan will get a quote from a local contractor.

**Brown bins:** CCllr McHardy raised the issue of the brown recycling bins, which from 1 April will require a permit if used for garden waste. He questioned why a charge was to be introduced. Cllr Purves explained that this was a non-statutory service and imposing a charge was seen as a good way of raising money at a time when the council budget was under pressure.

**New youth club:** CCllr Kirkham advised that the S.H.I.P. Youth Club for young people with additional support needs was now running at Loch Leven Community Campus on Tuesdays between 6.30pm and 8pm.

**LDP2:** Cllr Barnacle gave an update on the second Local Development Plan (LDP2). Representations have now closed and councillors will be given a briefing once all the responses have been collated.

**Holiday park:** It was agreed that the proposed holiday park at Burleigh, comprising 90 lodges, was unlikely to go ahead,

at least in the near future, as a local farmer has signed a five-year lease on the land. MCC will continue to monitor the situation.

#### PKC Councillors' reports:

**Cllr Watters** reported on a **traffic modelling project** that had taken place in Kinross and Milnathort, which identified existing and future problem areas and predicted traffic movements in 2024 following the completion of several new housing developments.

**Cllr Purves** said he was preparing for the council's forthcoming **budget**, when some tough decisions would have to be made.

**Cllr Barnacle** advised that **new glass recycling points** had been installed at Ba'hill and Hays Court. However, PKC had admitted that the CC should have been consulted first. He was also involved in a three-month consultation about devolving council powers to give **CCs more involvement** in decision-making.

**Cllr Robertson:** The Milnathort-Netherton-Glenfarg road has been designated a **green route**, which means speed limits have been reduced and it is more cycling and walking-friendly. It is also hoped to create loops off such green routes. He will forward details to the CC, who were in general agreement with the idea. He asked that MCC write to the appropriate person to indicate its support.

He also referred to a **scheme** in Auchterarder whereby builders were required to pay £1000 for every new house constructed. This differed from developer contributions in that the money would be used in the local community, similar to a common good fund.

**Other business:** CCllr Kirkham asked if there were any plans to build a new school in Milnathort, as the current building was overcrowded and in need of repair. Cllr Purves said there was nothing planned in the current capital budget but a review of the council's entire schools estate was to be carried out. He will raise the question of a new school for Milnathort.

**The Next Meeting of Milnathort Community Council will be held on Thursday 8 March 2018 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. The public are invited to attend.**

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## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the February Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 13 February 2018 were: Cllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde, D Morris, A Muszynski, and T Smith; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves and R Watters, and eight members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr A Robertson; P&K Cllr W Robertson and PC D Stapleton (Police Scotland).

**School access - policy on parking.** Cllr Purves reported that the matter would be considered by the PKC Environment and Infrastructure Committee. Officers would shortly prepare a Report for the Committee. The CC asked Ward Councillors to try to secure an opportunity for it to comment on the Report before it was considered by the Committee. Cllr Purves signalled that a possible contribution to easing parking by the "Gap Site" would be taken into account but to date he had been unable to find who in PKC was responsible for the site. The CC recognised the important contribution of a "Protocol" endorsed by the school, parents, local residents and the community that would provide guidance to parents picking-up and dropping-off children at the school. The CC would offer to provide an initial draft. The school had flagged concern at the suitability of the current "safe route" for children in the immediate vicinity of the school indicated by two red tarmac strips on Buchan Avenue and Bruce Road. Drivers approaching them may not see children. The legal status of such markings appears uncertain. If they have a valid status they should be improved; if not they should be replaced with something that has.

**Scottish Water Supply to Kinnesswood, Glenlomond, Wester Balgiedie.** The Chairman welcomed Kathy Auld, Project Manager Scottish Water. She described plans to replace the water pump in Kinnesswood situated close to the car park on Bruce Road. The new system of paired primary and back-up pumps controlled by an advanced system of sensors will be more reliable. The current system already supplies the header tank at the top of the village which in turn delivers water to most of Kinnesswood. At any one time the header tank, were the pumped system to fail, should meet between 8 and 12 hours supply for the village. The work is planned to be carried out in mid April and will be managed to minimise impact on the car park and on the children at the start and conclusion of the school day. Commissioning may take up to a month during which the original system will remain in

place and could be brought into use if necessary. The quality of drinking water would not be affected. The "tots garden," cared for by Kinnesswood in Bloom, would be restored to allow it to be replanted. Separately Ms Auld reported that a similar upgrade to a more reliable pumping system is planned for the pump on the B919 at Pittendreich which supplies Glenlomond and Wester Balgiedie.

**Police:** No Report. A road sign had been damaged on the B920 approach to Scotlandwell. The matter would be taken forward by Cllr Calderwood. The Area Commander's Bulletins of January and 7 February were noted.

**Treasurer:** The balance at the month ending 31 January was £439.20 in the General Account and £ 1,042.35 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,481.55. The new "Holding Account" held £1, 500.00.

#### **Planning: New applications**

**17/02274/IPL Land 20m East of Leven House (Levenmouth) Scotlandwell.** Residential development in principle (2 new dwelling houses to replace existing stable block). The CC noted that PKC had determined to grant planning consent in principle. It remained concerned that there was no restriction on "creeping development" through further applications on this site. Cllrs advised that that may reflect a defect in the PKC Policy on *Housing in the Countryside* which was an integral part of the Local Development Plan governing land usage. A member of the public suggested that previous planning permissions for Levenmouth contained conditions obliging the developer to upgrade the access road. These had not been implemented. The CC would investigate and, if this were the case, write to the planners requesting enforcement action and a moratorium on any further consents (including on any full application following on this in principle consent) until the conditions had been met. The CC would also request that a condition requiring public access over the route through Levenmouth to the Heritage Trail be inserted in any future consent as it had been in the last one.

**17/02223/FLL Land 60m North of West Brackly Farm.** Erection of a dwelling house and associated works. No comment.

**18/00150/FLL Shanthi, Wester Balgiedie.** Extension to dwellinghouse. No comment.

#### **Planning: Progress with Developments:**

**17/01596/IP. Land 50m south of 9 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood.** Erection of a dwelling house in principle. (Stephen's Field). To clarify progress, the Chairman would contact PKC.

**Fife 16/03661/EIA and 17/03377/FULL). Westfield a)** Opencast Site Planning in Principle and b) Installation of up to 10 gas engines. The decision from Fife Council was awaited.

**16/03661/CON Former Lomond Inn: proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwelling houses.** The outstanding arrangements which would allow building to proceed remain to be concluded. PKC did not have specific timescales for progression of the development. It is aware that the applicant is looking at options for the former Inn building and how it can be progressed bearing in mind its condition. The state of the security fence was a matter of concern and would be reported to PKC Building Control.

**17/01885/FLL. Loch Leven's Larder - Further information.** The CC would make no comment on recent proposals for amended drainage. It had sought clarity on traffic flows through the new development, the position of bus halts and the provisions to prevent untoward light pollution.



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**Planning: the CC received:**

CC submission to *Local Development Plan 2; PKC Community Plan 2017-2027*. It was noted that within the Plan there was no reference to the contribution of community councils.

*Action programme for Tayplan*. Although Tayplan was crucial in shaping the proposed PKC Local Development Plan it was noted that there was no reference to the corresponding SE Scotland Strategic Plan which adjoins Kinross-shire.

**Roads: To note progress with the Roads Report for 2017 including:**

*Status of winter potholes and dropped drains/gullies*. In recent weeks these had appeared with increasing frequency across Portmoak. A programme of repair would be required. In the meantime PKC's rapid response to effect temporary repairs was welcomed. Individuals are encouraged to log on to PKC roads department and report any road problems.

*Wester Balgedie/Carsehall junction*. Despite consensus that traffic lights were merited this will not be included in planned interventions by PKC. Were funding to be found it may proceed.

*Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond*. This long-standing and important problem had over the past four years been the subject of two previous visits by PKC. The ward councillors were hoping to arrange a re-visit with the participation of senior officers. A key first step was, through an agreed process of option appraisal, to agree a preferred route for the principal path. Without that no progress can be anticipated.

*Danger at Pavement in front of Kinnesswood Shop*. Cllr Morris reported that recently, when standing on the pavement outside the shop, he had been looking to his left at the approach of large HGV. He had been unaware of the snowplough with blade in the air approaching from his right. It passed within inches of him - the blade skimming above his head. He asked that cones be placed outside the shop to safeguard pedestrians. This experience parallels that of pedestrians on the *Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond* who from time to time have been hit by wing mirrors or had to avoid tractors towing farming equipment that overhung the footpath.

**Paths:**

Cllr Tom Smith reported that section of the Michael Bruce Way between Kilmagadwood and Kinnesswood had been damaged as result of its use during the recent Devil's Burden Race.

**Perth & Kinross Council Ward Councillor Reports**

Cllr Barnacle reported that he had completed his submission commenting on the proposed Local Development Plan and that he had identified infrastructure matters which he hoped could be resolved. The forthcoming budget may not be as "tight" as was first expected. PKC was now re-visiting its policy on 20mph limits.

Cllr Purves confirmed that PKC had granted £150,000 to RSPB Loch Leven. This was a contribution to support the construction of the B9097 underpass.

Cllr Watters reported on extensive road traffic studies within Kinross and Milnathort. These had identified a number of "pinch points". Funding to improve these was being sought. He added that part of the studies addressed the case for south-side slip roads at Junction 7. The case for funding these was at best marginal - progress could not be anticipated.

**Other Matters**

*Devil's Burden Race*. Cllr Morris reported on this popular and successful event where more runners than ever took part. Following discussion last year between the CC and the event organisers, Portaloos had been provided at the Kinnesswood change over. There were problems this year which would need to be addressed: a) Kinnesswood's capacity to accommodate the cars at the time of changeover was greatly pressed. The carpark and the Whitecraigs "overflow" were at capacity with difficulties in both Bishop Terrace and Bruce Road. Whether police support was needed or a means of limiting cars would be considered. b) Routes off the hill differed from those agreed. Runners who chose to come down at Kilmagadwood and then run along the Michael Bruce Way had damaged the path. c) While the event was welcomed it provided no benefit to the community. A contribution to the community would be explored with the organisers. A meeting to discuss these points will be arranged shortly.

*Tayside Health Board adopted Plans for Reformed Surgical and Mental Health Service*. These new plans were noted. There were possible implications for local transport and ambulance provisions which would need to be examined further.

**The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 March 2018 in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.**

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## Fossoway and District CC News from the February Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 6 February 2018 were: CCllrs C Brown, A Cheape, T Duffy, and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters; PC Stapleton and eight Members of the Public (MoP).

**Apologies:** CCllrs Jennifer Donachie and Carol Farquhar.

**Declarations of Interest:** CCllr Cheape declared an interest in LDP2.

**Police report:** PC Stapleton attended and reminded the meeting that rural thefts continue to be an issue in the wider area. Suspicious vehicles should be reported, preferably with registration number. PC Stapleton is happy to receive emails offering information, or asking for advice at any time on [douglas.stapleton@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:douglas.stapleton@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

There were no incidents to note in our area in the last month from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch.

MoP enquired about whether a sign on the outskirts of Powmill, just past the Milk Bar, which was obstructing the view of oncoming traffic was a Police matter. Cllr Robertson explained that planning permission was needed for any such sign, and no-one present was aware of any such permission being applied for, hence it would be a planning enforcement issue.

MoPs had previously raised concerns about vehicle speeds during Police driver training which takes place on the A977. PC Stapleton explained that if the vehicles were showing their blue flashing lights and using two tone horns, they were legally allowed to exceed the posted speed limit by 20mph. PC Stapleton further confirmed that training courses were only run during day, i.e. from about 10am to 4pm, and only marked Police cars were used.

Cllr Barnacle raised the issue of motor bikes speeding along the B9097, especially after events at Knockhill racetrack. PC Stapleton answered that they were well aware of this problem and posted speed traps on those occasions.

Cllr Robertson asked what was the Police role in fly-tipping. PC Stapleton said that if it was possible to identify the culprits, then they would charge them; however this is often very difficult unless there was a witness to the crime.

**Salt Bins:** CCllr Duffy passed on a report from the CC's Facebook page that the salt bins in Crook of Devon have not been refilled, and the one opposite the Institute (which was destroyed by traffic accidents) has not been replaced. Cllr Barnacle said that a new location was being sought for that bin.

**Hydro Scheme:** CCllr Duffy stated that the fund was now open for funding applications. In addition to the annual receipt of £5,000, there will be £50,000 left over from the contingency fund. The most popular request for funding from the survey was to reinstate the Rumbling Bridge Gorge footbridge.

The scheme has its own website at [www.fossowayfund.org.uk](http://www.fossowayfund.org.uk). The website will also include the full results from the survey.

Fund application forms will always be available at CC meetings, and will also be downloadable from the website. Applications need to be from local groups to provide a community benefit, and must include a breakdown of costs and agree to provide an end of grant report.

Cllr Robertson asked if TRACKS could help with the bridge scheme, and undertook to raise it with them.

MoP asked how competing applications would be judged. CCllr Duffy responded that amongst other criteria, the committee would be guided by the popular goals obtained from the survey.

**Blairingone Lambhill Site:** The application for the distribution centre was discussed at the Development Management Committee on 17 January and turned down almost unanimously. The CC and those present expressed their thanks to all the local Councillors for their efforts in achieving this result, and to John Anderson for engaging local support for the campaign.

**LDP2 Draft:** Cllr Barnacle has submitted comments on some of the policies in LDP2 and development areas. The next step is for the planners to study all the responses and decide whether to take amendments to the plan for the Council to approve or reject. Alternatively the existing plan could be submitted directly to the reporter. The CC has submitted its opinions on the development of sites that are not currently included in the plan but have been proposed in the past, in case they are proposed again.

MoP asked whether the Councillors were aware of the "Drum Loch", i.e. the drainage problem at the site opposite the Shell Garage at Crook of Devon. Cllr Barnacle replied that there can be no development of the site until the drainage problem is properly addressed.

MoP asked about the Braehead chalet site in Rumbling Bridge, which is apparently in the process of being extended. Cllr Barnacle explained that some planning documents regarding the site were lost when the site moved from Clackmannanshire to Perth & Kinross, and hence there is a lack of clarity about the approval granted. However, the PKC planners have told Cllr Barnacle that there can only be 15

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chalets on the site until there is another planning application.  
**A977 Mitigation:** Lachlan MacLean (PKC Traffic) wants to have a Community Consultation about how the A977 money is to be spent, and asked the CC to help choose the most convenient date. General consensus was to only have the meeting in Powmill as the approximate centre of the A977's range. Drop-in sessions on a Saturday morning, and another evening were thought to be best.

**Blairingone War Memorial:** The War Memorials Trust has contacted the CC about possibly funding the relocation; however Cllr Brown believes that it is unlikely that we will be able to meet their conditions. There is currently no active planning application for the site.

**Fossway Area Public Transport:** There is continued concern about the shortage of taxis in the area. The CC will write to Andrew Warrington, copying the local Councillors, about this issue.

**Crook of Devon and Drum Growing Together:** A local architect has created a design for the village green, including the hearse house. Investigations of that building revealed that it contained the original water pump for the village, and it is hoped that this can be made the centrepiece of the village. Discussions are to be held with PKC to determine if the hearse house can be transferred into ownership of the Bloom Group.

**Matters Arising With No Update Since Last Meeting:** Powmill in Bloom, Crook Moss Travellers Site, Ivy Cottage Powmill, DRT and B9097.

#### P&K Councillors' Reports

**Cllr Robertson:** Auchterarder have a special fund that all developers have to contribute to, which is used for minor infrastructure projects. Could we have one too? The PKC Enterprise Infrastructure committee will be looking at it.

**Cllr Purves:** The Budget will be set on Thursday 15 February; proposals for savings from PKC officers are being considered by Councillors.

**Cllr Watters:** A traffic model covering flow through Kinross and Milnathort based on extensive surveys has been constructed. By factoring in new housing development it is possible to model where problem areas would be, allowing studies of possible solutions.

**Cllr Barnacle:** Nothing not already covered above.

#### Planning Matters – New Applications:

**18/00013/FLL** Alterations and extension to dwelling house Craigton Bungalow, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

**18/00044/FLL** Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Bridgend Cottage, Gairney Burn Lane, Powmill. No CC comment.

**18/00097/FLL** Erection of ancillary accommodation, The Meadows, Vicars Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment.

#### Decided Applications:

**17/02015/FLL** Siting of static caravan for use as staff accommodation for a temporary period (in retrospect) Land 10 metres North of Lambhill, Blairingone. Refused. CC objected.

**17/01227/FLL** Change of use of agricultural shed and yard to general storage and distribution (class 6) Lambhill, Blairingone. Refused. CC objected.

**Correspondence:** All the correspondence was available for viewing: PKC will be introducing a £25 annual charge for collecting garden waste in brown bins from 1 April, however food waste will continue to be collected for free – it's not clear how this distinction will be made. The scheme will operate by householders purchasing an annual permit which will be attached to their bin. Cllr Barnacle pointed out that the aim is to use some of the revenue from this scheme to extend brown bin collections to areas not currently receiving them.

NHS Tayside have approved the new model for Mental Health and Learning Disability Services and the Surgical Services Transformation.

#### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

Matters arising: Hydro Scheme, Blairingone Lambhill Site, A977 Mitigation, Fossway Area Transport, Crook & Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom.

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

**The Next Meeting of Fossway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 7.30pm in Fossway Primary School. All Welcome.**

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## Cleish and Blairadam CC

### News from the February Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 5 February 2018 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, F Whalley, P Fraser, F Gillespie, M T aylor and R Cairney; P&K Cllrs W Robertson, C Purves, M Barnacle and R Watters; and 12 members of the public.

**Apologies:** CCllr H Somerville.

The CC welcomed some of the volunteers who deliver the newsletter and thanked them warmly for their sterling efforts. They were also asked if there was any way things could be improved. A suggestion was made that perhaps the councillors e-mail addresses were made available to members of the public. It was also suggested that perhaps all those that deliver newsletters could provide the Secretary with a list of whom they deliver to.

**Speeding** on the B9097 and on the B966 was again discussed. It was agreed that we email our community police officer PC Stapleton when we thought there was most likely to be speeding i.e. a sunny weekend or a Knockhill weekend and ask for a report on any findings.

**Tabernacle Hall** light had been fixed.

The **overhanging branches** at Cleish Castle had been cut back.

**Road hump near Greenacres:** the farmers need to get together and report this; Callum Purves to facilitate this.

The **poor lighting and road marking** at the junction of the B9097 and the B966 at Jct 5 of the motorway is in the maintenance programme and hopefully will be improved in the not to distant future

**Financial Update:** As of 5 February we have £700 in the bank, however there are several cheques to go out including printing costs for the newsletter, hall hire and insurance for the telephone box in Cleish, which will leave approximately £195. The CC grant comes in around May-June. Our bank has finally recognised the need for two signatories on the account and all paperwork nearly completed.

#### Planning

Applications decided since the last meeting:

Change of House type at the Squirrels, Blairadam.

Stables at Clachban, Cleish.

Access north of Cleish Manse (for access into Cleish Field).

#### Applications pending

New Flockhouse Farm: Agricultural Building extension, Prior Notification

and occupancy use change to Farmhouse (so it is not tied to the farm).

Hardiston House application for extension. This has also gone for listed building consent.

Quarry Bungalow, Craigton, Cleish: application to demolish existing house and rebuild.

The CC had no objections to the above applications.

The application for 5 houses south of Hillcrest, Maryburgh, has enough objections should the council mind to approve that it will go to committee.

**Boreland update:** There has been an attempt at dialogue between the enforcement officer and the developer. The CC are willing to concede on the extra height of the roof but not on the planned change of roof detail. It was agreed that all concerned with this development would like to see a speedy completion to the building on this site.

#### Village Updates

**Blairadam and Cleish: Greenacres:** Part of the dyke has been breached and used for infill and hard standing. This is outwith the settlement area. After much discussion it was suggested that perhaps a boundary of trees should be planted on the settlement boundary perimeter. Cllr Barnacle to approach the enforcement officer to discuss again the issues.

**27 Keltybridge:** the building is not being developed according to the plans and a temporary stop has been put on the development. Again the enforcement officers have been approached to see what can be done about the situation. Should building begin again the councillors have asked that they be informed.

**Felling of trees at Kinnaird:** Cllr Purves has done sterling work on this issue. The Forestry Commission are to file a case with the Procurator Fiscal and hopefully a restocking notice will be issued. PKC have been advised to refuse any planning on the site in the immediate future.

The emptying of the bins during snowy weather has been an issue with some householders not getting a general bin collection for 6 weeks. Cllr Purves to look into this.

**Flytipping** is rearing its ugly head again in both the Cleish and Blairadam areas and the consensus of opinion seems to be that the Council are making it too difficult for householder to take rubbish to the skip. Cllr Barnacle has approached the council regarding this problem and will monitor the situation. There was mention of flooding at Templeton, which, during the icy weather, combined to make driving dangerous. It was agreed to contact Clarence to report this.

#### Other Business

There was a question from the floor regarding the settlement signs at Lochran. Darrel McEwen is dealing with this. It is hoped that once the settlement signs are in place then a speed restriction can also be put in place.

A member of the public brought to our attention the poor state of the Blairforge-Blairfordel and Lochore Meadows path. Cllr Robertson is going to deal with this.

Cllr Purves is going to look into the sign which has been knocked down at junction of the B966/B9097 and Jct 5 of M90.

Our Councillors are trying to advise the council to push more money into the rural areas of the district and make the budget less Perthcentric.

There was some discussion re NHS services and the movement of some services from Perth to Dundee.

George Lawrie from Tracks was asked to help facilitate the clearing of a path at Keltybridge and has to be commended for his actions.

The Councillors were thanked for all the work they do for the Community.

**The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 9 April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge.**

#### 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

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

**[www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk](http://www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk)**



# Club & Community Group News

## Kinross & District Rotary Club

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



### Rotary Young Chef Competition

Our winner, Rory Maddocks, gave an excellent performance at the District Competition held on 27 January in Dundee. This competition covers Scotland north of the Forth, and Rory was one of the youngest competitors, which speaks to his great talent. Feedback from the chief judge was that his starter of scallops was the best on the day, and his food overall was excellent. We'd like to thank him, his parents and all the others who took part in the competition. Well done, Rory!



*Rory Maddocks (front, centre) with the other district competitors in Dundee*

### Recent and upcoming speakers

At our breakfast meeting in January, Andrew Scott, owner of Heaven Scent and Victus Consultancy gave us an enjoyable account of the planning and preparation involved in his

trip to China. He spoke of his experiences as he walked a substantial section of the 13000 mile long Great Wall. The walk raised money for the Hospitality Industry Trust Scotland and took place in May last year. Andrew walked, often in high temperatures, for six to ten hours a day for six consecutive days. It was a very challenging route involving many steep, and some very dangerously eroded, sections of the wall. The talk was richly illustrated with slides and anecdotes from his trip and Andrew left us all in admiration of his enthusiasm and commitment to 'making a difference'.

At the end of January we had a 'reduced' Burns Supper. Associate member Richard Scott piped in the haggis, while his young daughter Emily delivered the Selkirk Grace with style and confidence beyond her years! Rotarian Jim Paterson addressed the haggis then, following an excellent meal, we were treated to a highly entertaining 'Immortal Memory' by John Gilfinnan of the Cowdenbeath Rotary club.

Our speaker on 26 February is due to be Chris Tiso. Chris is the CEO of the Tiso Group, one of the leading national retailers of outdoor clothing and equipment. He is the recipient of several Scottish Business Awards, an ambassador for Dyslexia Scotland and Countryside Learning Scotland and is Honorary President of Scouts Scotland.

In early March we hope to have Gracie Lee talk about her experience of representing the club and school in Strasburg at the Eurscola event.

### Join Us

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

### Contact and information

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

## Fairtrade

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The last month has seen us settle into our temporary abode, the Guiding kitchen, and we must thank our loyal supporters for finding their way there even when the weather was none too kind. The cosiness of our venue was, as always, matched by a warm welcome! This was especially true of our 'Taste of Burns' morning. What we lacked in space was more than compensated for by the enthusiasm of all who attended. Many thanks to Trish Melville and Lucille Henderson for their excellent 'Poosie Nancy' service (including a wee dram); to Elaine Spain and Linda Colebourn for their tasty clottie dumplings; Maureen Eadie for her beautifully written poetry/song sheets and to Phil Leiper for the musical entertainment, creating the jolly atmosphere. Thanks also to all who came along and so generously supported the morning, resulting in £77.60 being raised. An excellent result! We are now preparing for our part in The Better Place to Live Fair on 3 March and hope you'll find time to say hello.

**Project:** In March our project is historically an 'Out Of Africa' project and this year we are revisiting an old favourite, The Vine Trust. This Glasgow based charity has worked in Peru since the late 1990s. It now has two medical ships which journey down the Peruvian Amazon in search of those most in need of access to medical care, reaching over 100,000 villagers every year. The ships are equipped with an operating theatre, dental surgery, pharmacy and treatment rooms. This floating clinic is run by a team of full time medical and technical staff who are supported by UK volunteer clinicians who join them for two week trips.

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) on 01577 863350 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) on 01577 865045.

## Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk



Perthshire artist June McEwan was the guest in February at our first visiting artist demonstration of 2018. Painting skies was the overall theme, with the first half of the afternoon session devoted to the tricky subject of clouds. June's lively and entertaining style of presentation kept everyone's attention as she took us on a journey through art history. We looked at cloud painting by Constable, Turner, Van Gogh and David Hockney and worked on creating a painting as she talked.

After the tea break, June began her 'sunset over the sea' demonstration with a simple blend of blue, red and yellow. Masking tape was used to define the horizon and the reflected light area on the water. June explained that the sky goes light to the horizon and the sea darker away from it. After removing the tape, she began to add various elements: mountains, a passing yacht and, by using a rag to wipe out colour, the setting sun. June completed the painting in around 20 minutes.

We welcome visitors to these demonstration sessions which are organised by our professional adviser, Tom Sutton-Smith. See our calendar of events on our website.



Tom welcoming June to the club

Tom is to be congratulated for having had one of his paintings accepted for the Royal Scottish Society of Painters in Watercolour 137th Annual Exhibition in Edinburgh. The exhibition runs from Monday 5 February to Thursday 8 March.

If you would like to know more about the history of our club, it has been painstakingly chronicled by club member Carole Drummond and now resides at Kinross Museum in the community campus, along with the sketch book of members' paintings and the beautifully turned and decorated bowl by Archie Scott to commemorate the club's and RSPB Loch Leven's shared Golden Anniversary. Fifty years on, the club is as vibrant as ever. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us through our website.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### January Draw

1st	No 44	Clare Abbott Smith, Scotlandwell.
2nd	No 101	Lynn O Hara, Kinnesswood.
3rd	No 54	Ian Dandie, Kinnesswood.

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## Kinross Camera Club

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The New Year got off to a great start with an illuminating talk from Graham Dargie on the use of Speedlite (off camera flash). He provided a practical demonstration on how to use flash to light portraits for dramatic effect and isolate them from the background.

You can see an example of his work below, which he did on the night in just a few minutes. This is our very own man of mystery - Robert Walker.



*An example of flash lighting for dramatic effect*

We also had a talk called 'Glorious Glasgow' from Duncan McEwan. It was a celebration of the fantastic architecture across the city. Most of us knew it had a reputation for some great buildings but never really appreciated the depth or extent of just how many wonderful structures Glasgow has to offer.

New members are welcome at any time of the year to 'test the water' and meet the club. The first three evenings are free and, if you decide you like what you see, then you simply join the club. We are a friendly bunch with a wide range of abilities who share a common interest in all genres of photography.

Our meetings are held in the Church Centre in Kinross every Thursday at 7.30pm and all are welcome. Whether you are a complete beginner or seasoned pro, the club has something to offer all standards of photographer. For more information, please contact Alison Rutherford by email at [alison.rutherford1@live.com](mailto:alison.rutherford1@live.com) or visit the club website.

## Kinross Centre

The wintry weather has curtailed our activities only a little. We closed early one snowy afternoon to ensure that everyone got home safely and, unfortunately, some of our service-users did not escape the flu.

Apart from that, our careful drivers managed to bring in everyone who wished to come. The remainder were able to have a lunch delivered by staff or volunteers, if they wished. As always, we aim to help out in the way a supportive family would.

We had a really good turnout for the Burns lunch. The haggis was piped in and enthusiastically addressed by Richard Scott. Lunch was followed by excellent entertainment from Linton Osbourne. We'll be having him back very soon as his choice of music and presentation was spot-on for our service users. If you would like to be involved with the Kinross Centre as a service-user, volunteer, or as a supporter, speak to Nan Cook on 01577 863869.



## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next meeting is on **Thursday 1 March** when it is our Annual General Meeting and lunch.

**Holiday in Llandudno:** The coach leaves Milnathort at 8.50am and the Green Hotel, Kinross, at 9am on 11 March.

### Away Days

**8 Mar** Transport Museum, Glasgow.

**22 Mar** Callander House and Kelpies.

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

### Friday Walkers

**9 Mar** John Knox's Pulpit from Burnside and return.

**23 Mar** Aberdour to St Bride's Kirk and return.

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

### Hill Walkers

**2 Mar** Stronachie Flora 9am

**16 Mar** Killiecrankie, Faskally Anne/Kate 9am

**30 Mar** Callander Richard 9am

Contact Pauline Watson, telephone 01577 862685.

### Activities

Activities are open to all members of the club.

**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.

## Circle Dancing

Circle dancing is a very popular activity in Kinross and if you have never given it a try then please do think about coming along to one of the classes to enjoy a free taster session. Sessions are on Tuesday mornings in the Millbridge Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm and Wednesday mornings in the dance studio in Junction Road, Kinross from 10am to 11am. No previous experience is required and you do not need a partner. Please contact Lynne on 01259 742173 or 07931398098 for further details.

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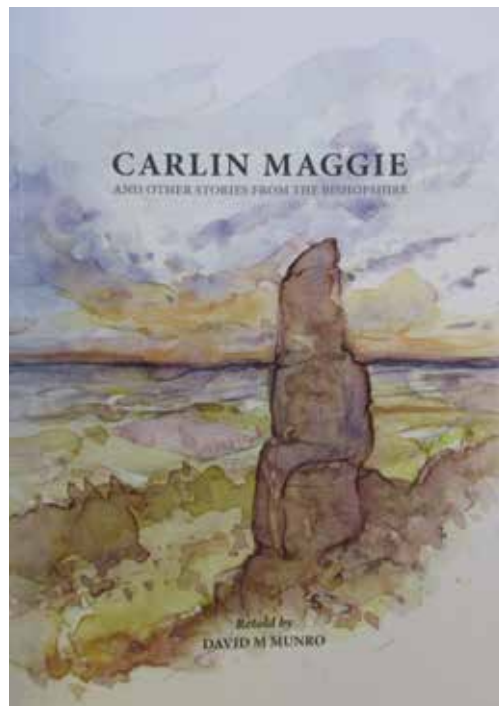


For those interested in the history of Kinross-shire, the Museum has a number of publications for sale. Two new books published in the autumn of 2017 are amongst these. Simon Taylor's 733-page The Place-Names of Kinross-shire, which is full of fascinating information about the early history of the county as well as the origin of local place-names, is available for £35. Published as part of the 2017 'Our Portmoak' programme of activities, Carlin Maggie and other stories from the Bishopshire retold

by David Munro is on sale in the Museum for a more modest £3. This 28-page book is a retelling of five old traditional tales from Portmoak Parish.

To obtain copies of these publications, drop by the Museum's Study Room in the Loch Leven Community Campus, which is manned by volunteers on Thursdays and Saturdays. You can also find out about being a Friend of Kinross Museum and what is involved in being a volunteer. Check out the Museum's website.

*This book is one of several publications available to buy at the museum in the community campus*



## Kinross Garden Group

We had a very entertaining talk in February from Jane Sanderson of the Abernethy Horticultural Group. She told us all about her 'significant birthday' trip to Tanzania and her amazing trek up Mount Kilimanjaro, which is 19,341ft (5,895m) above sea level. Her photographs showed us the flora and fauna of her pre-climb safari as well as the six-day trek, the flora (and the oxygen) getting less as they got nearer the summit. She raised £1000 for the Air Ambulance Charity as a result of her climb.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8 March** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, when Caroline Thomson of Backhouse Rossie Estate at Collessie in Fife will talk about The Backhouse Heritage Centre. The Centre holds the National Collection of Narcissus Backhouse cultivars, which were bred by Caroline's forebears.

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.



## Light Up Kinross

We were delighted to have, and gratefully thank, trainer Lucinda Russell and jockey Derek Fox for switching on this year's display in front of a large crowd.

We would also like to thank the following businesses and groups for their sponsorship and support: Persimmon Homes Community Fund, Scott Davidson Trust, Kinross Community Council Newsletter, Kinross Common Good Fund, Kinross-shire Fund, Hunters of Kinross, Todd and Duncan, Baynes the Bakers, Rowlands Chemist, Stewart Funeral Directors, Kirklands Hotel, The Complete Look, Courthouse Restaurant, Dobbies Garden Centre, Kinross Rotary Club, Bob Purvis of Purvis Group, Kilted Christmas Tree Co, Lodge St Serf, DM Sheet Metal, Kinross and District Pipe Band, and all those who supported our fundraisers including collections.

The expenses for this year's display have increased significantly from previous years. This is due to essential repairs and replacements costing £3208.79, plus the cost of Tayside contracts for erection and dismantle of lights amounting to £2790.

We hope you all enjoyed the improvements made to the display this year.

We look forward to your continued support. Our **AGM** will take place on **Wednesday 25 April** in Millbridge Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome so please come along and help support our display for next year.



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## A year making 38 friends

The Men's Shed is now one year old. The committee was constituted on 22 February last year and the first members' meeting was on 4 March. Progress has been far greater than expected, including 39 members joining. Shona and Tracey, our professional advisers, have guided us and local people have been very supportive; thank you to everyone. Rather than summarise our activities, which have been recorded monthly in this Newsletter, I'll focus on the Shed's role, our unsung achievement.

Ask the members what the Shed means to them, and they will answer companionship. Men moving to the area are meeting new acquaintances. The same applies to some who, during their working life, do not meet other men because they do not join clubs or other organisations, perhaps because they are too busy or too tired. The Shed's informality means any shedder is free to talk to anybody, whether in general banter or asking about an ongoing project, and all will happily respond. As one man said, "I knew no-one before I came; I now have 38

friends." So do all the other shedders! Improving men's health and wellbeing underpins all Men's Sheds, in which tackling loneliness is prominent. Studies show men don't normally socialise with each other to the extent of discussing health, finance or other personal issues. Without friends, loneliness can occur at all ages, such as a man and his partner separating. The issue becomes more significant on retirement with work colleagues no longer around, and even worse if he finds himself a widower. When one shedder was rushed to hospital, many members signed a get well card. On recovering, his appreciation struck us hard when he recounted, "It was the only card."

Being alone, feeling lonely can have serious consequences. Some men will seek the sanctuary of the pub bar while others stay at home watching television alone and eating ready meals. Neither is the route to healthy living. And either combined with loneliness causes a man's wellbeing to deteriorate, possibly leading to depression. Loneliness, of all the difficulties various shedders have encountered, is the easiest for

the Shed to help overcome. It doesn't exist in the Shed, it has been banished, and companionship thrives instead. That is the start, as one shedder explained: "The Shed and its Shedders have genuinely changed my life for the better; improved my confidence, found me new friends, given me somewhere to go and a reason to get up in the morning, and a chance to explore and develop new skills."

If you want to know more about the Shed, meet us at the Kinross Better Place to Live Fair on Saturday 3 March. If you miss us there, we're on Facebook, and have a website, or visit us at the former Forth Wines Warehouse, Milnathort, Wednesday and Saturday mornings.



## Rosemount Nursery

In early February, the children enjoyed a Chinese banquet courtesy of Peter and Emma Chan. The children discovered new flavours and how to eat with chopsticks, as well as learning about the festival of Chinese New Year. It was a lovely experience that generated much discussion and was another example of how we at Rosemount strive to promote joined up working within the community and all the wonderful things that this community can provide. Kung Hei Fat Choi!



Rosemount Nursery children enjoy tucking in to chinese food!

## Potager Garden

After the cold winter, we are all looking forward to spring, and the new growing season.

**Volunteer sessions and plant sales** will start again at the garden on Monday mornings from about 10.30am from the beginning of March. If in doubt about the weather, call Amanda on 07963 476803.

We are also hosting a **workshop for PKC Waste Officers** about home composting on Thursday 1 March.

Come and speak to us at the **Better Place to Live Fair on Saturday 3 March**, to find out more about our activities, and how you could be involved.

The school children from **Kinross Primary** will have their first visit to the garden around the end of the month, before starting regularly in the summer term. They have also asked us for support in planting their grounds at the new school, and creating a sensory garden.

Any **new volunteers or supporters are very welcome**, or **donations of plants** if you are dividing any in the garden during the spring.

Wishing you all some sunshine, and good growing.

Amanda James

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### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

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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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## Kinross & District Pipe Band

Calling all pipers and drummers! Your community needs you!

After a very successful competing year in 2017 when the band fared very well at contests, both major and minor, and the drum corps won Champion of Champions at the Worlds, the band has unavoidably "lost" a few of its star young players as they leave to pursue university and vocational careers elsewhere. Although some of them remain nominally with the band, it's unlikely we will have their services as often as we would like, so we take this opportunity (whether they have officially left or not) to wish all the best to Amy Bryson, Lewis Cox and Alasdair Bennet (all at university), Alexander Cox, who has joined the Navy down in Plymouth, and Douglas Weir (working as an engineer at Jaguar in Coventry). A huge thanks to all of them for sticking with us for so long and helping the band do so well!

So now we are a somewhat smaller band than we were, and have some consolidation and rebuilding work ahead of us. So, once again, we would invite all those pipers and drummers within the area who would like to keep their hands in to get in touch. We meet every Thursday night at St Serf's Lodge, next to the Muirs Inn, for a friendly weekly practice session, and typically compete at a number of the major and minor contests from May to August.

The band is also very supportive of the new initiative (see separate article in this Newsletter, page 23) to start piping and drumming tuition in all the local schools. As soon as a critical mass of these new learners is achieved, the new Kinross-shire Youth Pipes and Drums novice juvenile band will be formed; a very exciting new venture for Kinross!

Both bands will then actively work together, sharing music sets and joining forces to support local events, whilst retaining their own separate identities and competing separately in their respective grades.

Exciting times ahead!

For any queries, please contact:

secretary@kinross-pipe-band.co.uk



## Kinross & District Probus Club

### Tayside Mountain Rescue

by Eric Drummond

Eric is a retired police officer who came to speak to us in January. Over many years, he worked with, and helped build, Tayside Mountain Rescue (TMR) which has grown into the first class emergency response unit it is today.

Formed in 1976, TMR is one of 31 Mountain Rescue units in Scotland. They are mainly staffed by civilian volunteers, serving police officers and supported by the RAF, Coastguard and Scottish Fire Service. It is a charity and is, therefore, very dependent on funders to give them the financial resources to purchase new equipment and maintain their high standards. TMR is made up of 30 civilians and 15 police officers with a base in Blairgowrie. The huge area of Tayside (2896sq miles) presents specific challenges for the team. This is an area which has 52 munros, scattered in numerous climbing areas, and it is a logistical nightmare when manpower resources are spread across the region.

On average TMR will receive 50 to 55 callouts per annum. The incidents being dealt with are caused by many factors including weather, poor navigational skills, reliance on mobile phones where there is a poor signal, slips and falls, running out of time and getting caught on the hill after dark. The one thing Eric stressed was that the team never make any judgements about the walker's ability to be on the hills. They all love the outdoors and the ability for all to enjoy it.

Over the years TMR has become much more professional and their skills and equipment have improved immensely. They now have the support of SARDA rescue dogs. This greatly speeds up the search process, allowing the team to cover wider areas more quickly. The team members themselves have to meet very high standards and training is key. The ability to use highly sophisticated equipment and to administer first aid to a high standard are skills mastered by the team.

Eric highlighted the commitment given by the volunteers and the close links formed with all the rescue services. This means that, when called upon, they can respond in the quickest, most efficient manner, and continue to save lives in the hills and mountains of Tayside.

Funding is crucial to maintaining this vital service. If you want to help, please visit their website at [www.taysidemrt.org.uk](http://www.taysidemrt.org.uk).

The vote of thanks was given by Ruary MacLeod.



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# Kinross-shire Decides!

1

A variety of Community organisations have applied to the Participatory Budget, Perth & Kinross Council for grants up to £2000 to fund their projects. This money comes from the Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership and the Scottish Government's Community Choices Fund.

Those applicants from Kinross-shire that have met the criterion of tackling inequalities have been invited to take part in a participatory budgeting event at the BPTLF.

2

Organisations will have information stalls at the

**Better Place to Live Fair**

**Saturday 3 March 2018**

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Come along and meet the organisations and **Decide** who you think is doing a great job in Kinross-shire.

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3

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## Spaces available in outdoor playgroup

Swansacre Playgroup now offers a full day outdoor play session called Garden Guddle based on forest school principles. The children play outside all day, eat their snacks in the new outdoor classroom and shelter there if they need a rest from puddle jumping, water pumping, leaf decorating or mudcake baking.

"Parent feedback has been fantastic on the new outdoor session. The children love the chance to play outside all day

and are encouraged to explore mud and get as messy as they like. By the end of the day they are ready for a good night's sleep!" says Swansacre committee member Hazel Lambert.

Swansacre is a community playgroup run by, and for, the families of the children who join us to explore and learn.

There are a few places available at Garden Guddle for children aged between three and five years old. Garden Guddle runs

from 9am to 3pm every Monday during the school term and costs £25. Children bring their own packed lunch and wear waterproofs from head to toe.

Swansacre Playgroup is located in the centre of Kinross. Our specially adapted building has a large garden where all the Garden Guddle fun happens. If you'd like to find out more or put your child's name down for sessions after Summer, please email [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)

Thank you to the Co-op, Kinross Ladies Circle, Round Table, TSB, TGB Sheds, Gutters2Glory, the Swansacre community and everyone who attended one of our Christmas fundraising events – your contributions all helped us to buy the outdoor classroom.



*Children and Playleaders from Swansacre's Garden Guddle class say thank you to the community for their fantastic new outdoor classroom*



## Networking Breakfast at Loch Leven's Larder addressed by 'Mine Host'

There can be few networking events in Scotland with a more stunning and serene backdrop than Kinross-shire Partnership's lively business breakfasts, held at Loch Leven's Larder on the first Wednesday of each month. On 7 February, while over 20 local business owners and representatives were networking avidly, a frosty winter sunrise was painting the waters of the loch innumerable shades of pink and orange – a spectacle which on its own was worth the early start. The hearty full Scottish breakfast simultaneously provided by Loch Leven's Larder was, however, also an excellent incentive if one were needed!

The speaker at February's networking breakfast was none other than Robin Niven, co-owner of Loch Leven's Larder and a man who, it transpired during his introduction by Kinross-shire Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart, wears myriad other hats on a daily basis – of which more anon. Before Robin's talk, however, each of the local entrepreneurs in attendance was invited by the co-hosts for the morning, Liz Jeffrey (of Tyrefair and Motorhome Adventure Scotland) and Richard Scott (of the Cleaning Intelligence Agency), to introduce themselves to the assembled breakfasters and to share an interesting fact about their organisation.

The atmosphere at these breakfasts is extremely warm, and participants' individual 60-second (maximum)



presentations offer an excellent opportunity to find out what other entrepreneurs in and around Kinross-shire are up to. As ever, both the breadth of expertise and the variety of business services and forthcoming initiatives alluded to were impressive, ranging from Tullibole Castle's fledgling plan to introduce youngsters to the delights of the great outdoors to Kinross Cricket Club's innovative project to help combat loneliness among older citizens by inviting them to watch summer cricket matches at The Larder.

Of course, Loch Leven's Larder itself is arguably one of the best-known local family businesses, and it was therefore fascinating to hear Robin Niven's description of how it began life 15 years ago when he and his wife Emma noticed a gap in the market. They identified, even before 'provenance' became such a buzz word in the food industry, the need for a restaurant where diners could get up close and personal with the food they were eating. Robin and Emma set out to create precisely that experience, and as Robin pointed out, "Now our customers can walk past the fields and see our carrots growing, as well as being able to eat them in the restaurant."

Since its inception, the Larder has expanded significantly on several occasions, adding more retail space, plus carrying out a complete restaurant refurbishment and extension. Now the Nivens are in the process of growing their facility once again, with the addition of a self-service Greenhouse Café for drinks and snacks, a food hall which will house a range of food businesses, plus a wedding and function venue, not to mention additional car-parking space.

Robin acknowledged the important role of the farm's location on the shores of Loch Leven, and the ambitious development of the Heritage Trail, in attracting visitors to the Larder. He values the peaceful, contemplative nature of the loch, which differentiates it so dramatically from Loch Lomond and its speed boats. Being more concerned himself with the hands-on farming aspect of the business, he also praised his wife Emma for her relentless pursuit of excellence in the restaurant and retail area, plus the entire team at the Larder for being 'the heartbeat of the business'.

If you'd like to attend the next business breakfast, on Wednesday 7 March at 7.15am at Loch Leven's Larder, please email Kinross-shire Partnership administrator Karen Grunwell at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) to book your place.

*See also notice on page 100.*

## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association

A fun night was held at Orwell Church Hall in mid-February and thanks are due to the inimitable Mike Spain for his usual professional performance as ace quiz master. The winning team was Les Quizerables, who finished half a point ahead of the local camera club's team of Snappers. The booby prize went to Milnathort Rural.

Plans are still being drawn up for the official twinning visit to Gacé this summer (29 July to 6 August). For more details, contact David Munro on 01577 862126.

David was the guest speaker at Kinross-shire Historical Society where he shared videos and photos from the inception of twinning in August 1974. Highlights include the parade of decorated floats travelling through Kinross, the Gacéans performing traditional dances, the football challenge match in Gacé and 'It's a Knockout' in front of Gacé's Chateau.

Treasurer Alf Fyfe gave an illustrated talk to the Thursday Group. His presentation included a detailed look at some of the places in Normandy and beyond that we have visited over the years.



The committee have been deliberating over what present they should take to Gacé this summer. A decision is due at the end of February.



*One of the early gifts presented to Kinross in the early years of twinning: Norman lions made from carved wood*

## Kinnesswood in Bloom

There has been much discussion recently about the bench at Benarty View and it has finally been decided that it will be incorporated into the circular wall. Some ideas have been looked at and designs from Chris Palmer will be produced soon.

The listening post for Michael Bruce Garden has been purchased from the Perth creative fund and will soon be installed.

Members of Kinnesswood in Bloom, past members, crafters and Path Group members had a lovely night out at the Kirklands in Kinross. It was a chance to celebrate the past year and look forward to 2018.

We are looking once again to hold a **quiz and curry night** on **Saturday 24 March**. Once again, Raymond will host the quiz. More details will be available on our website and on local posters.



## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Courgette and Cream Cheese Soup

I was served this soup in a lovely little cafe in Newburgh called Manna. It is run by Church volunteers and the menu depends on who brings in soup or cakes on a particular day but it is to be recommended. I did manage to get the recipe for this lovely soup.

#### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium to large onion, finely chopped
- 3 large courgettes, grated or chopped
- 800ml vegetable stock
- Mixed herbs
- 200g pot cream cheese

#### Method

Sauté the onion in oil till soft. Add courgettes and cook for 5 minutes, then add the stock. Bring to the boil and add herbs. Simmer for 20 minutes until soft. Liquidise and stir in the cheese.

This will serve 4 to 6 people and can be frozen.



*First planning meeting of 2018 at the Well*

Various dates were noted at our last meeting, including the Take a Pride in Perthshire AGM in Coupar Angus in April and a celebration event on 1 June at Perth Racecourse.

The excellent report for Portmoak Primary was noted by our group and quotes about links with the community, featuring our group, were read out.

The Happy Hookers Group had started to re-dress the gardeners and golfers.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 1 March at 7.30pm in the Well Inn.

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## Portmoak Film Society

February's film, 'Manchester by the Sea', saw a good turnout of 25 film fans who clearly appreciated this multi-award winning movie, giving it a 74% audience satisfaction, despite the fact that it was about loss and bereavement. Not exactly a feel-good film, but it had glimpses of brightness in the way family and friends helped the bereaved, and the eventual blossoming of the relationship between the two main characters, brilliantly played by Casey Affleck and Lucas Hedges as brother and son of the deceased.

The March and April films, the last for this season, are traditionally 'surprise slots', chosen at short notice by the film selection committee. The next one, on **Saturday 10 March**, is 'Viceroy's House', which is about the partition of India in 1947 and is written and directed by British-Asian director Gurinda Chada, best known for her film 'Bend it like Beckham'. If you like sumptuously shot period drama or are interested in Britain's post-colonial history, this film is for you. Films are shown at Portmoak Community Hall near Scotlandwell and start promptly at 7.30pm. Entry costs £5 on the night or with a membership card; afterwards we invite you to stay for post-film chat over hot drinks and film-themed refreshments. Newcomers and regulars all welcome!

For further info on films and dates, visit:

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

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## Portmoak Community Woodland

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

There's not much work to do in the woodlands in the depths of winter. So the timing of Burns' night is excellent. For the Portmoak Community Woodland Group it's a chance, not only to commemorate the Bard, but to celebrate another year of progress and activities in Portmoak Moss and Kilmagad Wood.

We held our Burns' Supper on Saturday 27 January in Portmoak Village Hall and, with 110 people there, it was a sell-out.

Our principal speaker was Professor Robert Crawford of St Andrews University. Before we even got to the haggis we had him read his poem; Scotch Broth, 'A soup so thick you could shake its hand'.

I think we were all relieved that our new caterer, Extraordinary Eating, focused on delicious rather than too thick!



Bill Carr in plague mask

Dr Bill Carr addressed the haggis disguised as a Prussian officer in the service of Lord, the Duke of Marlborough. He entered the hall wearing a plague mask and a red cloak as worn in times of plague in Venice. Later in the evening this inspired a clever haiku from the audience in our community poetry competition. Not for the first time, you wish Burns was still alive to witness the flights of fancy sparked by his poems.

Chloe Vlasto and Kirsty Buchanan did excellent work as reciter of the Selkirk Grace and as Poosie Nancy, while Tom Brown piped in the massive haggis.

In the run up to the event there had been controversy in the media over Burns' love life. Was he a 'sex pest'? Professor Crawford, who has written a detailed, up-to-date biography of Burns, met this head on with a frank presentation about the poet and his attitudes to, and treatment of, women. As with all aspects of Burns' life, it was complicated.

Jeff Gunnell and Krys Hawryszczuk proved how tricky relationships between lads and lasses can be with a hilarious toast and reply. The lads sang Green Grow the Rashers O and the lassies responded with Comin' Through the Rye. Our accompanists for all the community singing were Lynne Hope and Mike and Craig Lithgow. The Lithgows also performed Burns' songs and one of Craig's own compositions. The Portmoak Players accompanied singer, Jo Falla, in Burns' songs arranged by Haydn, as well as another work by Robert Crawford.

Elaine Crawford, a great favourite at our Suppers, recited John Anderson My Jo and A Lass wi' a Tocher.

Fundraising efforts were boosted by a unique bird table (in the style of Mondrian) made by Matt Crawford and by Tom and Corinna Norris who provided the whisky.

Ours is not an entirely conventional Burns Supper and it ended, as usual, with our own toast; 'Mosses, Waters, Slaps and Stiles'. Graham Smith, a member of PCWG, gave an entertaining, illustrated account of the previous year; a year which saw activities as diverse as time travel in the Moss and road mending at its entrance.

Will we have as much to talk about in another year's time? Please watch this space, and our website, for the usual programme of activities in the woods and orchard.

Meetings, to which all are welcome, continue to be held in the Well Inn, Scotlandwell, on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

## Kinross in Bloom

The first meeting of the new season took place on 7 February in the Garden Room of the Church

Centre, presided over by our new chairman, Mr Graham Barnett. Among items discussed were our polytunnel, watering system, our workhorse buggy, and winter planting. The weather being what it is, there is not much we can do at this time, but as our Spring bulbs are already making an appearance, and the polyanthus will be emerging from their winter covering, it will not be too long before we start tidying and feeding.

A calendar of dates was introduced so that all members could see what was happening. We are all looking forward to a bright and colourful season.

Our 200 Club draw for the first two months of the year took place and the winners are:

### January

1st	No 1	Mrs L Band	2nd	No 43	Mrs J McAteer
3rd	No 83	Mrs P Watson	4th	No 88	Mr G Sorbie

### February

1st	No 70	Mrs J Simpson	2nd	No 62	Mrs E Nelson
3rd	No 60	Mr J Montgomery	4th	No 72	Mrs E Sparling

Congratulations to all.

Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 7 March** at 7.30pm.

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

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

### Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

- **Bookbug Rhymetimes:** Saturdays 10.30am-11am and Wednesdays 2pm-2.30pm.
- **Pre-school Story Time:** Tuesdays 10.15am-10.45am. Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.
- **Stay and Play:** Wednesdays 2.30pm-3.30pm. Saturdays 11am-12 noon. 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.

**IT Help Sessions:** Free, but booking essential. Next session **Thursday 1 March**, 2pm onwards.

### Book Groups at the Library

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

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

**General Book Group:** Once a month on a Friday morning, 10.30-11.30am

**Café Book Group:** Once a month on a Saturday morning, 11.15am. The next meeting for the Café Book Group is **Saturday 10 March**.

Please contact the Library for the other book group dates.

### Author Talk: Helen Forbes

**Wednesday 7 March at 7.15pm**

Expected finish time is 8.15pm/8.30pm.

**Cost: Free, but pre-booking is essential.**

Crime fiction was not what Helen Forbes expected to write. As a single parent and mature law student, she used her limited spare time to write contemporary and historical Scottish fiction. It was a chance remark at a writing club some years later that led to her debut crime novel, *In the Shadow of the Hill*, featuring Detective Sergeant Joe Galbraith, and a plot described in one newspaper review as having 'more twists and turns than the road to the isles, making it impossible to put down.' The novel and characters proved popular with readers, leading to the recent publication of a second book in the DS Joe Galbraith series, *Madness Lies*. Helen has now taken to crime with a passion, recently completing a psychological thriller, *Deception*.

Helen will talk about her novels, the influences that turned her to crime, and how she manages to balance a demanding legal career with the life of a published author.



Helen Forbes

### Dinosaur Fun Day, Friday 13 April, 2-4pm

For children 4-10 years and their families. £2 per child. Booking essential. A fun afternoon aimed at children aged 4-10 years and their families.

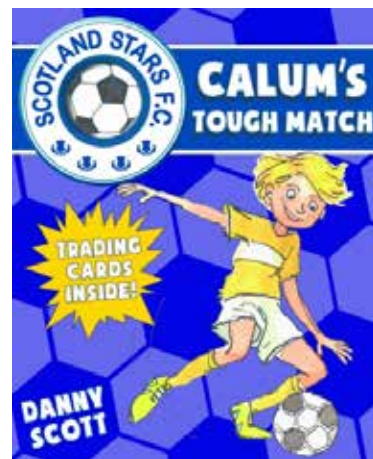


Come along and help paint a Messy Dinosaur • Join in our Dinosaur Hunt • Dino information Zone • Dinosaur Lego challenge • Dinosaur Storytime • Dinosaur crafts and more....

### Scotland Stars F.C. with Danny Scott

Coming in March to Loch Leven Library: contact the library for more information.

Scottish Book Trust and the Scottish Professional Football League Trust have joined up with 14 SPFL clubs and local libraries to encourage primary school-age children to read in exchange for match tickets. Kick off the 4-4-2 Football Challenge with Danny Scott, author of the Scotland Stars F.C. series. Danny will take you on a journey into the



beautiful game and read you an action-packed extract from *Calum's New Team* - you might even get to take a penalty at him for the chance to lift the World Cup trophy.

### Foodbank

The library is now a foodbank collection point.

### Friends of Loch Leven

#### Community Library (FOLLCL)

We will be at the **Better Place to Live Fair** at Loch Leven Community Campus on Saturday 3 March and we'd love to see you there! The event is a great opportunity to find out what's going on in the community and the chance to discover new activities, clubs to join and places to go.



The fair is open from 10am until 2pm. As well as being at the fair itself, we will also be staffing the library as usual from 1pm till 4pm, so please drop in after you've seen all the fair has to offer. If you haven't used the library before we can show you round, and if you've been inspired to take up a new hobby or get more involved with a project we can point you in the right direction to read all about it!

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



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## Kinross Farmers Market

The markets will start again in April, with the first on **Saturday 28 April** from 10am to 2pm on the High Street of Kinross. This market will be **bicycle themed** and Loch Leven Cycles will be there with a display of various bicycles and bicycle equipment. You can also get your bicycle checked out at the event. So come along and get bicycle ready for the season!

In addition, the Community Sport Hub will display a Trishaw. This is a special bike which can be used to enable people that are older, or no longer able to ride a bike for themselves, to still have the opportunity to be taken on a bicycle ride. (See also page 10)

Markets will be held on every fourth Saturday of the month from April to October (apart from in July, when there will be no market). So the dates are as follows: 28 April, 26 May, 23 June, 25

August, 22 September and 27 October. On these dates the High Street will be **closed** from entrance Burns Begg Street to entrance Montgomery Street. **There will be special signs in place to guide traffic to alternative routes via Burns Begg Street/Sandport or Bowton Road/Montgomery Street.**

## Leven Voices Community Choir Concert

Come and listen to all the songs that the choir has been working on with Horsecross Arts Tutor Alice Marra! The concert is on **Tuesday 20 March** from 8pm at Kinross Parish

Church. Donations at the door and proceeds go to local charities. Songs for everyone so come along and enjoy!

## Gaelic evening with Maeve MacKinnon and Guests

An evening of Gaelic song, dance, storytelling and more on **Saturday 24 March** from 7pm at Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets are £7/£5 and BYOB. These are available at Macbeth Currie Estate Agency in Kinross and Light Up My Heart in Milnathort. Tickets are also available on our website.



Leven Voices

## Boys Brigade

We are entering a busy period with a number of activities and competitions planned for the next month or so.



Our Anchors have been busy learning about Robert Burns, Australia Day and other topics of interest. They are also following the BB badge programme which involves physical exercise in the form of games and activities.

Juniors are preparing for their festival of activities which involves figure marching, singing and potted sports. Juniors and Company section members missed out in the Battalion chess competition as it was postponed due to a heavy snowfall. Bell's Sports Centre will host the Juniors and Company sections five-a-side football in mid-February.

Company members are preparing for practice expeditions in line with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Company members also participated in the annual Battalion Scripture Search competition.

All sections were involved in designing a badge to celebrate 125 years of Perth Battalion, which will run from September 2018 till April 2019. Lots of activities are planned for this event.

Our white marquee tent (40 foot by 20 foot) is available for hire from March through the spring and summer months at £200 per occasion. This includes the delivery, erection, dismantling and removal of the marquee.

Contact Company Captain David Munro on 01577 862126 for booking and availability.



Some of the entries for the Battalion 125 year badge competition



The Anchor section making origami kangaroos during their Australia Day celebrations

## Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at  
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## Aero Space Scientific Education Trust

www.aerospacekinross.com



### Stellar Partnership with Cosmos Planetarium

Kinross-based Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust (ASSET) and West Lothian based Cosmos Planetarium (CP) are creating a stellar partnership as they merge company resources. This is happening in the run up to the creation of the uniquely themed aviation, astronomy, and space centre in Kinross.



Left to Right: Alisdair Stewart, Chairman; James Green, Cosmos Planetarium; and Steven Gray, Cosmos Planetarium

Steven Gray and James Green of Cosmos Planetarium have been running cosmic outreach programmes across Scotland and the north of England for several years, bringing their expert astronomy skills to primary and secondary schools as well as numerous events and festivals around the UK.

CP presents an ideal solution to supporting the planetarium element of the project, as well as continuing to build continued and strong public engagement and awareness through their astronomy outreach programme.

Alisdair Stewart, chairman of ASSET said: 'We are enjoying a very positive start to 2018..... and [are] thrilled to be merging Cosmos Planetarium into Aero Space Kinross, as this both recognises the immense skill set Steven Gray and James Green will bring to the astronomy element of our ambitions, but also shows real business confidence as we move into our crucial capital funding stage.'

With the merger completed, Steven Gray and James Green will be welcomed as directors of ASK and trustees of ASSET. Commenting on the merger, managing partner Steven Gray said: 'This is a very exciting move for us as we see this as a significant and dynamic development that melds our two businesses together and can bring great results as the Aero Space Kinross project grows.'

For further project and community share offer information please contact Alisdair Stewart at:

alisdair@aerospacekinross.com.



For more information on how to support and be a part of this unique experience go to our website or find us on Facebook.



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Our February meeting was held at Fossoway Church Hall. Our guest speaker was Ken Miles, a well-known local face who has been in the antiques business since the mid 70s, formerly in London where he had many famous customers, before locating to Kinross.

Ken gave us a most entertaining and informative evening. He told us that the 70s was the optimum time for selling antiques as Britain was not economically strong at the time and dealers like him were selling very largely to customers from Europe, Canada and Australia, and also the British trend at that time was 'industrial'. New housing, of course, was smaller and couldn't accommodate large antique furniture. Fittingly for St Valentine's Day, Ken took as his theme 'Love' and had brought along a wonderful collection of pictures all stitched with incredible artistry, including two samplers by young girls aged 12, one being dated 1770. The pictures depicted love in many forms such as couples, mother and child studies and religious themes.

Ken, like many antique enthusiasts, is primarily concerned with love for the artefacts themselves and appreciation of the incredible amount of expertise to create them rather than the monetary worth, while admitting that antiques is a business and some dealers can be fairly ruthless. He stressed that to start up you needed a little cash, some knowledge and a lot of enthusiasm. He spoke of the genuine trust and sharing of knowledge among dealers. He spoke of some of his finds and sales and also the trust built up with customers. He warned us to beware of fulsome adverts, which could turn out to be describing items worth rather less than the price they were seeking! Even dealers like Ken can be mistaken in the early days!

Ken also set us a quiz with six items and we were asked to put them in order of age. Well done to those members with a full score. Many thanks from us all to Ken who had taken so much time and trouble to present such an interesting talk.

Thank you also to our host Marjory and her helper Fiona for excellent 'goodies' – we loved the heart-shaped shortbread! Our next meeting is on 14 March, again at Fossoway Church Hall, and is Members' Night. Members are asked to bring along a treasure to speak about.

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## Kinross High School

### Scots Verse Speaking Competition

This year, the annual competition fell on Burns' birthday!

Each pupil learns a poem to recite to their class, then they have the opportunity of entering the competition. The performances were of a very high standard and the judges had a very difficult decision. After much deliberation, Laura Schofield was declared the winner of the competition with her rendition of 'Address to the Haggis'.

We were also entertained with Scottish music by a group of S1 musicians. Mr Becher (an Ayrshire man) from our Modern Languages faculty entertained us with a rendition of 'Rantin' Rovin' Robin'.

It was a lovely occasion and a very fitting way to celebrate the influence of our national bard.

### Expressive Arts Trip

The Expressive Arts faculty organised a very successful trip to see Miss Saigon at the Festival Theatre in Edinburgh in February, with over 40 pupils attending. All those who came reported that they had a fantastic time and at least half of the pupils were in tears by the end of the show (along with the majority of accompanying staff)!

### Professional Learning Conference

The theme of this, our second Professional Learning Conference, was Responsibility of All, which encompassed literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

The two keynote speakers were Dr Carol Craig (Centre for Confidence and Wellbeing) and Dr Bill Paterson (Be Mindful Fife). A series of workshops was offered to delegates which included teachers and support staff as well as colleagues from cluster primaries, Navigate, PKC, Dundee City Council and One World Centre.

A Teach Meet session followed the conference. This allowed staff to share their practice in the area of starters and plenaries in the context of Responsibility of All.

### Perth & Kinross Confucius Hub

The official launch of the Hub, which is now permanently based at Kinross High School, took place on 21 February. Invited guests included staff and pupils from local primary and secondary schools, local councillors, businesses, and representatives from the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools (CISS). More details and photographs will be published in a future Newsletter.

### Careers Fair

The annual careers fair will be held at the school on **Thursday 15 March** from 6pm to 8pm and will include representatives from local businesses, universities and details about apprenticeship schemes. We encourage all of our young people to attend.



### Better Place to Live Fair

Everyone is invited to the fair, which takes place at the campus on **Saturday 3 March**, 10am to 2pm. There will be approximately 65 stallholders along with interesting things to do and see on the day.

### Spring Concert

This will be held on **Tuesday 27 March** from 7pm in the school assembly hall. Tickets cost £6 (£4 Concession) and can be purchased through parent pay or at campus reception from 12 March.

### Careers

Congratulations to Craig Moffat who has been awarded the Career Ready 'Student of the Year' Award for the PKC area. Craig will now be interviewed for Scottish Student of the Year. Craig has worked with PKC for his internship and has received extremely positive feedback from both the Council and Career Ready. Well done and good luck for the next round of interviews!

### Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Congratulations to all 12 candidates who applied for The Rotary 'Adventure in the Highlands' week which will take place in July. The standard of applications was very high and the following were selected: **Boys** Robbie Harvey and reserve Cameron MacFarlane; **Girls** Olivia Morgan and reserve Abi Watters. Thanks to Mr Dolan for being enormously helpful in the process.

### National Young Chef Competition

Rory Maddocks (S1) took part in the competition held at Dundee College and it was an experience he thoroughly enjoyed. Rory was mentored by Derek, Head Chef from the Courthouse. We are grateful to Derek for committing his time and expertise to working with Rory.

Freya Conway (S2) represented the school in the Regional Final of Springboard Future Chef Competition in Glasgow. Freya was the youngest competitor and showed great skill in the dishes she made (starting with a wild pigeon, feathers and all!) Freya was mentored by David Ward from Sodexo and produced dishes of an exceptionally high standard.

These competitions demand a huge amount of hard work and commitment from pupils, mentor chefs and parents, but give the pupils a great experience of working with professional chefs in professional kitchens.



Young chef Rory Maddocks

## Portmoak Primary School

We have had a very busy start to 2018 at Portmoak Primary. Our HMI report, which was featured in the last edition, has been presented at a public meeting and also at Lifelong Learning Committee. You can view this on the Council's youtube channel.

### P1/2/3 Outdoor Committee

The committee have been busy planning what, and how, we can learn outdoors. We plan to make homes for living things and observe them, create a quiet area to read and plant flowers. We enjoy working together to build models and pictures using loose parts and plan to do more of this. So far we have created pictures of the Sun and planet Earth, listening and encouraging each other. We are hoping to walk to Kilmagad Wood soon to explore a woodland environment.

### Trout in the Classroom

At the start of February, Neil and Willie spoke to the children about the life cycle of the trout and the life around Loch Leven. They taught us about ova and alevin. We learnt that trout



*Children learn about the trout life cycle*

eggs don't need to be fed as they feed off their own yolk sacks and that the tank must be kept at five degrees celsius to keep them healthy and happy. We need to record the temperature every day and record if there have been any mortalities. We also have to clean the tank. In March we will release the trout into the river. We are really enjoying looking after them and watching the changes that are happening.

### P5/6/7 Ten Pieces

All pupils in P5-P7 have participated in the BBC's Ten Pieces event. This involved selecting a piece of classical music and creating a piece of art or drama in response to the music. Our children chose 'Finlandia' by Jean Sibelius and 'Carmina Burana – O Fortuna' by Carl Orff and created some wonderful work.

In February, all P5-P7s visited Perth Concert Hall to watch the wonderful Scottish Symphony Orchestra perform ten classical pieces. This was hosted by a CBBC presenter and the children were also introduced to the different sections of the orchestra.

### P6/7 Cross Country

On a snowy morning in February, the Kinross Cluster Cross Country event took place. It was a one-mile race around part of Kinross Golf Course. The snow did not put a dampener on the event and, instead, set a beautiful backdrop for our hardy runners. Five Portmoak runners placed within the top ten in their respective races and we are very proud of all our pupils for giving it their all. Some will now go forward to the Perth Cross Country event at the end of the month.



*The P6/7 Cross country event*

### Fundraising

We have nearly raised enough money to buy promethean panels for each classroom. Our old smartboards are at the end of their usable life and we are looking forward to having bright up to date screens in all of our rooms to enhance the learning experience for our children.

As well as school-based fundraising, we had a great turnout once again for ladies night and raised almost £1500; thank you to the members of the wider community who came along on the night. The Kinross Newsletter, Portmoak Festival, Mrs Greenshields' funeral and Mackelvie Trust have also been very supportive in helping us to reach our goal.

In February we collected a £350 cheque from the Rotary Club for our part in this year's Santa's Sleigh event. We are very grateful to everyone involved.

### Bags to School

If you have any rag bag donations (clothing, textiles, curtains etc) for our Bags 2 School collection we would be very grateful. Community donations have a big impact on the amount of money we raise. The next date is before 9am on **Friday 20 April**. Donations can be dropped off at school or at Buchan's garage before this date.

Thank you for reading our news.

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## Fossoway Primary School

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Our school is dedicated to continuous improvement and ensuring that pupils have resources available to benefit their education. By fundraising, the PTA is able to provide the school with specific requested resources and support to enhance learning.

It was a super start to the spring term for pupils and staff as we received news from the Kilted Christmas Tree Company that there was to be a donation of over £630 to Fossoway PTA. The donation was made to the school because 60 local people (who are friends of the school) bought trees, wreaths and accessories from the local retailer at their Tillyochie premises.

The Kilted Christmas Tree Company also donated a lovely Christmas tree to the school. This is the second year that Fossoway Primary School have collaborated with the company and it is a promising start for the future. Many thanks to all at The Kilted Christmas Tree Company from Fossoway Primary School. We look forward to working together again in Christmas 2018!



Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Girl of Fossoway Primary School and the donation cheque from The Kilted Christmas Tree Company

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### Better Place to Live Fair

The Civic Trust will have a stand at this event on Saturday 3 March at the campus. Please drop by.

### Best Kept Village Competition

For this year's competition, the Committee have agreed to separate the competitions for villages and hamlets, in the interests of giving greater balance to the judging. This year they will be assessed by different judges (drawn as usual from outside the Shire) under different marking schemes. Furthermore, each community will have its own marking sheet and so will know exactly what features the judges will be looking at and will receive feedback accordingly.

The sub-group of the Committee has contacted all the local organisers and is glad to report that all have either agreed to take part this year or are consulting their community to obtain support for doing so. We now plan to visit them individually and agree with each the details of their marking sheet.

As advised in the last Newsletter, invitations to participate will be sent out at the end of March, enclosing the agreed marking sheet and an entry form to be returned by the end of April. The judging will take place in the second half of July and the awards will be presented in August.

David Hill  
01577 866871

## Orwell & Portmoak Church

### Buildings Improvement

#### Time for change

Orwell Church on Ba' Hill, Milnathort, was reconstructed in 1780. Since then the building has been modified internally over the years to adapt to the needs of an ever-changing world.

The Kirk Session has now decided that it is time once more to make changes to the building to suit the demands of the 21st century.

It is hoped that similar improvements will be made to the Portmoak Church building in the future.

#### Benefits of change

We will develop a building suitable for use by the community, businesses and local organisations as well as the congregation. It will be a bright, welcoming, inclusive space and it will cater for families, teenagers and those with particular issues such as mobility or hearing.

The flexible seating and audio/visual equipment will allow for formal and informal teaching as well as social activities.

#### Getting started

The project will be launched at our all-age service on **Sunday 4 March** in Orwell Church, Ba' Hill, Milnathort, at 10.30am.

There will be an opportunity to view and comment on plans, ask questions and offer suggestions.

The service will be followed by a light lunch.

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# Sports News

## Kinross Cricket Club

### Indoor League

The winter indoor season has been progressing well with the junior Wee Stramash tournament just past the half way stage. The Titans are current leaders with two wins out of three but the Buccaneers are only 13 points behind with everything to play for in the last two matches. Finlay Clark is top batsman, having the highest total runs scored and the highest individual score in any single match with 48. George Irvine is the leading bowler with six wickets for 49 runs in the tournament so far.

The senior indoor league side have played two of their winter league fixtures and are yet to register a win. Several of the over 40's have played and the squad are really progressing ahead of the outdoor season.

### 2018 Senior Tour

The senior side have confirmed their 2018 tour with a trip to Austria to play a mini-series against Vienna Cricket Club in May. The Austrians will make the trip to Kinross in September playing at both the Larder and the Kinross House grounds.

In May the team will play one T20, a limited overs match and a traditional 'timed' game which brings in two innings per side and the tactical draw. The squad will be undertaking various fundraising efforts before they leave on 24 May.

### Cricket Without Boundaries

In late February club vice-captain, Sarah Hatch, leaves sunny Kinross for an eight-week adventure in Rwanda. Her trip is part of a global cricket initiative which involves a team of coaches using cricket as a vehicle for delivering health and social messages in sub-Saharan Africa. Sarah will be posting regular blogs on the club Facebook page if you want to keep up with her progress.

### Rotary Club of Kinross

Many thanks to Kinross Rotary for their donation of £400 to club funds as a result of the Santa Sleigh event. Back in December, 20 club volunteers travelled with Santa as he went around Milnathort and raised money for local good causes.



Club juniors Rory and Finlay Clark were on hand to receive the cheque from Rotary President, George Lawrie.

### Summer Season

The groundsmen are starting to get everything prepared for the summer season. There was some minor damage to the pavilion roof as a result of the storms in recent weeks and repairs have been made which will, hopefully, prepare the building for the annual windy onslaught. There is a full fixtures calendar for both junior and senior players this year with a number of community events planned to keep the family fun levels high.

### Better Place to Live Fair

The club will be attending the Better Place to Live Fair at the campus on 3 March. We will have a stand with details of all this year's events and special notes for anyone who played cricket when they were at school but haven't picked up a bat or ball since then. The Kinross over 40's side have a wide range of events planned for this year which mainly focus on fun, tea and pizza.

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Rotary Club presentation cheque

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## Kinross Rugby Club

### Senior XV

Following an extended break due to the Autumn Internationals and then poor weather, Kinross 1XV got back into league action in early January.

First up was Stirling County 3XV and the week later, Kirkcaldy 2XV. Both games took place at home on the KGV Playing Fields. Kinross showed great skill and determination in both games, balancing strong performances from the pack with some of the best handling and running our back line has produced all season. Both games saw Kinross win with bonus point try scores 37-21 and 38-12 respectively.

In the Caledonia Bowl competition Kinross had progressed to the regional semi-final hosted by Dundee University Medics at the end of January. The Kinross pack dominated up front but the medics were better with the ball in open play. Despite a slender lead at half time, the Medics used the wind to great effect, pinning Kinross deep in their own territory throughout the second half. From this field position they then ran in some well worked tries to take the win 36-24.

With the Six Nations upon us the league games are interspersed between international weekends. The club remains open for all to enjoy the Six Nation action on one of our three big screen TVs. Please drop in and enjoy the atmosphere.

Finally, congratulations to Fraser Gosse who has been selected for the Scottish Students squad.

### Mini Section

With the second half of the rugby season well under way, training for our younger players has moved back outdoors following our winter break. With fixtures lined up from now until the end of season in May, we are keen to get muddy and match fit.

We have two home fixtures coming up; **Sunday 4 March** v Howe of Fife, Perthshire and Mackie rugby clubs and **Sunday 15 April** v Watsonians and Livingston rugby clubs. Kick-off is at 11am and spectators are welcome. As well as stunning displays of Minis rugby, hot drinks and home baking will be available. Why not come along and support us?

As always, we would also love to welcome along any new recruits. We are a parent-run association and pride ourselves on being welcoming and inclusive. Minis Rugby is for boys and girls, age 5 and over in Primary 1 to 7. P1-3 consists of non-contact, small-sided games to build up children's agility, ball-handling skills and confidence. P4-7 matches are modified full contact rugby in accordance with the SRU Age Grade Law Variations. Training takes place at the KGV Playing Fields every Saturday until the end of May (except school holidays). Each training session begins at 10.30am and no prior rugby experience is needed.

### Midi Section

In the second half of this season, the Kinross Midis are hoping to build upon the match successes they had last year. With fixtures coming up from now until

the end of season, both home and away, it is imperative that the boys put their all into training and are match fit after the Christmas excesses.

In March, the under 14s have home games scheduled against teams from as far afield as Ellon and Deeside.

The midi section is for **boys** in S1 to S6. At Kinross we offer everyone, regardless of background or experience, the chance to play. Rugby at Kinross promotes the values of sportsmanship, discipline and mutual respect. Our youth rugby coaches are parents who hold those values dear and who are SRU qualified. Midis training takes place every Tuesday night from 7pm at the KGV Playing Fields in Kinross.

### Kinross High School

Under the guidance of Deputy Head Teacher and former Kinross RFC player, Mr Fraser, there is once again the opportunity for boys from S1 to S6 to get involved with rugby at school. At the time of writing, training will take place as follows: S3 to S6 on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5.15pm; S1 and S2 on Thursdays from 4pm to 5.15pm.

All boys of any, or indeed no rugby experience, are welcome to train. Please speak to Mr Fraser or check the school bulletin for details.

### Contact

If you or your child is interested in getting involved in rugby, please contact Morven Clark, Youth Convenor, at [kinrossrugby.juniors@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossrugby.juniors@gmail.com) or 07740 589647.



*Kinross Over 30s v Under 30s Traditional Christmas Game – highlighting rugby as a game for all seasons, sizes and seniority!*



## Kinross Rugby Club continued...

### World Challenge Quiz Night

A fundraising quiz night with prize raffle and bar will be held at the rugby club on **Friday 16 March** at 7.30pm. Any money raised will go towards sending

one of our young players and Kinross High School pupils, Andrew Clark, on the trip of a lifetime to South Africa and Swaziland in the summer of 2019 as part of the high school's World

Challenge Programme. £10 per team of four. Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Any enquiries to Morven Clark by email at [ianandmorven@hotmail.com](mailto:ianandmorven@hotmail.com).



*Kinross RFC Minis with Edinburgh and Scotland players WP Nel and Ross Ford who paid a surprise visit at the end of last year*

## Kinross Road Runners

[kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com](http://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com)

It's been a wintry start to the year and we've had to make last minute changes to our scheduled runs, but we always manage to find somewhere to run! There was a lot of activity on the Lomond Hills leading up to the Devil's Burdens Hill Relay Race at the end of January where KRR had a record 8 teams of 6 runners participating. Entry is now open for the increasingly popular **Loch Leven Half Marathon**, which takes place on **Saturday 12 May**. It's billed as 'one of Scotland's most scenic half marathons' so fills up very quickly. Check the Entry Central website if you're thinking of running it.

Our winter training programme runs through until March and the details are listed here. Formal winter training is on a **Wednesday evening**. We always meet at the health centre car park at 7pm and run from there.

On **Tuesday evenings** there is an informal training run (usually around the streets of Kinross and Milnathort) of 8-10km in length. Again we meet at 7pm at the health centre car park. The informal **Sunday morning** run also continues throughout the winter months – meet at 9am at the health centre car park for either a trail or hill run at a very leisurely pace. We are holding a special '**Plogging**' session on **Sunday 11 March at 11am**. This involves collecting litter while out jogging. The name is a hybrid of the Swedish word 'plocka', which means picking up, and jogging. Anyone is welcome to join us to do our bit for the local environment.

The Loch Leven Junior Parkrun is now well established, attracting around 80 runners (aged 4 to 14) taking on the 2km circuit round Kirkgate Park every Sunday morning, starting at 9.30am. Plans for a local Senior Parkrun are progressing well and details should be announced in the near future – watch this space.



### Programme for March

Sunday 4	Informal run OR Bishop Hill Race
Tuesday 6	Informal run
Wednesday 7	March 2 mile Time Trial followed by hot chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage
Sunday 11	'Plogging' run at 11am – jogging AND litter picking on local roads
Tuesday 13	Informal run
Wednesday 14	Diagonals at KGV
Sunday 18	Informal run OR Alloa Half Marathon
Tuesday 20	Informal run
Wednesday 21	Pyramid reps at KGV
Sunday 25	Informal run
Tuesday 27	Informal run
Wednesday 28	TBC
Sunday 1 April	Informal run OR Tay Ten



*KRR at Devil's Burdens Relay Race*



## Kinross Otters

Another busy month for the Otters as the 2018 leagues begin.

We are fielding squads in the Premier and Second divisions this season and are looking forward to some great new PBs and competition opportunities for younger swimmers.

Our small new intake are settling in well and there has already been a marked improvement in stamina over recent weeks.

Training has ramped up in the lower squads and the Otters have been pushing themselves hard and logging their goals and achievements for each session; data that will help spur them on when they review it at the end of the month as they see how far they've come. Keep up the good work everyone!

Our fundraiser Annie McCormack was ably assisted by Maisie Drummond and Innes Rankin when they attended the Kinross Rotary Santa's Sleigh presentation at the Kirklands Hotel earlier this month. They were delighted to accept a



Innes Rankin, Maisie Drummond of Silver Squad, Annie McCormack Fundraiser and George Lawrie of Kinross Rotary at the Santa Sleigh presentation

cheque for £400 towards club funds. A big thank you to the Rotary and to the Otters, committee members and parents who collected this year.

A small squad of Emily Cumming, Struan Bennet, Cailean Thomson and Ben Smallwood represented the Otters at the Midland District Age Groups competition at Dundee Olympia; and they came back with an impressive medal haul. This is a long course meet in a 50m pool so it is a challenge for swimmers who don't often get a chance to swim in a competition pool until race day. With PBs pretty much across the board, they also collected a very impressive 11 medals between them!

Platinum squad member Emily Cumming brought home no less than three SNAG's consideration times (Scottish National Age Groups), which may see her competing in the championships later this year. She was tantalisingly close to a fourth qualifying time with just 1/100th of a second in it! Well done to all of them; great achievements all round.



Midland District Age Group Winners:  
Emily Cumming, Ben Smallwood, Cailean Thomson

## Orwell Bowling Club

Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort

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The AGM was held in the clubhouse at the end of November. The following positions were filled: President, Jim Whittet; Vice President, Mike Thorn; Secretary, Sandra Fullerton; Treasurer, Jim Whittet; Match Secretary, Maz Thorn; Green Ranger, Vic McKechnie. Committee members: Anne McGouldrick, Jean Menzies, Tom Reid and Alistair Morgan.

It was agreed to increase the membership fees to £85 for full members. New members are half price for the first year after they have completed five coaching sessions.

The green will open on **Saturday 14 April** at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Please come along and pay your fees and catch up with all the members you haven't seen during the winter. The opening game is in aid of the blind bowlers so please bring a raffle. Raffles are much appreciated during the season as well.

Please note there is a **Quiz Night** in the clubhouse on **Saturday 24 March**. Teams of four at £2.50 per person. Please contact Mike or Maz Thorn on 01577 842271 for information.

As well as the website you can now find us on Facebook.



## Kinross Golf Club

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

Our 2018 season opens in the usual tradition with the Captain v Vice-captain competition on **Saturday 24 March**. The format is four ball better ball matchplay and all members are invited to enter. The draw will take place in the clubhouse on the Thursday evening beforehand. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us on the day! The opening season dance then takes place in the clubhouse in the evening.

The Ladies opening 'Bring and Win' competition will take place at 1.30pm on **Saturday 31 March**. This is a 9-hole non-counting competition, this year played on the Montgomery. The entry list will be on the noticeboard in the ladies locker room and everyone is welcome; with or without a congenial handicap.

New for 2018, we're introducing 9-hole multi-tee competitions where ladies and gents can enter one competition, playing off their own respective tees. These competitions will take place on a Friday and players can book to play at a time convenient to themselves.

On **Sunday 11 March**, a **Mother's Day high tea** will be on the menu in the clubhouse. Contact the club on 01577 862237 to reserve your table.

More details about these, and other upcoming social events, will be available on Facebook and in the clubhouse.

## Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

Despite the decidedly non-tennis, blustery weather as we go to press, we hope that tennis has been on everyone's minds given the recent great run of play by Kyle Edmunds in Melbourne. Though we might not all be rushing off to buy the pink outfit, hopefully you'll soon be dusting off your rackets and ready for our 2018 programme!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the club as we kick start our season with our **Open Day on Saturday 31 March**. Why not come down and give tennis a try for free? We'll be there from 10.30am until 3pm for membership renewals and enquiries, coaching enquiries and bookings and general information. With coach Daniel Reed on hand and on court whetting your tennis appetite further, it's a one-stop shop for your season's needs, including exchanging your court key for a new season key.

### Junior Easter Camp

This will run during week commencing **Monday 9 April**. Daniel has a programme for four to seven year olds each morning from 9am until 10.30am, followed by eight to sixteen year olds until 12.30pm. Sessions will include fun games, drills, technique and skills, team building activities, competitions and prizes! Bookings can be made directly to dartennis@gmx.co.uk or enquiries to Siobhan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

### Adult Club Sessions

These will start to bustle again shortly. All members and newcomers are welcome on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am. There is also the Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm. A programme of adult coaching is again planned. Details to follow with sessions subject to demand. Notes of interest to Margaret at kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

### Social Events

Our **Annual Quiz** takes place on **Tuesday 20 March** from 7.30pm at the KGV rugby clubhouse. It is always a great evening and we invite club members, their family and friends to come along and support the club in this fundraising event. Remember that it's the taking part that counts and, of course, singing along to Mike's music round!

### Further Information

Next month there will be more details of other events. Meanwhile, new members are welcome as always and enquiries can be made to our secretary, Margaret, by email at kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

Visitors are also welcome. Keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



## Kinross Ladies Hockey Club

www.kinrosshockey.org

February is a mixed month for the ladies teams. The firsts have not yet restarted their season, the seconds have restarted their league and cup competitions and it sees the end of the indoor season for the indoor team.

This year the indoor team has had a mixed season playing in Division 1. We finished the season in a highly respectable fourth position with two wins and three losses. This is a great result for the club and it was especially rewarding to end on an 8 – 0 victory in our last game.

The first weekend of February saw our seconds back on the pitch; Saturday in the Knockout Cup and on Sunday at a rearranged league fixture. It was a weekend of mixed fortunes. A fantastic result on Saturday with a 2 – 1 win to Kinross means we are through to the next round of the cup. Sunday, sadly, was not quite as successful, losing 2 – 1 to Perthshire seconds. However, we currently sit in third place in the league which is an excellent position for our first season in Division 1. Here's to the rest of the season for our seconds and to the restart of the league for our firsts on the 24th!



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## Volleyball

It has been a busy time for volleyball since the turn of the year.

Our junior volleyballers have been fortunate to have their Persimmon grant application (Healthy Communities) shortlisted for a national funding award. The club is guaranteed £5000 as one of the 30 finalists but the 30 sports groups now have to try to register the most votes over a 35-day period, until mid-March, with the winning group being awarded £200,000. Two second place awards of £50,000 will also be made. Help our local juniors by voting. You can vote once every 24 hours until mid-March and no personal details are requested. All you have to do is go online at [www.persimmonhomes.com/healthy-communities](http://www.persimmonhomes.com/healthy-communities), click 'vote' and 'KVC' and go.

Our Kinross High School Junior volleyballers have been busy with the S1 boys' team. They have travelled to Glasgow to play Belmont House and Belmont Academy (Ayr) in the first round of the Scottish Cup. It was a baptism of fire for the youngsters but they acquitted themselves well, despite going down 1-2 and 0-2.

The S2 boys' team hosted Woodfarm High School of Glasgow in their first round of the Scottish Cup. They just lost out in a close match with their opponents mostly being taller third year boys.

The senior boys' and girls' teams competed in Scottish Volleyball's Dundee Festival at the Lynch Sports Centre in early February with the boys' team finishing in bronze medal position. An under-strength girls' team finished in sixth position.

In the Perth League injuries and player availability have resulted in both Premier League teams not being able to perform to their usual standards. In the Recreational League, Mongrels, BB and Juniors all have a mainly junior team. This promotes the youngsters' understanding of the game at an adult competitive level whilst not being too competitive.

Club members will soon start preparing for this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the last weekend of May. This summer's outdoor

sessions will focus on the two teams that will travel to Belgium in mid-August to compete in the De Haan Tournament.

In Scottish Volleyball's Conference League our Junior team has been drawn to play Dundee University and St Andrews University home and away before the end of March.

A primary schools' local festival is planned for the High School games hall on **Wednesday 7 May** from 4pm to 5pm.

Indoor training/games continue on Monday evenings in the large games hall and these sessions are open to anyone. New players are welcome (any age above 12) and sessions run from 8pm till 9.45pm.



*The senior schools' teams*



*The S1 boys' team*



*The S2 boys' team*

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# Out & About

## Loch Leven NNR



It's been a busy month on the reserve and we have not let the weather get in the way of things. We've had a fair bit of snow and heavy rain this month. The loch level rose quickly but started to drop again. The South Queich rose by nearly 1.5 metres and was just below the bottom of the bridge at the pier. For the first time since 2010 it was possible to ski round the trail and a number of you did. Ice coverage hit nearly 100% on the loch but wind and higher temperatures broke it up quickly.

We've been using the soft track cutter again. We've been clearing the rank vegetation that the cows don't eat on Carsehall bog or Orwell. The soft track also has a chipper attachment that is useful to clear willows. We've been removing the willow from Mary's Knowe. We've been dumping chippings in the car park at Burleigh for folk to take away.

We've been seeing a few good birds around the reserve including Ring-necked Duck, Ruff, Greenshank and two Little Egrets. The Ring-neck Duck is quite interesting as it's a bird that's flown here all the way from North America. It's the first time we've seen one here since 2012. These birds are look similar to Tufted ducks but are fractionally bigger, have a beautiful grey flank and noticeable white markings around the bill.

Keep an eye on the Loch Leven Wordpress blog, which includes reasons why Loch Leven is such an important wetland site and how it ranks amongst the best in the world. The blog also explains how to see the Winterwatch wildlife highlights locally and gives updates from around the reserve. The volunteers have been exceptionally busy. They've been making new signs around the reserve. Keep an eye out for them. We've been thinning out the trees that were planted around the trail that were put in for screening. We've been removing the bigger trunks and laying the brush in neat habitat piles. We've also been removing the gorse from Carsehall to improve the habitat for Lesser Butterfly Orchids. The volunteers assisted in a video to promote volunteering on nature reserves. If you go on the SNH Youtube channel you can find the ten-minute video. Jock, John and Susan were excellent in front of the camera.

A bit of news from our former warden Craig Nisbet, who used to write this column. He's swapped Noss on Shetland for the Handa Island in the north west of Scotland. If you are in the area this summer you should go and visit. It's another incredible seabird island.

Trout in the classroom has come round again. This give the children in local schools a chance to see the trout develop from eggs to alivens (tiny trout) before releasing them into a local burn. It's a great educational activity covering a range of subjects. More on this in the next month's Newsletter.

Please keep an eye on signage while the trail is shut for works along the west side. Neil has written a note on what to expect. [See page 14.]

As I write, the Herons are making their nests out on Castle Island. They'll be on eggs by the time the next Newsletter is being written.

TTFN,

Jeremy Squire, Reserve Officer

### Local gardens to visit this month



Enjoy a leisurely walk amongst carpets of snowdrops at these gardens:

**Kilgraston School**, Bridge of Earn, PH2 9BQ.

Snowdrop Festival, Sunday 25 February, 1.30-4pm. Admission £4, children free.

**Braco Castle**, FK15 9LA. Daily 10am-5pm. Admission £4, children free.

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Not a snowdrop opening as such, but **Eastbank Cottage**, Abernethy, PH2 9LR, is open daily, 2pm-5pm, 1 February to 30 June. Admission by donation.

All open for Scotland's Gardens, raising money for many worthwhile charities. Further information about these gardens, and many others that open throughout the year in Scotland can be found at [www.Scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.Scotlandsgardens.org)

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## Brilliant news for the new all access underpass at Vane Farm

In early February, Perth & Kinross Council gave us the brilliant news that they will contribute £150,000 to the creation of a new underpass at Vane Farm. This large project, worth over £800,000 has been many, many years in the planning. If completed, it will benefit visitors and local residents alike for the coming 50 years.

We want to provide access for all under the B9097, linking the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, RSPB Scotland Loch Leven and the 'Sleeping Giant' path into Fife. If we achieve this, it will create a facility where people of all abilities can experience nature on a scale unique in Scotland, and potentially in the UK. RSPB Scotland Loch Leven would also be able to participate in the fantastic free mobility scooter scheme, put in place by Kinross-shire Partnership.

We are, however, not quite there yet. There are some more technical hurdles to cross, and we still need to raise a significant amount of money. If you would like to contribute to this great project, we are planning an online fundraising campaign later this spring. Keep an eye on local and social media or contact us at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven.

The new underpass is a partnership effort between the Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire (TRACKS), the Kinross-shire Partnership, SNH, the Homelands Trust Fife, Sustrans and RSPB Scotland. It now has funding from Sustrans, Perth & Kinross Council, SNH, RSPB Scotland, the Gannochy Trust, Brown-Forbes and Gillman Trusts.

All four Ward 8 Councillors have been brilliant in their support for this project, none more so than Cllr Willie Robertson.

### Other news

March heralds the arrival of spring. I am especially looking forward to seeing the lapwing return to the wet grassland in front of the hides to raise their young. I always find it very uplifting to see their delightful, acrobatic courtship flights and to hear their fluting "pee-wit" calls, which give these birds their Scottish name. They are a definitive



Lapwings herald spring  
Photo by Alex Gilfillan

sign that spring is here. The pink-footed geese will leave for Iceland around the same time of the year, so it feels like a 'shift change' out on the reserve.

Paul Robbins, our Estate Worker, will miss the arrival of peewits. He is undertaking his own 'migration', as he is off to New Zealand for 18 months, where he will work and gain new experience as a Wildland Consultant in Auckland. We wish him all the best on his adventure and are looking forward to welcoming him back in September 2019, which should roughly coincide with the arrival of the pink-footed geese.

### Upcoming events

The next **Optics Weekend** is on **3-4 March** – two days during which you can try our full range of binoculars and telescopes and get advice from our trained experts.

**Nature Tots**, our monthly pre-school nature exploration event will look at 'wiggly worms' on **14 March**, 10am – 11.30am.

The **Wildlife Explorers Club** for 5-12 year olds meets on **Sunday 25 March**, 1pm - 3pm.

You can follow our **Easter Lapwing Trail** from **Friday 30 March** until **Monday 2 April**.

On **Sunday 8 April**, you can join our **Spring Bird Walk**, 10am – 2pm.

Book online at [rspblochleven.eventbrite.com](http://rspblochleven.eventbrite.com), except for Wildlife Explorers Club (call us!) and the Easter Lapwing Trail (just drop in during opening hours, 10am – 5pm).

Uwe Stoneman  
Tayside Reserves Manager

## Weather



### January Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	172.5mm = 6.9ins
Heaviest rainfall	32.2mm = 1.5ins (23rd)
Total sunshine for the month	13.4 hours
Sunniest day	2.8 hours (29th)
Maximum temperature average	4.76°C
Highest temperature	10.8°C (28th)
Minimum temperature average	-3°C
Lowest temperature	-11°C (7th)

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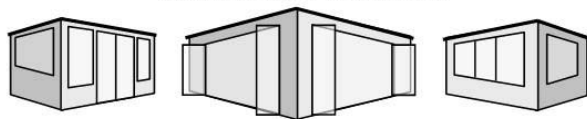
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# Farming

## Shear fun for all

I embarked on a wee road trip last week and headed up north to catch up with a good friend of mine who lives in Keith in Banffshire. I met Elaine in 1994, when I was a student working on a farm between Keith and Drummuir. It was my middle year of agricultural college and I was very keen to go north and experience what it was like to farm outside Kinross-shire. Securing a placement was challenging. I was 19, a girl and trying to get a job on a farm where nobody knew me – it took quite a while. However I was pretty determined and eventually got put in touch with John and Norma Rendall from Mains of Bellyhack. They had employed many female students so had no worries about employing me to help to look after their herd of 80 Suckler cows. However, as I would have a fair bit of responsibility for the flock of 800 Shetland ewes, I could only get the job if I brought a working collie with me. I didn't have a collie dog but I said that wouldn't be a problem and I could start at the beginning of September. Thankfully, I got lots of help to find a collie and was kindly loaned an older bitch called Maid who was much cleverer than me (and the Shetlands) so had no trouble in rounding them up, thus making me look a lot more experienced than I was.

It turned out to be quite an amazing year for me as the farming was completely different. John used organic principles so never applied any fertiliser to the grassland but, through careful planning, managed to make enough silage for the cows and sheep to get them through winter. Lambing didn't start until May, and calving was in June and July, so the offspring were born healthy and made best use of the summer grass to get off to a good start.

I worked alongside a part-time shepherd and he taught me loads, even how to shear a sheep. I wasn't the fastest, but

between us we sheared the entire flock. Davy wanted me to take part in a proper old-fashioned hill shearing so we headed to the hills near Tomintoul one Saturday. By the time we had arrived all the ewes were gathered into the old wooden pens and about 16 shearing stands were already set up, so we just connected to the generator and got going beside them. The view across the Cairngorms was breathtaking but I was trying so hard to keep up that I couldn't really appreciate it properly. However, when we did get a break, the ladies appeared from the ramshackle bothy with huge plates of stew and tatties. It was delicious and everyone washed it down with a dram. I'm not sure if they continue the custom of shearing the sheep in this way but it certainly is one of the most memorable days of my life.

There were many other highlights of the year, many of them spent with Elaine on nights out, as they certainly know how to party in that area. The farm was quite exposed, the winter tough and long and the cottage was quite chilly, so I certainly experienced life as a single shepherd out in the sticks. The day that Maid my faithful collie got run over was tragic and I certainly felt a long way from home when I had to go out in the dark and bury her by myself.

I returned to finish college and, not long after, ended up married to Andrew and living at Fruix, but I've always kept in touch with Elaine. Her boys are now six and four so I enjoyed getting to know them last week and smiled when they insisted on playing one of their favourite board games with me which is a new Lego game called "Shave a Sheep." We took turns to throw a dice and had to develop our strategy to collect the wool before the wolf snapped it up. It was a good game and lots of fun but who would have thought that after 24 years I'd be back in Keith, shearing sheep with the boys.

Fiona

## Scottish Women's Institutes



**GLENFARG** - A sweet evening was spent in the company of Graeme Maxwell of Maxwell's Desserts of Bridge of Earn. A witty and articulate speaker, Graeme demonstrated the fine art of making the perfect panacotta with a rhubarb and orange compote decorated with the prettiest caramelised hazelnuts to make the presentation of the dish something very special. His hints and tips were excellent and Lynda Stuart gave a very heartfelt vote of thanks from delighted audience.

Competitions:

Paper Flower	Alison Harrison
Individual Mousse	Lynda Stuart
Flower of the Month	Vivien Hepplethwaite

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**BISHOPSHIRE** – Jeanette McLellan welcomed members to the meeting on Thursday 8 February.

Our speaker was Gillian Ross, the 'Wardrobe Wifie' at KAOS, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the processes involved in costuming a musical production.

Competitions:

Dressed doll	Norma Smith
Home-made Soup	Mamie Wallace
Flower of the Month	Jane Martin

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# Kinross-shire Churches Together



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Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

### Regular Services and Events

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

7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (\$1 upwards) in church centre.

**Tuesdays:** 10am: Pram Service.

**Wednesdays:** 10.45am Service, church centre.

1.30pm: Craft Group.

**Fridays:** The Brigade, church centre.

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

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

### Other Events and Services

#### February

**Sat 24** 10am – 12 noon, church centre: 'Come on in to Fairtrade' – a coffee morning to launch Fairtrade Fortnight.

**Sun 25** 12 noon – 1pm, church centre: An informal lunch for the parents/carers of those in Junior Church.  
6.30pm Evening Service: a panel on Questions of Faith.

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

#### March

**Thu 1** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre: Beetle Drive.

**Fri 2** **World Day of Prayer:** 2pm at church centre, 7.30pm at St. Paul's.

**Sun 4** 10.30am: Quarterly Communion Service, with Junior Church joining the rest of the congregation for the Communion.  
6.30pm Evening Communion.

**Mon 5** 8am: Silent Meditation.

**Tue 6** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.  
4pm: Service at The Sycamores.  
7.15pm: Guild, church centre: 'Street Pastors'.

**Sat 10** 9.30am for 10am – 12 noon: Presbytery of Perth, at Kinross Parish Church. 'Planning for the Future' - all members welcome.

**Thu 15** 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

**Sat 17** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).  
11am: All Friends Together.

**Sun 18** 10.30am, Morning Service including Stated Annual Meeting.

**Tue 20** 7.15pm: Guild, church centre: Rev. Angus Morrison.

### Kin-Nections

The March edition of Kin-Nections, the free magazine of Kinross Parish Church, is now available from the church office, church centre and campus library. The articles range from reflections on Easter to hiring a marquee!

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**Sunday Services 11.15am**

### March

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

**Sun 11** 11.15am **Morning Worship\***

**Mon 12** 3.15pm **Messy Church** in the Village Hall. Open to all children and their carers.

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

**Sun 18** 11.15am **Morning Worship** followed by 'Giving for Growth' Congregational Lunch and Exhibition of aspects of church life and history. \*\*

**Sat 24** 2pm 'Giving for Growth' Afternoon Tea and Exhibition of aspects of church life and history. \*\*

**Sun 25** 11.15am **Palm Sunday Morning Worship\***  
**Stated Annual Meeting.**

**Mon 26** 7.15pm **Cleish Guild** meeting in the Village Hall. Topic: 'All Friends Together'

### A Date for your Diary!

**Cleish Church Sale and Fete will be held this year on Saturday 19 May starting at 2pm**

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

\*\* If you have any interesting memorabilia of the church or village please contact Bridie Graham or Suzanne Wilkie, or email Suzanne at [suzanne.wilkie50@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.wilkie50@gmail.com)

### Holy Week at Kinross Parish Church

**Sun 25:** 6.30pm Informal Evening Service for Palm Sunday.

**Mon 26 – Sat 31:** short reflection daily at 9am and 9pm.

**Thu 29:** 6pm – 7.45pm: A Family Easter Supper, for all ages, organised by the Family Week team. Free, with meal and children's activities. 8pm: United Communion Service, Kinross-shire Churches Together.

### Kinross Churches Together events during Holy Week

**Mon 26:** 7pm Stations of the Cross, St James' Church.

**Good Friday 30:** 1pm 'Walk of Witness', starting at Millbridge Hall; 2pm 'The Last Hour at the Cross' at St. Paul's Church; 7.30pm United Service at Fossoway Church.

**Maundy Thursday 29:** 8pm. United Communion Service, Kinross Parish Church.

**Easter Sunday 1 April:** 7.30am United Service at Kirkgate Park; 6.30pm United Songs of Praise at Portmoak Church.

## Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

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

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am. All are welcome.

### March

- Sun 4** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship, followed by Refreshments and Traidcraft Stall.
- Fri 9** 7pm Spring Fling Celebration Supper in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall. Music by Gracie and Friends.
- Sun 11** 9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 18** 9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 25** 9.45am Morning Worship followed by the Stated Annual Meeting.

### Café Refresh

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

### [messychurch@fossoway](mailto:messychurch@fossoway)

Friday 23 March, 3.15pm, at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

### House Group

Please contact Debbie Hill for further details, 01577 842268.

### Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group

There will be no meeting this month.

### Film Evening

Friday 2 March, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, in the Church Hall. Our film this month is 'Gifted' (12). *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*

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### Sunday Service

We meet every Sunday at the Crook of Devon Village Hall. The service starts at 10.30m for teas and coffees, with the gathering to worship God commencing at 11am. After the service, there will be occasion for refreshments and conversation.

For more information about who we are and what we do, visit our website.

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### Mondays and Wednesdays

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the warmth of the meeting room!

(1st Mondays) 10am Pastoral Care group (Side chapel).

### Tuesdays

11am Informal Holy Communion (celebrated in the Church Office).

### Thursdays

10.30am Thursday morning Discussion Group (*usually in the Meeting Room unless otherwise advertised.*)

3.30pm – 4.30pm Rector's Hour – an opportunity to drop in and speak to the Rector in the Church Office.

### March Services and Events - all welcome

**Fri 2** **World Day of Prayer** written by women from Suriname.

2pm Short service followed by refreshments (Kinross Centre).

7pm Extended service followed by refreshments (St Paul's).

**Sun 4** **Lent 3**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands. *There is an opportunity today for a lunchtime discussion on a Lenten topic. Please bring your own lunch!*

**Sun 11** **Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist and 'In Conversation' with Marg Meade on Fair Trade.

**Sun 18** **Lent 5 (Passiontide begins)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist. *There is an opportunity today for a lunchtime discussion on a Lenten topic. Please bring your own lunch!*

**Sun 25** **PALM SUNDAY**

8.30am Holy Communion with Blessing of palms.

11am Sung Eucharist with Liturgy of palms, procession and dramatic reading of the Passion according to St Mark. 5pm Taize service for Holy Week.

### HOLY WEEK SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S

(Please see the Kinross Churches Together Facebook page for a full list of services across the churches).

**Thu 29** **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

(11am Diocesan Chrism Mass – St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth).

8pm Sung Eucharist with Footwashing, Stripping the Altar and the Watch until 10pm.

**Fri 30** **GOOD FRIDAY**

9am Liturgy of the Cross.

2pm Ecumenical Service for The Last Hour.

**Sat 31** **EASTER EVE**

9pm Easter Vigil with first Sung Eucharist of Easter.

**Sun 1 April** **EASTER DAY**

(7.30am Lochside Service)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.



## **Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church**

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

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

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

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during the services.

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

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

**Messy Church:** Saturday 31 March in Portmoak Hall, 4 - 6pm.

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

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

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

### **Dates and events for your diary**

**4 Mar** Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am. No service at Portmoak Church.

**13 Mar** Guild charity meal at 7pm in Orwell Hall.

**27 Mar** Guild **AGM** at 7pm in Orwell Hall – Rosemary Johnston will talk about her year as National Convener.

**30 Mar** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am.

**1 Apr** Joint Easter service at Portmoak Church at 10.30am. No service at Orwell Church.

Easter Songs of Praise service in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200

orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

## **St James' Catholic Church**

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329

www.catholickinross.com Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com

m.facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/

m.facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/

### **Regular Services**

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).

7pm 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.

## **World Day of Prayer**

Where in the world is SURINAME?

We will all know when we share together in the World Day of Prayer 2018 written by the women of that country.

The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of Creation, with the theme "All God's Creation is very Good!" Universal issues of climate change, natural disasters, pollution and human abuse of the environment will be explored.

Women, men, young people and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday 2 March this year.

We are invited to learn about Suriname's history and rich cultural diversity.

This year's services in Kinross will be held in the afternoon of 2 March in Kinross Centre at 2pm. The evening service will be in St Paul's Episcopal Church Kinross at 7pm of the same day. We invite you, your friends, family and community to join us in celebration at either or both of these events. You will be most welcome.

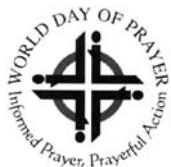
Refreshments will be served after the services.

For further details, please contact me by phone on 01337 827773 or email: denisroyal63@gmail.com

Irene Stephenson

## **World Day of Prayer**

**Friday 2 March 2018**



**This year's service comes from Suriname  
and the theme is:**

**"All God's creation is very good!"**

**Services:**

**Kinross Church Centre at 2pm**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7pm**

Refreshments will be available after each service

### **Need to check something in an old Newsletter?**

Consult our electronic archive at

**www.kinrossnewsletter.org**

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

## 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.

## Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: [www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

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

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

### All age joint service

An all age joint service on **Sunday 4 March** will be held at Orwell Church at 10.30am and will also include a presentation and the launch of the Church Improvement Fund Raising Team's fund raising efforts.

There will be an opportunity for people to look at the plans for the proposed changes to Orwell Church and to make their own comments.

There will also be a light soup lunch after the service when it is hoped as many people as possible will stay and have further discussion/time to comment. This is an exciting time for our congregation and we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to make comment if they so wish.

See also page 72.

## Death Notices & Acknowledgements

**MACKAY** – Suddenly, on Friday 22 December 2017, Alasdair Mackay, aged 62 years, of Brunthill, Kinross, beloved husband to the late Eliza, much loved father to Linda, Fiona and the late Laura, father-in-law to Stewart, grandfather to Charlie and Erin, beloved son, brother and uncle.

Maisie, Linda, Fiona and Stewart wish to express their thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following Alasdair's passing; also to Rev. Margaret Michie for her comforting service and to all those who paid their last respects at the church and graveside and gave generously the sum of £680.00 for the British Heart Foundation. Alasdair will be sadly missed.

**HINTZE** – Mary Hintze (née Reilly) passed away peacefully at her home in Montgomery Road, Kinross, aged 87, on 16 January 2018, surrounded by her loving family. Mary was originally from Belmullet, County Mayo, and was predeceased by her husband, Erich, in 1990.

The Hintze family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and kind words following the death of our Mother, Mary. We would also like to thank Father Martin Pletts for his support at such a difficult time and for celebrating the Requiem Mass. Thanks also to Doctor Richmond and his colleagues at Loch Leven Health Centre, the Practice Nurses and Elite Care for caring for our Mum during her illness. Thank you also to Stewart Funeral Directors for assisting us with the funeral arrangements.



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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!

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## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

Aka Swansacre Playgroup

Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748

**Tel: 01577 862071**

**Mobile: 07592 392235**



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

**Garden Guddle:** Mon 9am - 3pm.

**Playgroup:** Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue, Wed, Fri 9.05am - 11.50am

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

**Rising Fives:** Tues 12.55pm - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand, 12.10-12.55pm. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

**For availability or more information, please contact:**

Lisa 07736 642070, [enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com](mailto:enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com)

or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

**Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45 - 2.45pm**

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

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

## GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

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

Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts

Friendly support for all carers

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

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

## LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross**

**Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,

[debileighs@hotmail.com](mailto:debileighs@hotmail.com)

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

## 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

## FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

**Glenbank Cottage, Powmill**

Partner-provider for P&K Education



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

Sessions 9.30am - 12.45pm Monday - Thursday,

9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or

[www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk/perthandkinross)

## 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

## Quiz Nights

Orwell Bowling Club, Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort

**Saturdays 24 February and 24 March**

At 7.30pm. Cost: £2.50 per person. Four in a team.

Nibbles and Raffle

Contact Mike or Maz Thorn on 01577 8422271



**Fairtrade Fortnight**  
**26 February – 11 March 2018**



## Coffee Morning

**Saturday 24 February**

10am-12 noon

Kinross Church Centre – “Come On In To Fairtrade”

Tea and Coffee and lots of Fairtrade goodies to sample!

## Skeins & Bobbins End of Winter Sale

starts

**Thursday 1 March**

Many items are being reduced as we try to make space for the forthcoming Spring and Summer collections.

## The Thursday Group

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

**1 Mar Beetle Drive**

**5 Apr Haiti Help**

**3 May AGM**

## Glenfarg Village Folk Club

*The club meets at “Backstage at the Green”,*

*Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays*

*Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm*

*For more info, see: [www.glenfargfolkclub.com](http://www.glenfargfolkclub.com)*

**5 Mar: Singaround.** The theme is “Songs from Our Own Past”, whether Dylan, Paxton or even traditional fare. All welcome as always, whether singer or listener. All £2.

**12 Mar: Auld Hat – New Heids.** Ian Bruce, Pete Clark, Gregor Lowrey and Fraser Bruce recreate the fabulous fun days of the 60s and 70s on the Scottish folk scene. Entry: members £6, non-members £9.

**19 Mar: The Morgan Lee Band and Murray MacLeod.** The first of our double-headers for this year. The Morgan Lee Band describe their music as “Celtic Eclectica”. Murray will entertain with everything from Burns to music hall numbers. Entry: members £6, non-members £9.

**26 Mar: Open Mic.** Always a good night at the club when attendees are invited to get up on stage and perform their songs or tunes with full PA in front of a very supportive and encouraging audience. All £2.



## Kinross Garden Group

2017/18 Season

**Thursday 8 March**

at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross,

Caroline Thomson of Backhouse Rossie Estate

‘The Backhouse Heritage Centre and the National

Collection of Narcissus Backhouse Cultivars’

All welcome to join us



## KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**5 March 2018  
Age Concern  
(Carole Anderson)**

**9 April 2018  
Trading Standards  
(Janet Reay)**

COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.

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## The Gaelic Society of Perth

After a very enjoyable ceilidh in February with Margaret Callan and Steven McIver providing such a range of wonderful Gaelic songs, and the great musicianship of Michael and Mairi Callan on accordion and clarsach respectively, **The Gaelic Society of Perth** will hold their March Ceilidh at **St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay Street, Perth**, on **Friday 16 March** at 7.30pm. There will be a welcome return of both Raymond Bremner and Callum Angus MacDonald – two fantastic singers – and both Mod Gold Medallists. Music will be provided by Irene Anderson on the accordion and there will be a piper from Perth and District Pipe Band. Come and hear these great Gaelic singers and instrumentalists. Admission is £5 for Members and £6 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! 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**.

## Kinross Floral Art Club Coffee Evening

**Thursday 22 March**

in Kinross Parish Church at 7.15pm

Mrs Julia Loudon: “Into Wonderland”

## Homebrew Concert

**Saturday 24 March**

at 3pm in Kinross Parish Church

Come and support local young musicians – all welcome! Free entry. Donations to Kinross Centre (formerly Kinross-shire Day Centre).

**Milnathort filmhouse** at Milnathort Town Hall

**Two Weekends of Drama - Two Fantastic Films**

**Saturday 10th March at 8.00pm (Doors Open at 7.30pm)**

**BROKE NOT BROKEN**

WE ARE STARTING 2018 WITH A POWERFUL AND MOVING FILM. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE FILM WILL BE DONATED TO BROKE NOT BROKEN AND THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION BOX FOR FOOD DONATIONS ON THE NIGHT. Over 18s Only - BYOB Tuck Shop with Movie Snacks and Soft Drinks

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**Saturday 17th March at 3.00pm (Doors Open at 2.30pm)**

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**Dollar Museum**  
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Friday 9 March  
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Music Auditorium  
Dollar Academy  
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From Dollar Deli, Brian Devlin  
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Watch one of Scotland's foremost artists create a painting of Castle Campbell. Nichol will discuss his source material and demonstrate the link between the first sketch and the finished painting.



**Networking Breakfast**  
**Wednesday 7 March**

**at Loch Leven's Larder, 7.15am-9am**

The Kinross-shire Partnership is a rural development company established in 1998 under the direction of the Scottish Government. Membership of the Partnership comprises a mix of local business people, PKC ward councillors and community representatives. The principal aims of the Partnership are to identify, promote and encourage opportunities for economic development, tourism, environmental improvement and community recreation. The Networking Breakfast and Guest Speaker is just one of its initiatives. We welcome local businesses, individuals and groups to come and network, find out about each other's organisations and get to know one another. We'd love to meet you, whether you're new to Kinross-shire and looking to find out what services or businesses are in the Shire, or you'd like to make new contacts in the area.

With Valentine's Day consigned to history for another year, the Kinross-shire Partnership would like you to come along to and meet someone new - at the next Networking Breakfast meeting on 7 March!

We are thrilled to welcome, as our guest speaker, an unsung local hero to tell us about her pioneering work with the Ethiopia Medical Project. Jo Middlemiss is a founder member of the charity which she set up in 2009 with her cousin Maureen Burnett. The aim of the charity is to help the thousands of women in the area suffering from uterine prolapse, a hidden condition of almost epidemic proportions, which is fairly readily resolved. The Buccama Clinic is situated in South Ethiopia and every year Jo and Maureen travel out to work for a month in the clinic to ensure that the generously donated funds, raised in Kinross-shire and surrounding area, continue to be spent wisely and well. In 2016, Jo and Maureen were Evening Times Scotswoman of the Year finalists.

Jo is a Personal Life Coach and Relationship Counsellor and, with a background in education, she spent many years teaching children with learning difficulties. She has been married to husband Andy for over 40 years and spent much of that time accompanying him on army postings around the world.

Please put this event in your diary now to ensure you don't miss the opportunity to meet your fellow Kinross-shire residents over a hearty and delicious Scottish Breakfast. Cost of the meeting, including breakfast, is £10 - the chance to network and listen to our speaker is invaluable. This time, why not bring along a friend, colleague or neighbour?

To book your place, please email Karen Grunwell at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk). You can choose whether to pay online in advance (full details are available when you book) or in cash on the day.

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As part of the Perthshire Creates Festival 2018  
**An Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings**  
by The Open Art Society Kinross  
**Monday 26 March to Saturday 31 March**  
10am - 4pm  
At side building of St Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross  
(Facing T junction of Springfield Road, Kinross)

**Community Website**

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit **[www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc)**





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## NOTICE of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on  
**Monday 12 March 2018 - 7pm**

Loch Leven Community Campus, Lecture Theatre

### AGENDA

The agenda will comprise (a) the chairman's review of the society, (b) appointment of the Company Secretary, (c) adoption of the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2017, (d) application of profits, and (e) acquisition of Cosmos Planetarium.

### Member Notes

A Member is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting. The chairperson of the meeting may permit other persons who are not Members of the Society to attend and speak at general meetings, without granting any voting rights.

A Voting Representative may be appointed by a Member to represent them at a general meeting and may speak and vote on behalf of the Member. A Voting Representative need not be a Member. In order to appoint a Voting Representative, the Member should provide a valid appointment, in writing, to the Board at least 2 clear days prior to the general meeting for which they are appointed. If the requirements in this rule are not met, the appointment shall not be valid and the Voting Representative shall not be entitled to attend or vote at the general meeting.

## Ceilidh Dancing

**Mondays:** From 2pm till 3pm every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun. Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit. All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

**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? (Many of them are recent Scottish champions.) 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. I am looking for suggestions for these donations. All I ask is that the charity sends someone along to say a few words and take the money away. Please contact Vi Todd, 01577 863244.

25 March	Scott Carnegie
22 April	Gordon Patullo
27 May	George Rennie
24 June	Alan Small
22 July	Steven Carcary
19 August	Liam Hope
16 September	Leonard Brown
21 October	Scott Band
25 November	Liam Stewart
16 December	Ian McCallum



## Dollar Museum

Open from Easter to Christmas at the following times:

**Saturdays 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4.30pm**  
**Sundays 2pm – 4.30pm**

Access also possible by arrangement

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Free entry. All welcome. Parking and disabled access.

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## La Leche League meetings in Kinross ...

**First Thursday of the month,  
10am – 12 noon**



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

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

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

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461  
[www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk](http://www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk)

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

## Scottish Country Dancing

Milnathort Town Hall

on **Wednesday evenings** at 7.30pm

Old and new members welcome

For more information, please ring Cathie on 01577 861103



## 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 £6; Senior £5; U18 free. Visitors: £2 per talk.

### Remaining Programme for 2017-18

**19 Mar Lethangie House.** Claire Paton. The family home of the Paton family since 1848.



## Music in Dollar

### Season 2017-18

All concerts are at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, Dollar.

Concerts cost £10 for non-members.

Children under 18 free of charge.

More information from: [www.MusicInDollar.org.uk](http://www.MusicInDollar.org.uk)

**Sat 10 Mar 7.30pm. Kosmos Ensemble.** Prepare to be intoxicated by entrancing dance rhythms, soulful improvisation and gypsy passion delivered with inimitable panache and virtuoso technique. Kosmos Ensemble are Harriet MacKenzie (violin), Meg Hamilton (viola), Milos Milivojevic (accordion).

## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

### Gaberlunzie & Friends Concert

**Saturday 31 March**

7.30pm – 10.30pm

Milnathort Town Hall

BYOB and nibbles. Raffle.

£10 per person. Tickets from David Aird 01577 830370, Sandy Smith 01577 862536 or any committee member.



## PLUS Perth

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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

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[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)



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Forever homes needed  
for rescued Greyhounds  
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**Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!**

Please call or email for details  
Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)  
Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)  
email us on [femiejimmyf@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:shonafowler@nhs.net)

Richard Lister: 07885 971298, [richard.lister@cairscotland.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@brokenotbroken.org)



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## Grants for good causes

Kinross Community Council

Newsletter Limited (KCCNL)

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

More information is available on the [kinross.cc](http://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](mailto: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
April	Friday 16 March	Saturday 31 March
May	Friday 13 April	Saturday 28 April



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!**

Every Friday 11am – 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

🍲 Soups 🍲  
🥪 Snacks 🥪  
☕ Hot Drinks ☕  
🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤  
🍲 Home-cooked lunches 🍲

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer  
**Prayer For Any Need**



## Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

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



## 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)

## Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2017-18

Term	Start (for pupils)	End
Spring	Mon 8 Jan 2018	Thu 29 Mar 2018
Summer	Tue 17 Apr 2018	Thu 28 Jun 2018

### Holidays and In-Service Days:

Spring holiday:	Fri 30 Mar – Fri 13 Apr 2018 (Easter Sunday is 1 April 2018)
In-Service day:	Mon 16 Apr 2018
May Day holiday:	Mon 7 May 2018

## Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

### Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The next visits are: **13 & 27 March**

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

Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580.

Appointment line 01738 450581.

### Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

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

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

### Debt and Money Advice Service

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

## Blythswood Care collection in Perth

Blythswood Care collects second hand items to help with "Christian care for body and soul". The uplift is in Perth, at Asda on Dunkeld Road, on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.15pm:

**6 March, 3 April, 8 May, 5 June**

Blythswood Care welcomes donations of: clothes, shoes, books, toys, blankets, bric à brac and small items of furniture. All soft furnishing must have a fire label with BS code BS7177 attached. Regrettably Blythswood **cannot** accept: prams, pushchairs, highchairs, car seats, bikes, carpets, duvets, coat hangers, gas appliances, TVs, computer monitors, exercise equipment, wall units, electrical items and video cassettes.

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

Tel 01577 865045. Email: [linda.freeman\\_64@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com)

## Exhibition

### Loch Leven and Mary Queen of Scots

#### Arrest! Abdication! Escape!

- 16th century people and their lives
- How Mary is remembered to this day

Exhibition in the Library, Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross. Exhibition open during library hours.

Volunteers also on hand:  
Thursdays 10am-8pm,  
Saturdays 10am-3pm



## Community Councils

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

**Milnathort:** Chair: Craig Williams  
Email: MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

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

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

**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser, 01577 850253  
Email: CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

## Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
Jonathan Bryson	4 Burnbank Meadows	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	(01577) 864037
Dave Cuthbert	8 Highfield Circle	07799 750289
Barry Davies	60 Lathro Park	(01577) 865004
Bill Freeman (Chair)	64 Muirs	(01577) 865045
Ian Jack	Burnbrae Grange	(01577) 863980
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	(01577) 864603
Eileen Thomas (Secy)	50 Muirs	(01577) 863714
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
Alison Robertson		01592 840131
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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Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

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## Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

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## Perth & Kinross Council [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

**Customer Service Centre** Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

**Out of Hours Emergencies** Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

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

**Registrar** Tel: 01577 867133

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

## Mobile Library Service

### Visiting on Tuesdays 13 & 27 March:

Milnathort	South Street	1230-1315
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### Visiting every Tuesday:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny	School	1430-1530

### Visiting on Wednesdays 7 & 21 March:

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

For more information, see: [www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries) and click on 'Services in the Community'



## 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 found out how you can help: [clare.slight@brokennotbroken.org](mailto:clare.slight@brokennotbroken.org)

**Greyhound Rescue Fife** at Baltree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, need volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at [www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)

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

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

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

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

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

**RSPB Scotland Loch Leven:** We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin

badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: [Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk) or call 01577 862355.

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

**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 through our Facebook page.

**Common Grounds:** Charity café staffed by volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays in Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Open to public 10am – 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:** We are currently looking for **Shop Volunteers** for our two shops in Kinross. Can you spare a few hours of your time? In return you will be rewarded by our friendly and welcoming retail team and 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, contact Sarah Stephen on 01577 864692 or email [volunteering@chas.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@chas.org.uk) for an application pack.

We are also looking for **Kitchen Volunteers**. Please email [volunteering@chas.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@chas.org.uk)

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.



## 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.



## Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed.

Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

## 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](mailto:jeanshearer630@btinternet.com)

## Grants and Funding Websites

[www.pkgrantsdirect.com](http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com)

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

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

## Weekly Programme

<b>Monday</b>	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Carpet Curling	11am		
	Relaxation Class	1.15pm		
	Games	1.15pm		
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm (except 21st)
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm (except 21st)		
<b>Thursday</b>	Carpet Curling or Boccia	11am		
	Crafts (not 8th)	1.30pm	Film or music Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc	1.30pm		
	Balance & Strength Class	1.30pm		
<b>Friday</b>	Balance & Strength Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games or music	1.30pm		
	Bingo	1.30pm		



## Additional Events for March

Chiropody	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1st, 29th</b>	9.45am - 1pm (phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Hearing Loss Support and Advice	<b>Monday</b>	<b>5th</b>	11am - 12pm
Tai Chi	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7th</b>	1.30pm - 2pm
St Patrick's Day lunch and The Fantastic Sabres Entertainment	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21st</b>	12pm - 3pm
Library Visit	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29th</b>	1.30pm



## Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

**Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: [kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk)**

## LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



### Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Tel: 862422

### Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &  
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm  
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm  
Tel: 862219



**Sundays:** The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

## Kinross Bridge Club

We meet every Wednesday during Winter and Spring.  
The evening starts at 6.45pm prompt and finishes by 10pm.  
New members are always welcome.  
For further information, please contact Catriona Marshall 864482.



## 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 7 May 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)

## PKAVS Carer Therapies

Now on the first Monday of the month (rather than Friday)  
Now at Loch Leven Community Campus (not Health Centre)  
By appointment. Tel: Annette Bond 01738 567076

## Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

### Mothercare Bouncy Chair £5

Nice condition

### Moses Basket £15

Good condition

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Laura Watson

[pauline@thegreyhouse.co.uk](mailto:pauline@thegreyhouse.co.uk)

### Used Greenhouse Glass £0.50 a pane

28 panes 3mm thick and 457 mm x 610 mm (18" x 24")

Seller Details:

Margaret Greig 01577 840200

[margaret@margaretgrieg.plus.com](mailto:margaret@margaretgrieg.plus.com)

### G plan hardwood table and chairs £120

G plan table 35.5" (900mm) x 35.5" (900mm) extends to 71" (1800mm) x 35.5" (900mm). 4 wicker weave dense style chairs with leather cushions.

Seller Details:

Frank Koronka 01577 863449

## 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](mailto: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 fuller details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

### Stove Fitter, Kinross Stove and Cooker Centre

Training will be available for the right candidate. If you have a good range of trade skills and want to add another one, there may be a place on our fitting team. We seek a competent tradesperson who aims for high standards and is willing to learn new skills. You will work with our HETAS qualified fitters initially and if your ability is proven then a HETAS course will result. Rates of pay commensurate with your experience and skill level.

Please reply with CV and covering letter/email outlining your experience and any other relevant information to [corinne@kinrossstovecentre.co.uk](mailto:corinne@kinrossstovecentre.co.uk)

### Nursery Practitioners, Lauriston Nursery, Kinross

Due to our increasing success we need full time nursery nurses. Applicants must be qualified with an HNC or equivalent in Childcare and Education. They should be enthusiastic and committed to delivering the best possible care and education within current frameworks. The position will require working a variety of shift patterns on a rota basis from Monday to Friday. Successful candidates will be required to undertake an enhanced PVG check and be registered with SSSC. References are essential. Please send your application to [mail@lauristonkinross.com](mailto:mail@lauristonkinross.com)

**See also page 24 for a receptionist vacancy at Kinross Health Centre, and page 88 for a Chef de Partie at the Court House.**



### Are you living with a long-term health condition?

We are a charity supporting those living with a long-term health condition in Perth & Kinross. We help people improve the quality of their lives by providing information and running regular self-management courses, workshops and peer support groups.

Our Peer Support Group in Kinross is now a meet up group and is currently *not* meeting at St Paul's Church room. This runs on the first Thursday of the month from 1.30pm. Please contact our office for further details.

All of our services are confidential, free and designed to be flexible depending on individual and community need. Find us at:

Perth Business Centre/NCOC, 28 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0NX

Tel: 01738440099. Email: [enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com)

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## 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



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