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# Letters

## Editorial

After a winter that seemed to last five months, we must hope that spring has at last arrived, not least because our community's spring and summer season activities have started!

Yes, this is the time of year when curling and rugby reports give way to tennis, bowling and cricket.

It is also time for events such as the popular Discovery Day, which takes place at Kirkgate Park on Sunday 27 May. This is a great opportunity for everyone, particularly children, to learn more about the natural world.

In addition there are various Fairs and Fetes coming up. Let's hope the sun shines!

Speaking of times of change, the current Newsletter Editor would like to hang up her red pen. Anyone interested in taking on this role, please see the notice on page 95.

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

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

## Campus should be free for community groups

A launch meeting was held on 28 March with the aim of starting up a new branch of the U3A in Kinross. This was a well attended meeting with much support for the project. At that meeting I suggested that future gatherings should be held at the campus as the acoustics in the Millbridge Hall are atrocious for people like me who are hard of hearing. The organiser in fact stated that 40% of U3A members are similarly afflicted.

However, I was appalled to discover that community groups would be charged for rooms at the **community** campus and am currently trying to persuade all four local councillors to exert further pressure on Perth to remedy this. I have been advised that all four of them support this but they have had no success. I need hardly remind the community at large that Perth had no trouble getting new swimming pools as they desired but nice middle-class Kinross was expected to fund-raise for ours! Kinross as ever, ignored by Perth politicians! When the campus was built it was very highly hyped as a **community** facility, not simply an extension of the already well-endowed high school.

I hope that the Kinross community will pressure the four local councillors and also Perth councillors to remedy this disgraceful state of affairs. I am tired of being told there isn't enough cash, it's the excuse for everything. Of course there is cash, but perhaps better fiscal management is called for at council level especially with British government cuts forever biting harder.

Gwynneth Clayton (Mrs)  
U3A Steering committee member  
Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort

## Is there support for reinstatement of a rail link to Cowdenbeath: the Kinross Railway?

During the Perth & Kinross Council meeting in the Kinross campus, I was delighted to hear that this was brought up. Unfortunately it was voted down in favour of the controlling part of the Council's plan to push for the full route to Perth through the Ochil hills.

Shortly after this, at a Rail users group, I spoke to the Scotrail Managing Director Alex Hynes about this. He was interested in this topic, but revealed that the Perth route would cost £2-£2.5 billion and is not a realistic option. The Cowdenbeath connection is another matter. He revealed that the Levenmouth link is going to happen, due to public engagement, but this is by no means a done deal yet. Levenmouth's action group is still fighting.

I wondered if there is a hunger from the Kinross-shire residents for a rail link reinstatement?

As Kinross is expanding and is fast becoming a large commuter town within an hour of Edinburgh, Dundee and Glasgow, is this not a vital public transport link that we are desperate for? The last data I can find numbers Kinross-shire population at 13,550 and increasing at a previous rate of 4%. This will obviously be rising with the house building that is on-going. I would be happy to hear from like minded people interested in taking this forward.

Sheila Marshall  
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## Todd & Duncan provide defibrillator for public use

Another public access defibrillator has been installed in Kinross.

The Todd & Duncan mill bought a defibrillator and generously had it installed at the entrance to their Cashmere at Lochleven outlet so that any member of the public in need can make use of it. This defibrillator could potentially benefit someone experiencing a cardiac incident on the Heritage Trail, as Cashmere at Lochleven is close to one of the trail entrance points.

The new defibrillator's location at the south end of town means that Kinross is now fairly well covered, with 24 hr public access defibrillators in the High Street (at Hunters), the Springfield estate, the Muirs (telephone kiosk) and at the SNH office at the Pier.

Carnbo residents recently engaged in an impressive fund-raising drive to purchase a defibrillator for their village hall, inspired by the experience of one of their residents. (See story below.)



*The defibrillator at Cashmere at Lochleven.*

*James Mathie (Kinross First Responders), Iain Cormack (Managing Director, Todd & Duncan Ltd), Debbie Low (Manager, Cashmere at Lochleven), Pamela Hunter (Kinross-shire Heart Start)*

*Photo: Gareth Thomas*

## Carnbo community raises funds for village hall defibrillator

*by Jay Hutchison, Carnbo Village Hall Committee*

As a small rural community surrounding Carnbo village, we decided to set about fund-raising in late 2017 in order to install an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) in the grounds of the village hall for public use. This commitment came about at a hall committee meeting. One of our members had suffered a heart attack, which quickly led to cardiac arrest, whilst outside in a remote location. Over-stretched ambulance services

took 40 minutes to arrive to the scene. Fortunately a neighbour was able to give CPR until professional help arrived and an ambulance defibrillator was used. Had a defibrillator been available locally, a shock could have been delivered much sooner. He lived to tell the tale and he and his wife are very much at the forefront of our fundraising campaign.

We arranged a coffee morning in late January, a Valentine meal in February

and a sponsored event in March. We delivered flyers to all homes in the general locality and hall members and users were also informed. We were worried there would be little support but how wrong we were! The community pulled together and thanks to their overwhelming generosity we have smashed our target of £2000. This covers the cost of the defibrillator, installation of its alarmed cabinetry and CCTV to protect our investment. We feel the unit needs to be open and accessible should anyone ever need it. We have hosted a Scottish Ambulance Service life saving training event and the equipment is now live and ready for use.

We would like to thank Pamela Hunter (Butchers, Kinross) for her guidance and kind donation. Heartfelt thanks to each and every person who has supported us along the way. Your donations, no matter how big or small, have made this happen. It has been a wonderful (and surprisingly quick) journey. We are astonished and proud of this community achievement. Even sweeter, we received and paid for the defibrillator on the third anniversary of our member's cardiac arrest. What better way to end the story?



*A small selection of the Carnbo area residents beside their AED at a celebration party on 7 April 2018*



## Luke Graham MP for Ochil and South Perthshire

Over the Easter weekend I visited the Kinross and District Men's Shed, along with local councillors Callum Purves and Willie Robertson. The Men's Shed aims to promote men's health, wellbeing and combat loneliness and isolation, as well as providing help in the community, and many of the Shed members are now friends out with the Shed.

The current Men's Shed site is being leased on a month by month basis from Aerospace Kinross. The group have been in their current location since last July and have grown to nearly fifty members in that time. However, they are looking to secure a permanent location in the Kinross area to allow further development of the membership and the facilities they can offer.

Glen and the guys at the Men's Shed were incredibly welcoming and I greatly enjoyed meeting the members, looking around the facilities and discussing the future funding streams to help ensure its long-term development.

My visit to the Men's Shed follows my visit to 'Broke Not Broken', in Kinross last month. Since being elected I have been meeting with, and visiting, as many community groups as possible. I am always impressed by the work they do for, and on behalf of, the local

community. They all do a fantastic job in the many fields of interest they cover. However, I am keen to see greater interaction and collaboration between the multitude of community groups in Kinross-shire. I am currently working on a plan to bring them all together, to identify how best to use the rural communities fund that the Perth and Kinross council made available in their budget earlier this year.

In addition, I have also been meeting with HSBC to discuss how Kinross-shire can secure a greater share of its £500m SME fund, whilst continuing to pressure RBS and oppose their proposed branch closures across the constituency.

Finally, we should be reaching agreements on the Tay Cities Deal in the

next couple of months. It has been a bit of a long, hard slog to even reach this stage but I hope and believe it will be worth it in the end. The key to the entire deal is that it generates jobs and economic prosperity. I will continue to lobby the UK government to ensure Kinross-shire gets serious consideration in the final deal.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please contact me at my office on 2 Comrie Street, Crieff, or by email at:

luke.grahamoffice@parliament.uk

**Luke Graham MP**



*Luke Graham MP and Cllrs Robertson and Purves with members of Kinross and District Men's Shed*

## Councillor Watters

### Action Partnership

It is great to see two capable new community representatives joining the Action Partnership as of last month. Shona Fowler and Dr Alistair McCracken both bring a considerable amount of energy and talent to help the Action Partnership meet its remit of closing the inequality gap within Kinross-shire. I look forward to working with them to achieve this goal.

I recently attended a focus group set up to look at how all the Action Partnerships are performing within Perth and Kinross. 'What Works Scotland', a group of researchers from the University of Glasgow and the University of Edinburgh, are looking at the positives and negatives of how the Partnerships are delivering. Councillors from all the parties within the Council attended and we had an informative discussion among the councillors and the researchers. This will inform the council as we move into the next stages of devolving decision-making to local communities.

The local Action Partnership is now into its second year and has held another successful Participatory Budgeting event. This was at Loch Leven Campus on 10 March, when local residents were able to vote for community projects that met the criterion of closing the inequality gap. This provided valuable financial funding for several worthwhile projects.



Participatory Budgeting is by no means perfect, but in my view it is a key tool in devolving decision-making to the communities affected by the decisions. It also gives a voice to various groups within the community on the key work they are doing within Kinross-shire.

As this process matures in future years and we see the remit of the Action Partnerships expand – and as we learn from other projects throughout Scotland – this should empower communities to make decisions based on their own priorities, which in turn can only strengthen our democracy.

**Councillor Richard Watters**

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## Councillor Robertson

### Burleigh Sands

I have had complaints about speeding cars on the road at Burleigh Sands. This is a danger for cars exiting the car park and pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road here. The Council are going to install speed traffic monitors to see how big the problem is and also look at improving the sight lines for vehicles leaving the car park.

### Roadside Litter

The end of the winter is a very good time to clear our verges of litter. I have asked the Council to litter pick the A91 west of Milnathort and Gallowhill Road. I have also requested that the B996 from Glenfarg to Bridge of Earn be done. Please let me know if you see roadside verges requiring cleaning up. The M90 is badly needing litter picked and I have written to BEAR Scotland asking for this to be done. PLEASE KEEP KINROSS-SHIRE TIDY.

### Green Routes

The roads from Milnathort to Glenfarg via Middleton and Netherton have now been designated as Green Routes (walking and cycling friendly roads).

This has led to the introduction of 40mph speed limit on these roads and 30mph limits through the settlements. This has led to a call for some of the roads west of Milnathort to be considered as future Green Routes. The Council have now assessed the roads through Tillywhally, Craigow and Stronachie and have agreed to put them forward. I am also keen for Gallowhill Road to become a Green Route as this is a popular walking road and there have been ongoing problems with speeding vehicles on it. If there are no objections, these roads should be added to the Green Route network later this year.

### Persimmon Homes

The Persimmon estates being built at Lathro and the Kinross High School site have caused a lot of difficulties for local people. However one of the benefits of these new houses is that there are affordable homes being built as part of the developments. Kinross-shire has a number of families who are not adequately housed and who are desperate to find settled accommodation.

### Kinross Men's Shed

In early April I had a very enjoyable and interesting visit to the Kinross Men's Shed (KMS) meeting room and workshops at the former Forth Wines depot in Milnathort. The KMS members told me that they won't be able to use these premises on a permanent basis and badly need to find a long term home. Myself and my fellow Kinross-shire councillors have promised to do what we can to support this aim.

I was very impressed by the enthusiasm displayed by the KMS members I met and the range of skills on display through the various projects the nearly 50 members were involved in.

**Councillor Willie Robertson**



## Zero Waste Challenge

A Zero Waste Challenge currently taking place in Glenfarg & Kinross-shire could bring funds to community group Broke Not Broken while at the same time reducing the amount of waste generated locally.

The Waste Challenge began on 16 April and runs until Friday 25 May. It is funded by the Sainsbury's Waste Less, Save More initiative in partnership with Perth & Kinross Council.

For every tonne of increased recycling and for every tonne of decreased general waste, PKC will award the money saved on disposal costs to Broke Not Broken. This is in the region of £110 per tonne.

There are lots of ways to reduce food waste. Unavoidable food waste can be recycled in the kerbside brown bin or composted at home so that it doesn't go to landfill.

Various **events** are taking place throughout the challenge period. These include:

**Smoothie and Juice-Making Workshop** at Glenfarg Village Hall, 10am-11am, **Monday 30 April**. Register with Catherine at [www.facebook.com/Glenfarg9/](http://www.facebook.com/Glenfarg9/) or call direct on 07583 022608.

**Recipe Competition:** Submit your own delicious recipe which creatively uses up leftovers and is inspired by regional ingredients. Include the ingredients, a method and (if possible) a colour photo of your dish plus your name and an email address or phone number. The best three recipes will be awarded a prize. Send by email by Friday 11 May to: [ZeroWasteCommunity@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ZeroWasteCommunity@pkc.gov.uk) or drop into one of the unmanned information displays. There will be one at Sainsbury's. For others, see the website address given below.

### More information

Householders should have received a letter and leaflet about the challenge. For more information, see: [www.pkc.gov.uk/wastelessavemore](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/wastelessavemore)

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## Volleyball club awarded £5,000

Kinross Volleyball Club has received £5,000 under the Persimmon Healthy Communities scheme. A total of £435,000 was given to 30 finalists from across the UK.

Persimmon Homes North Scotland chose Kinross Volleyball Club as its winner after being impressed with the work they do and in particular the encouragement the club gives to young people to get active and involved in the sport.

Kinross Volleyball Club team coach and secretary, David Munro, said: "We are delighted to receive this fantastic prize from Persimmon.

"Both our junior teams and the wider club will benefit hugely from the funding, giving us the chance to fund our teams in competitions around the country, train four additional coaches to achieve Scottish Volleyball Association Accreditation and cover the cost of essential first aid training." The Healthy Communities competition went to a public vote where all 30 finalists battled to receive Persimmon Homes' top prize of £200,000.

For the Volleyball Club's regular report, see page 66.



David Munro (right) and Alice Munro representing Kinross Volleyball Club at the Persimmon Healthy Communities awards in York

## 100th birthday celebration for Agnes

**Agnes Mary Stuart Smith** (née Moffat) celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday 14 April 2018 with a gathering of over 30 family and friends in Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort.

Those present included her son Sandy and his wife Iris from Milnathort, daughter Isobel and her husband Anton from Australia and daughter Leise and her husband Jim from Canada.

She was so pleased to have five of her seven grandchildren and nine of her great-grandchildren present from America, Australia, Canada and Kinross!

Agnes was born at 138 High Street, Kinross, to George Moffat and his wife Isabella and has lived there and Milnathort over these 100 years – a true native of Kinross-shire

She married Thomas Smith of W & T Smith plumbers and heating engineers based in Milnathort and the family were brought up there. Tom died in 1974 and Agnes moved to Kinross in 1986 where she lived until her 99th birthday. She is now a resident of Ashley House in Milnathort where she loves to have visitors.

She would like to thank the many people who have sent her cards and presents on this special occasion.



Cllr Willie Robertson presents Agnes with flowers to mark her 100th birthday. Also pictured is Agnes's son Sandy

## By-election for Milnathort CC

Due to a recent resignation, the number of elected members of Milnathort CC fell below the required level. A by-election is to be held. Members who have been co-opted since the last election must stand down; they may, if desired, be nominated for election in the by-election.

Unfortunately the election timetable set down by Perth & Kinross Council has not suited the deadlines of the Kinross Newsletter so, by the time this issue goes to print, the deadline for nominations will already have passed.

A by-election will only take place if there are more than five valid nominations. If this is the case, the by-election will take place on **Thursday 24 May**.

Any updates received will be posted on the community website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) or the Kinross Newsletter Facebook page.

## Willie Nelson tribute band in Kinross

Full Nelson, the UK's premier Willie Nelson tribute band, will play Backstage at the Green Hotel on **Saturday 26 May**.

Willie Nelson is one of the world's most recognisable figures in Country music, with huge hits on both sides of the Atlantic. Full Nelson pays homage to the great man, playing hits and album tracks spanning his six-decade career. Hear hits like 'On the Road Again' and 'Always on my Mind'.

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## Old High School site – Council answers questions

Perth & Kinross Council has responded to Kinross CC's request for information regarding the sale price of the former Kinross High School site.

Following an article in the Perthshire Advertiser which claimed that PKC sold the site to Persimmon for less than a third of the original price offered by Persimmon, Kinross CC wrote to PKC for confirmation of the Perthshire Advertiser article.

PKC responded to the CC's questions as follows:

**Q1:** Was Persimmon Homes selected as the preferred bidder on the basis of a bid of £3,505,000?

**A1:** Yes, this was the amount of the gross bid to be subject to deductions.

**Q2:** Did the Council eventually sell to Persimmon Homes for £1,049,962?

**A2:** Yes.

**Q3:** Why did the Council sell to Persimmon for such a greatly reduced price?

**A3:** Deductions from the gross offer were allowed under the contract for sale as is normal practice for residential development.

**Q4:** Did the Council consider remarketing the property in the light of Persimmon's wish to greatly reduce their offer?

**A4:** No, as deductions were expected.

**Q5:** Did the Council consider reverting to the previously second-highest bidder following Persimmon's attempt to negotiate a considerably lower price?

**A5:** No – the second highest bidder's offer was on very similar terms to the Persimmon offer and would have been subject to deductions.

**Q6:** Kinross Community Council was told by ward councillors when the Loch Leven Community Campus project was in its infancy that the old High School site would have to be sold to help pay for the campus. How has PKC managed the consequent £2 million hole in its budgeting?"

**A6:** Please note, this request is not covered by the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 as it is a question rather than a request for information held. However in the interests of openness and transparency a Council Officer has provided the following response. This statement is incorrect in terms of a hole in the budgeting as it assumes that over £3 million was expected from the sale.

The Council provided the CC with a copy of a report to the PKC Property Sub-Committee of 18 December 2015. However, the report was heavily redacted, i.e. large sections had been blanked out. This reason given was that under Regulation 10(5)(3) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, "a Scottish public authority may refuse to make environmental information available to the extent that its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided for by law to protect a legitimate economic interest."

The CC is considering whether to ask for a review of the request for information. The CC would have expected to receive a copy of the paper considered by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 28 March 2012. It was at this meeting that Persimmon was chosen as the preferred bidder. However, no copy, not even a redacted one, was received.



Kinross CC has been asking questions about the sale price of the old Kinross High School site



## Roseanna Cunningham MSP for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Best Start Grant

Ms Cunningham has welcomed the launch of a 12-week consultation on the operation of the Best Start Grant, one of eleven benefits which will form part of the new Scottish social security system.



### Rural Tourism Fund

Ms Cunningham is encouraging local groups to apply to the Scottish Government's new £6m Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund that is now open for applications.

The Scottish Government announced the fund in response to increasing visitor numbers across rural Scotland and in order to help provide the services and facilities that are needed to improve visitor experiences.

The new fund will support a wide range of improvement projects – such as parking, camping facilities, recycling points and footpath access, in areas such as the North Coast 500 route as well as at Historic Environment Scotland sites.

Ms Cunningham said: *"The tourist industry is a massively important sector of the economy across Perthshire and Kinross-shire, attracting visitors from all over the world each year.*

*"The new £6m Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund can help improve the visitor experience for the increasing number people visiting our local communities and will help alleviate pressure on transport, services and facilities across rural Scotland.*

*"Local groups in my constituency that would like to bid for this funding are encouraged to get their applications in now to avoid disappointment."*

### Royal Bank of Scotland

Ms Cunningham is to contact the Royal Bank of Scotland to raise a number of issues following publication of new routes for their mobile bank.

### 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)**

## Councillor Barnacle Winter Maintenance – Farmers' Self Help Scheme



There is an arrangement whereby the Council can supply farmers with snow ploughs to fit to the farmers' own vehicles. In exchange, the farmers use the snow plough to clear snow from their own land and on specified lengths of public road. In addition, there is an arrangement where, in severe conditions, some farmers who have indicated their availability may be called upon to undertake snow clearing on additional lengths of road, for which payment is provided. The time to apply to take part in these schemes is well before the winter begins. If any farmer is interested, I can supply further information.

### Waste Permits

Readers may be interested in the regulations regarding vehicle access to Recycling Centres and whether permits are required. Permit requirements are shown in the chart below. Where a permit is required, charges can be found on the Council web page: [www.pkc.gov.uk/commercialpermits](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/commercialpermits)

	Allowed into recycling centres	Permit required
Any commercially stickered (liveried) vehicle	Yes	Yes
Cars, including estate cars	Yes	No
4 x 4	Yes	No
4 x 4 with open back or separate cab	Yes	No
Van up to 3.5 tonnes	Yes	Yes
Tippers/Crew Cab Tippers up to 3.5 tonnes	Yes	Yes
Van or Tipper/Crew Cab Tippers over 3.5 tonnes	No – unless commercial, then weighbridge only	Yes
Any trailer with a body length of 6ft or over in length	Yes	Yes
Horsebox or caravan/campervan	Yes	Yes

## Can you help these people?

Hurricane Matthew was a Category 5 Atlantic hurricane with windspeeds which reached 165mph causing catastrophic damage and a humanitarian crisis in Haiti in October 2016. It's over a year since Marcelin and his three daughters lost their home, but they're still living in a 2x2m windowless concrete block. Marcelin has raised his three daughters alone. They've endured some of the worst natural disasters on earth. They're not just survivors. They're fighters. But they're only so strong. They won't survive the next hurricane without help.



This Christian Aid Week, you can be in their corner. You can help them build a home that will weather the next storm, so they won't need to fight to survive anymore.



Marcelin Abellard and his daughters Ketia, Linda and Keshna (left to right in the photo) still haven't recovered from Hurricane Matthew. Marcelin doesn't expect them to survive if another hurricane hits. Photo: Christian Aid



## Online portal MyPKC

MyPKC is an online portal enabling residents to access Perth & Kinross Council services.

Residents can use the service to check their Council Tax banding, activate their Council Tax account to set up a direct debit and track payments.

Other services available through MyPKC include reporting street lighting or road faults, and flagging issues such as overflowing litter bins or streets in need of cleaning.

MyPKC can also be used to apply for domestic and commercial waste permits, and report a change in circumstances for Council Tax Reduction and Housing Benefit claims. MyPKC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and issue reports can be picked up by the frontline teams able to respond to them even when Council offices are closed.

MyPKC is available from a link at the top of each page of the Council's website [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

Users do not need to create an account to use the site to report any issues, but a password-protected account is needed to access the Council Tax functionality.

## Anger at bags of dog mess left on farmland

Irresponsible dog owners were the subject of an angry outburst in the 'Kinross-shire Community Group' Facebook group recently.

Rab Drysdale posted: "A message to all Kinnesswood residents and dog owners... if you are going to bag your dog shit, take it away with you!!! Dog shit is poisonous to livestock and the bags, if ingested can potentially suffocate or cause other problems!! I've found a pile of bags lying at the side of the farm track which has been slowly growing in size every other day recently. It's the height of laziness to bag it and not dispose of it correctly and it's downright disrespectful to the countryside!!"

The post resulted in a lengthy debate about how the problem should best be managed.

There was a suggestion that it would be better for dog faeces to be left unbagged, but dog faeces can contain parasites that cause serious infections in cattle and sheep.

It is an offence for any person responsible for a dog not to immediately remove and dispose of appropriately any excrement after their dog has fouled. Anyone found offending may receive a fixed penalty of £80. Some offenders reported to the Procurator Fiscal may be fined up to £500. However, these fines relate to dog fouling in public places and therefore do not apply on farmland.

Residents can **report a dog fouling incident in a public place** via the Council's **website [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)** or by phoning PKC Customer Service on **01738 476476**.

Although the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 allows members of the public access to most of Scotland's outdoors, people **must exercise their access rights responsibly**, with respect for people's privacy, safety and livelihoods, and for Scotland's environment.

All dog owners should bag their dog's mess every time, whether on public or private land, and **take it with them** until they reach a bin. Dog mess may be disposed of in ordinary public litter bins as well as in dedicated dog mess bins. If dog owners do not come across any public bins, they should take the dog mess bag home and dispose of it in their own bin.



## Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

Statistics from the National Register of Scotland have predicted that the population across Perth & Kinross will increase by 4.5% over the next eight years. This is well above the national average of 3.2% and will see the number of people living in the region swell to nearly 160,000. There are a number of factors driving this change, notably migration from west to east and a population that is living longer than ever before.

Across the rest of the nation, only Midlothian is set to grow at a faster rate, and Perth & Kinross is outstripping both Fife and Clackmannanshire when it comes to inward migration. These forecasts are backed up in recent data which has shown that the number of registered voters in the region is at its highest point since the referendum in 2014.

On the whole this is good news and highlights the attractiveness of Perth & Kinross. However, a population boom brings with it challenges. An increasing population will undoubtedly result in fresh pressure for public services, like healthcare and schooling as well as increased stress on our roads and housing infrastructure. Meeting these challenges will require careful planning and solid execution from both the Scottish Government and the Local Authority.

Unfortunately, our physical infrastructure and transport arteries are already creaking at the seams. A recent AA survey has shown that the percentage of A roads in Perth & Kinross urgently requiring repair increased from 36% to 40%, B roads from 35% to 40% and C roads from 33% to 38% between 2009 and 2017. In the same corresponding period the condition of roads in Fife and Dundee improved markedly.

The previous Council administration in Perth & Kinross changed the classification of potholes, meaning that only those that were over 60mm in depth would be filled. This undoubtedly resulted in potholes getting larger and requiring more repair work. However, things are improving and the new Council administration has reversed this policy reverting to the previous standard for road repairs.

However, it's not just roads that will need to improve if we are to serve an expanding population. We need public transport to grow as well. Once again, I have called on the Scottish Government to rubber stamp a feasibility study for a direct rail link between Perth and Edinburgh, which would pass through Kinross. This project has tremendous local support, and I believe that the changing population dynamics make the business case for this development even stronger. Getting more people onto public transport is important, but it's also important for rail links to be able to compete on both price and time with journey by road. A direct rail link would serve both of these aims, and it is important that the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland properly considers these factors when deciding infrastructure priorities over the next five to ten years.

**Liz Smith MSP**

*As ever, Liz appreciates the feedback of readers and can be contacted at the Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, PH2 6PL or via email at [Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot) or via telephone at 01738 553990.*



## Anonymous donor sponsors Colts strips

An anonymous local businessman has donated football strips to the Kinross Colts seven-a-side football team. Rather than promote his own company through the sponsorship, the businessman is choosing to raise awareness of autism by having the Scottish Autism logo placed on the strips.

Scott Fenton, one of the Colt's coaches, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have Scottish Autism's logo on the team's strip in order to help raise awareness. We know that one in a hundred people in Scotland are affected by autism, so it is great to help getting the charity's name out there. As a charity it depends on the public to enable them to support people with autism and their families on their whole life journey."

There are thirty members of the Kinross Colts aged around nine years old. The children come from all over the Kinross area. They are currently busy training to take part in the Fife Soccer Sevens League. The club has already raised money for other charities and also to buy a public access defibrillator.

More information about autism can be found at:

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



*Some of the Kinross Colts wearing their new strips*

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## News from the Health Centre



### Asthma

World Asthma Day falls on 1 May. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of asthma and promote the care and support of those affected by asthma. Asthma is a condition which affects the airways - the small tubes which carry air in and out of the lungs. When asthma flares up, the usual symptoms are wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, and tightness in the chest. The symptoms can range from mild to severe and not everyone will get all of the symptoms. Some people experience symptoms all the time because they are not taking their medicines, or not taking their medicines correctly.

We have run an asthma clinic for many years at the Health Centre. The clinic is run by three of our nurses, Sue, Heather and Caron, and they provide help and support to patients affected by asthma. Patients are invited for a review at least annually but reviews may be more frequent if medication is changed or if a patient has had a severe asthma attack. During the review, the nurses will assess whether the patient's asthma is under control by discussing their symptoms and whether these symptoms affect sleep or daily activities. The nurses will also discuss and prescribe medication and they will ensure that patients know how to use their inhalers properly. A recent study has shown that a third of patients using an inhaler are not using it correctly.

Sue, Heather and Caron are keen to help patients manage their asthma better and stop the symptoms having a negative impact on life. Failure to manage symptoms can lead to severe asthma attacks which could lead to hospitalisation and be life threatening. They would therefore strongly encourage all those who have asthma to attend their review appointments. The nurses review all requests for asthma medication and will contact patients who are requesting medication, but not attending review appointments.

The website of Asthma UK has a lot of very useful information and can be found at [www.asthma.org.uk](http://www.asthma.org.uk)

### Out of Hours Service

When the Health Centre is closed in the evenings and at weekends, emergency cover is provided by the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service. Patients who need urgent medical attention out of hours may be given advice, be directed to one of the Out of Hours Centres, or a house visit may be arranged. In early April we were notified by the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership that they were about to make some changes to their Out of Hours services. From 9 April 2018, the Out of Hours Centre at Queen Margaret Hospital in Dunfermline, and the Centres in Glenrothes and St Andrews will be closed from midnight to 8am, seven days a week. The Out of Hours Centre at the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy will be open throughout the night. The Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy was chosen because of its central location in Fife, and its proximity to Accident and Emergency, specialist services and wards for admission. Patients can opt to attend the Primary Care Emergency Centre in Perth if that would be more convenient than attending Kirkcaldy.

## Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War



There is a rolling exhibition at the Kinross (Marshall) Museum on the Great War, telling of some of the events and people of 100 years ago. The museum display is adjacent to the library within Loch Leven Community Campus. The information displayed below is courtesy of the Museum.

### First World War Timeline, May 1918

- 25th German U-boats appear in US waters for the first time.
- 27th Germany launches a third offensive in the French sector with the 3rd Battle of the Aisne.

### Kinross-shire Roll of Honour, May 1918

- 3rd Robert G Millar
- 19th James Miller

### Lance Corporal Robert Glass Millar

Lance Corporal Robert Glass Millar was from Kinross but had emigrated to Australia in his thirties. He was serving with the Australian Infantry, A.I.F., when he died aged 43. He is buried at Crucifix Corner Cemetery, Villers-Bretonneux. He left a wife and two children in Adelaide.

A son of James and Magdalene Miller, Robert Millar was one of three brothers who fought in the Great War. His younger brother John died in May 1915 of wounds sustained at the Battle of St Julian. His older brother William was wounded at the Battle of St Julian, but survived the war.

## Livestock Worrying Campaign

Police Scotland launched a livestock worrying campaign in March. Advice is:

- Be a responsible dog owner.
- Keep your dog under control and on a lead if walking in the countryside, rural locations or near the edge of town and near sheep or livestock.
- Be aware of the distress and serious injury a dog can cause sheep. A dog's natural instinct is to chase.
- Livestock worrying is a crime and will be dealt with by the Police. Farmers also have a legal right to shoot dogs engaged in livestock worrying.
- If you witness or have any information on a livestock or sheep worrying incident please call Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if you prefer to remain anonymous.

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## Recent Crime

This month has seen a rise in rural crime with several quad bikes being stolen and farms targeted, along with sheds being broken into in rural areas including the Crook of Devon and Powmill area. Again, it is important that security measures are put in place to make it as difficult as possible for thieves to target rural areas. I have included a guide regarding farm security to again reinforce what measures can be taken. If a crime prevention survey is required on any properties, PCs Spalding and Stapleton can attend and speak with anyone who feels advice is required to bolster their security for farms, house or garden sheds.

With the better weather coming, it is easy for everyone to let their security measures lapse, leaving sheds insecure. Valuable tools, bikes etc then become an easy target.

## Cesar Scheme

The Cesar STOPS THEFT is the official Construction and Agricultural Equipment Security and Registration Scheme. This is basically a tamper proof system for all construction, agricultural, ATVs and attachments which is unique to each piece of equipment. A tamper evident label carries a unique plant identification number. If information is required, get in touch and Rural Crime Prevention Officer Willie Johnstone can offer advice and show how the marking scheme actually works. If there is enough interest, we may arrange a CESAR road show. See also the website [www.cesarscheme.org](http://www.cesarscheme.org) for advice.

## Farm Building Security

In the rural environment, good home security is essential and is an effective deterrent against crime. This advice is designed to help you prevent becoming a victim of theft and provide reassurance that there are many simple safety measures you can take to protect your premises.

### How to protect your farm perimeter:

- Reduce access by removing all gates and entrances that are no longer in use. Replace them with a permanent fence or other barrier.
- Secure all gates with good padlocks.
- Repair fencing promptly to prevent/restrict any future unauthorised access.

### How to protect your farmhouse:

- Fit British Standard key operated locks to all ground floor and accessible windows and mortice locks to all outside doors.
- Use timing devices on interior lights when your house is unoccupied and keep doors locked when no one is home.
- All property should be uniquely marked, photographed and recorded in an asset register that includes serial and model numbers.

### How to protect your outbuildings and sheds:

- Ensure that all external doors are of solid construction with suitable locks or a close shackle padlock and bar fitted to it.
- Hide the contents from view using protective grilles on windows if appropriate.
- Ensure property is locked away at night or when not in use.

## Suspicious callers:

Beware of any suspicious callers. Check their identity and, if in doubt, note their description and any vehicle they may be using and call the police. Your call may be important and save others from the opportunist thief.

## Rural Watch Schemes:

These work well as a crime prevention and detection tool but are also extremely valuable in terms of enabling local communities to share information, allows agencies to send out relevant crime alerts, and empowers local communities to be more resilient. Please consider joining your local scheme. For further information, please contact 01786 463732 or [info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](mailto:info@neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

## Further information:

A complete guide to "Security in the Rural Environment" can be accessed from the Police Scotland website [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

Comprehensive crime prevention advice can be obtained from your local Police Scotland Safer Communities Team by telephoning 101.

Remember: If you can think of a way of defeating your existing security measures, so can the criminal.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101, or Crimestoppers (see below). For emergencies call 999.

## Cycling Policeman

On a lighter note, PC Stapleton recently completed his Police cycle course and has been out in the saddle in and around Kinross-shire. He looks good in lycra. Hopefully we will continue with our Hi-visibility foot and cycle patrols during the summer months to come.

## 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.**

### Ways of following the Police:

Twitter: @KinrossPc or [twitter.com/policescotland](https://twitter.com/policescotland)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland](https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland)

Website: [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

## Community Watch

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



# 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 April Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 4 April 2018 were: CCLrs Bill Freeman (Chair), Eileen Thomas (Secretary), Margaret Blyth, Jonathan Bryson, David Colliar, Dave Cuthbert, Barry Davies, Ian Jack, Lynne McKay, Thomas Stewart and David West; P&K Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson and two members of the public.

**Apologies** were received from P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and R Watters; and PCs A Spalding and D Stapleton.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police Report:** No police present but a report had been submitted by email. Incidents of note for March: vandalism to a car parked in Green Road; hit and run to a car parked in Green Road at side of Green Hotel; garden shed broken into, cutting padlock, in Lathro Park; theft of building materials from the site at Junction Road; shopliftings at Sainsbury and Sands the Ironmongers.

Further to a discussion at the February meeting, PC Stapleton clarified that the Access Only sign at the entrance to Swansacre means that the road is only to be used by residents or persons attending a commercial property in the street. The road is not to be used as a shortcut to surrounding streets.

As Swansacre is partially one-way, it occurred to the CC that there ought to be a sign to indicate no right turn to drivers exiting the Learning Centre premises. The Secretary will email a councillor about this.

### Matters Arising

**Wreath payments/CC Finance:** Treasurer CCLr Jack reported that both wreath debtors have now paid. CCLr Freeman will tell the cadets that payment of their wreath will be required in advance for 2018.

**War memorial railings:** CCLr Colliar reported that PKC are carrying out surveys of several memorials, including Kinross. Kinross is still to be assessed. CCLr Colliar said Kinross in Bloom have problems with planters being damaged by cars at the site. He will set up a meeting of interested parties and report back.

**Website (kinross.cc):** A meeting is due to take place on 6 April with representatives of the Kinross-shire Partnership. CCLrs Colliar, Cuthbert and Thomas will represent the CC. The Secretary was asked to obtain management accounts in advance.



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**Ninewells Hospital car park:** Cllr Purves informed the CC that the current car park operator is Indigo and the current contract has eleven years left to run.

**Recycling:** In answer to a question at a previous meeting, Cllr Purves reported that 5.6% of PKC recycling waste is exported. This will go down to 4.8%. He was asked to forward the information to the Secretary.

**Kinross Common Good Fund:** When common good fund meetings are next due, the ward councillors will ask to hold one even if there are no funding applications in order that the invitation to CCLr Thomas to join as a non-voting rep can be made.

**Homecare:** Further to last month's discussion, Cllr Purves said the main problem is lack of supply of workers, which has several causes. Enterprise Breadalbane appears to be running a more effective model. Cllrs Purves and Stewart hope to visit.

**Primary School:** CCLr Bryson said it is possible that the primary school's summer fayre will also serve as an open day.

### Matters Arising Without Any Update

**M90 electronic sign:** The Secy has not contacted Traffic Scotland yet.

**Vehicle Activated Signs:** The Secy has not written to Cllr Barnacle yet.

**Action Partnership:** The Secy has not written to Keith McNamara yet.

**Gritting of Paths:** Cllr Watters was not present to report on the planned route of pavement gritters for Kinross.

**Developer contribution:** Councillors had been asked to check if Persimmon had made the financial contribution they were supposed to towards an upgrade of the Green Park play area, in lieu of providing play facilities at the former Kinross High School site. Cllr Purves will enquire.

### Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

The Secretary has still not received a reply from PKC's Mr Haggart to her email of 19 February suggesting single-lane traffic controlled by lights at Town Hall. It is not known whether Cllr Barnacle has received a reply to his email to Mr Haggart of 12 February suggesting that a review of the shared space scheme is required. See also item about Avenue Road under Reports from Councillors.

**New Planning Applications.** No CC comment unless otherwise stated:

18/00464/FLL Extension to house and formation of steps, 10 Douglas Crescent.

18/00446/FLL Erection of an ancillary garage/workshop/store and formation of a vehicular access, Ardgarney Cottage.

18/00402/CON and 18/00401/FLL Part demolition of buildings, erection of 2no. dwellinghouses and 6no. flats and associated works, Former Kirklands Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross. Cllr West proposed objecting to the proposed extensive demolition of the stone building (everything except the façade). This was seconded by CCLr Thomas. Six voted in favour, four against, one abstention. The Secretary will submit a letter.

18/00373/FLL Installation of replacement windows and doors, Woodholme, 22 Muirs.



18/99475/FLL Alt and extension to house, 6 Sandwood Place.  
18/00498/FLL Alt and extension to house, 20 Cameron Ave.

#### Planning Applications Determined by PKC

18/00064/FLL Formation of an outdoor riding arena (in retrospect), land 70m SW of Gellybank Cottage. Approved.

18/00248/FLL Erection of replacement garage, 29 Muirs, Kinross. Approved.

17/02285/ADV Display of signs, land 120m SE of Lathro Farm, Kinross. Approved.

17/02286/FLL Siting of a sales unit etc, land 120m SE of Lathro Farm, Kinross. Approved.

17/01351/FLL Demolition of dwellinghouse and change of use of land to form vehicle hardstanding and erection of fence (in part retrospect), Lochside House, Kinross. Withdrawn. The CC received a letter regarding this, as the CC had commented.

**Former Kinross High School site:** The Secretary had written to PKC's Head of Legal as instructed at the last CC meeting. The request is being dealt with under FOI legislation and a reply expected by 12 April.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence:** Over 30 emails had been received. Most had been circulated to Councillors and a summary provided.

#### Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

**Litter:** Cllr Robertson invites the CC and individuals to suggest to him areas that require to be cleared of litter.

**Avenue Road:** A member of the public present has been in email correspondence with Cllr Robertson and Council officers. The member of the public described the actions of the council following a walkabout in the Avenue Road and Talla Park areas. He described these as uncoordinated, with little or no communication between departments. He feels the town centre regeneration has not met many of its objectives. He described the former Kinross High School site as shambolic. Cllr Robertson agreed that trying to have improvements implemented was very frustrating. He has been trying to have repairs and upgrades carried out at Coventry Place for 15 months but nothing has been done yet. PKC officers assure him the work will be done in the next few weeks.

#### Other Competent Business

**Former KHS site/Persimmon:** Cllr Davies raised the issue that a householder in Alexander Drive has with the Persimmon development at the former Kinross High School site. It is claimed that a new house on the site is 1.6 metres higher than it should be, causing overlooking. Cllr Robertson explained that the developer might simply apply for permission to

modify the height and PKC would most likely grant this. The householder will have to pay for an independent survey of levels if he wants to take this further. Some members of the CC were at a loss as to the purpose of Enforcement Officers. Another point of view is that the planning system is at fault and so the Scottish Government is ultimately to blame.

**Dog mess:** Cllr McKay complained about the extent of this on Kinross pavements. She informed the CC about luminous paint that can be used to highlight the mess, without causing environmental problems.

**Cracked pavement:** There is a dangerous cracked slab on the pavement on Station Road, just beyond delimiter signs, departing Kinross. Cllr Robertson will report this.

**Bus stop signs:** The Springfield Road bus stops have lost their signs. Cllr Purves will report this to the Public Transport Unit.

**Potholes:** The pothole repairs near Lathro are terrible. Cllr Robertson will report this.

**20mph signs:** It was again pointed out that the 20mph signs at Kinross High Street are pointing the wrong way.

**Speedwatch:** Cllr Robertson does not know if there is a future for this initiative as the Chief Constable has changed.

**Apologies/Financial report:** Cllr Jack gave apologies in advance for the May meeting, which is also the AGM. He will provide copies of the financial report in advance and Cllr Colliar will present the report at the AGM.

**First Responders:** A representative from Kinross Community First Responders was present to thank the CC for the recent contribution towards their funds. This was the surplus from the CC's kiosk defibrillator project.

**The Next Meeting, and the Annual General Meeting, of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 2 May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.**

#### Draft Agenda for the May Meeting

Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of April Meeting. Police Report. Matters Arising from April Meeting. Matters Arising Without Update. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. Planning Matters. Former Kinross High School site. Licensing. Street Naming. KCCNL charitable fund donations. Correspondence. Reports from P&K Councillors. AOCB. Date of Next Meeting.

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

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## Milnathort Community Council

### News from the April Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 12 April 2018 were: CCLrs Craig Williams (chairman), Caroline Flory (vice chairman), Elyse Kirkham (treasurer), Stuart McHardy, Matthew Leach, and Campbell Lawson; P&K Cllr Callum Purves; minute-taker Elizabeth Rougvie and eight members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllr Willie Robertson.

**Police matters:** No police were in attendance but CCLr Lawson reported that they were aware that there had been a number of incidents of vandalism and vehicles being broken into in Milnathort. Just that evening a van parked at the Thistle Hotel had been targeted and would-be thieves had even tried to make off with a cement mixer that was abandoned in the middle of Wester Loan. CCLr Lawson reminded members of the public to be extra-vigilant and make sure their vehicles, homes and outbuildings were secure.

**Brown bins:** There was still some confusion about the new charge for the uplift of garden waste. Cllr Purves explained that food waste will still be uplifted free of charge as it is a statutory service, but the uplift of garden waste is not. It was anticipated that £840,000 per year would be raised through the introduction of garden waste permits. It was hoped that the service will be rolled out to rural areas in future. Cllr Purves said that the Zero Waste Challenge project is a Sainsbury's initiative being run in conjunction with PKC, but he will find out who paid for the printing of the leaflets that went out to householders.

**Vehicle-activated signs:** Two of the signs in Burleigh Road still have not been activated after four months. Cllr Purves advised that he is meeting with PKC's roads team soon and will follow up. Extra funding has been earmarked for more signs throughout the council area and the CC has already identified Stirling Road and North Street as being suitable.

**Planning matters:** CCLr Lawson reported on the following:

**Applications submitted:**

Formation of vehicle access at **Carleith Hill Wood**. Noted.

Erection of a replacement house at **17 North Street**. Noted.

**Pitdownies:** An application has been submitted on behalf of the Church of Scotland to develop land at Pitdownies Farm, Manse Road, and amend two of the conditions attached to the existing planning consent in principle. The site is allocated for between 38 and 60 houses in the local development plan, which in turn is part of TAYplan, and the applicant wants to extend the timescale in which details must be submitted and development started, in order to attract potential developers. This prompted a lengthy discussion among CC members and the public, who were concerned about the resulting increase in the volume of traffic in this part of the village, especially with the impending development at Pace Hill. It also appeared that no satisfactory traffic monitoring had been carried out. Cllr Purves advised that the decision would be made by the planning committee, which included only two Kinross-shire representatives, who could technically refuse it on the basis that there was insufficient information about the impact on traffic. He will ask what infrastructure surveys have been done. In the meantime, anyone who wishes to object can do so via the PKC website. After further discussion, the CC agreed to lodge an objection based on their concerns about the potential impact on traffic of the proposed development.

**Applications determined:**

Erection of holiday accommodation units (in principle) on land north west of Ledlanet Lodge.

Alterations to store at the former Auld Kirk, Old Perth Road.

**Correspondence and new matters**

There was no correspondence apart from a few e-mails of an advisory nature.

**Membership of CC:** There are currently five vacancies on MCC, including the places currently held by the three co-opted members. A total of eight members is required and an election will be held on 24 May should more than five candidates come forward. Members of the public who are committed to serving the local community are encouraged to consider standing. Anyone interested can obtain an application form from the chairman.

**Road and path improvements:** Cllr Purves advised that there was money available for projects in Milnathort identified by the local community. If match-funding could be found from bodies such as TRACKS the benefits could be even greater. CCLr Kirkham said that residents of the Stackyard had contacted PKC following issues of flooding on the core path at Burleigh.

**Comments/questions from the floor**

**Speeding:** Two members of the public were concerned that the introduction of a national speed limit sign at Tillywhally had in fact exacerbated speeding problems. Cllr Purves will ask local police to carry out speed checks.

**Potholes:** A member of the public raised the issue of potholes, which he said were particularly dangerous for motorcyclists. Cllr Purves said that the council was actively trying to tackle the problem by introducing a policy of long-term repairs rather than short-term patching. The policy was to be reviewed shortly. Meanwhile, details of the winter maintenance programme will be e-mailed to CC members for their feedback.

**The monthly meeting and AGM of Milnathort CC will be held on Thursday 10 May 2018, at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. The public are invited to attend.**

Find Milnathort CC minutes, agenda and other information at:

- [www.milnathortcommunitycouncil.org](http://www.milnathortcommunitycouncil.org)
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## Portmoak Community Council News from the April Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 10 April 2018 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood (Deputy Chairman and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde, D Morris, A Muszynski and T Smith; Ward Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson; and 20 members of the public.

**Apologies:** CCllr A Robertson; and ward Cllrs C Purves and R Watters; and PC D Stapleton.

### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

**School Access - policy on parking and safe access routes for children.** The Chairman reported on the meeting he and the Secretary had had with the Head Teacher. This had focused on the safety of children accessing the school using the "red strip crossings" on Bishop Terrace and Buchan Avenue. These did not appear to have formal status nor provide the level of safety that could be expected. As a consequence there was a risk to children using them. Safety on both routes could be improved by signage, warning lights and/or clear road markings. In particular cars on Bishop Terrace should not be permitted to park in the immediate vicinity of the "red strips". The relative value of the Buchan Avenue crossing should be separately evaluated. The outcome of the meeting had been reported to Cllrs Purves and Barnacle. Ward Councillors considered that there could be capacity in the current budget to replace the red marking on Bishop Terrace with a zebra crossing. It was agreed to pursue this. Access to the school is to be considered at some point by PKC's Environment and Infrastructure Committee. In the meantime it and would be reviewed as part of the forthcoming meeting with PKC officials on 16 April (*see Item below*).

**Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond.** This was a CC priority. Representatives of relevant PKC Departments and of the CC would meet to progress the matter on Monday 16 April.

**RSPB Loch Leven: Underpass commissioning arrangements.** RSPB had advised that it had received an updated programme for underpass construction from the construction company. While there was still a measure of uncertainty, the anticipated dates for traffic management are 22 May until 10 July. The programme contained no road closures.

**Resilience - being better prepared for risks. Community Emergency Plan.** This matter would be taken forward at a meeting with the PKC Resilience Lead with the CC on 30 April.

**CC Website and Communication Strategy.** A revised website

was being finalised and would be available to the CC for comment shortly. PKC would provide guidance on new Data Protection Regulations and may influence how the website is operated.

**Devil's Burden Race.** CCllr Morris will arrange a meeting with race organisers to address concerns already noted.

### Reports

**Police:** The Police Report for Portmoak from PC D Stapleton was received recording recent incidents: a shed broken into in Scotlandwell; vandalism to a house window in Kinnesswood; power washer broken into at Buchan's garage Kinnesswood; and theft of a quad bike in Scotlandwell. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 14, 21 and 28 March and of 4 April were noted.

**Treasurer:** The balance at the month ending 31 March was £439.20 in the General Account; and £1,192.48 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,631.68. The new "Holding Account" held £1,500.00.

### Planning – New applications

17/01596/IPL. Land 50m south of 9 Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood (**Stephen's Field**). Erection of a dwelling house in principle. Consultation closed 13 October 2017. To note PKC's wish to bring the extension of the period for comment granted in answer to the CC's objection of 13 October to an end and decide how to proceed.

The Chairman reported that: a) the CC had objected to the application on 13 October on the grounds that there was insufficient time to hold a ballot and that further information to inform any ballot was required; b) the CC had agreed to clarify its position to PKC by 13 April; and c) while there was clear agreement on the outcome to achieve transfer of Stephen's Field into community ownership the CC was divided on how to proceed. If the matter was simply should a house be built on the proposed site then it was likely that there would be unanimity in opposing it. But Stephens' offer was to transfer the substantive remainder of the Field into community ownership in the event of their receiving planning permission for a house. Since October the CC had participated, along with PKC officers and John Stephen of A&J Stephen, in two meetings. These had included exploring the possibility of an alternative site for the house elsewhere in the Field. While these meetings had yielded further information there had been no progress on the principal matter of the house site.

There were therefore three options for the CC: to object; to take no action; or to proceed to a ballot to inform the CC how it should react to the planning application and offer.

Discussion included contributions from both CCllrs and residents present. CCllr Morris believed that the CC should now object and indeed that was the view of the four CCllrs who lived in Kinnesswood. There has been a strong and consistent history of objection to a house on this particular site: and indeed there were some 60 objections to the current application.

The reasons for objection had been well rehearsed: a) the proposed site for the house lay outwith the settlement boundary and as such conflicted with planning policy as set out in the current Local Development Plan: notably Housing in the Countryside (policy RD3) and Settlement Boundaries (policy PM4); b) it did not fit the setting and would irrevocably change the landscape; c) it would compromise the natural environment of the Field (both flora and fauna) and its recreational opportunities much valued by the local

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community; and d) it could open the door to further build development. The 2015 ballot, which had voted in favour of accepting the house in exchange for transferring the remainder of the Field into community ownership, had relied on a contract for that exchange that many now regarded as flawed. In addition some felt that it did not feel right if, to secure the outcome they all wanted, they would have to accede to the proposed house. Why might a ballot be necessary? The volume of objections made the view of the community clear.

Cllr Morris stated that he had taken preliminary steps to form a body to take advantage of recent Land Reform legislation which would come into force within the next two years. This would provide the opportunity for the community to acquire by purchase ownership of the whole Field. While there could be no guarantee that an application to do this would be approved it was a credible strategy and preferable to settling now for part ownership of the Field with the proposed house. He was confident that finance would be available from public funds. There was interest in the local community to take this forward.

In making the case for the option of holding a ballot the Chairman pointed out that constitutionally the CC had an obligation to ascertain, coordinate and express the views of the whole community it represents reflecting the broad spectrum of opinion and the interests of all sections of the community and to do so through recognised consultative mechanisms. While it was clear that there was strong local opposition to the proposal it was not clear that that was representative of Portmoak as a whole.

Cllr Muszynski moved that the CC should object to the application reflecting the views as recorded above. The motion was carried by a clear majority. The CC would now report its objection to PKC on the principal grounds already put forward by the objectors, namely that the proposed house site (a) is in conflict with the Local development plan, (b) would have an adverse effect on the natural environment of the field and (c) would have an adverse effect on the public's long established recreational use of the field.

18/00339/FLL Lang How, 22 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood. Extension to rear of dwellinghouse. No comment.

18/00499/FLL Loch Leven's Larder. Extension of existing retail shop. (To note: withdrawal of application 17/01885/FLL - erection of a new barn.) No comment.

18/00346/FLL Suilven, Kinnesswood. Renovation of the existing building. The CC would comment highlighting the

need to ensure the integrity of core paths that cross or border the site both during the construction phase and thereafter.

### Planning – Progress with Developments

16/03661/CON. Former Lomond Inn: proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwelling houses. A new application was anticipated.

17/02227/IPL Levenmouth, Scotlandwell. Erection of two houses. The Chairman will write to: the Convener of the Planning and Development Management Committee expressing concern that the decision to grant planning consent did not comply with the Council's "Scheme of Delegation"; and to the Interim Head of Planning expressing concern at inaccuracies and omissions in the delegated Report on Handling.

### Roads Report

Cllr Calderwood reported that:

- he had raised the matter of safety barriers outside the Shop in Kinnesswood and although the feedback had not been positive he would pursue the matter at the meeting with Council officials on 16 April;
- he would pursue the failure to resurrect the demolished road sign at Scotlandwell;
- vehicle activated signs aimed at controlling speeding were being commissioned;
- post-winter potholes of varying sizes were readily apparent across Portmoak with some areas worse than others. PKC had a programme for their repair. The Ward Councillors would arrange for the CC to be advised where pothole repair would be inadequate and a more substantial road repair required; and
- he would respond to the PKC request to provide feedback on the programme for gritting and snow clearing for 2017/18. Of note was the failure of gritters to process beyond the School to Bishop Terrace and of PKC to fill and maintain the grit bin on Bishop Terrace.
- review the arrangements for voluntary snow clearing across Portmoak.

Cllr Roberson reported that, in light of the new budget allocation for road safety and following the recent meeting regarding safety at the A911 Wester Balgedie junction, he would now raise the matter with the roads department.

### Paths Report

An Action Plan setting out the Path Group's work for the year ahead was in preparation and would be presented shortly.

### PKC Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Barnacle reported on the programme for post winter pothole and road report repair. It was early days but there had been some progress towards the establishment of what could be a Local Area Committee for Kinross-shire.

### Other Business

The CC received: a) the Calendar of Meeting Dates for the year 2018-19; b) its new Brochure for presenting the work of the Council to both residents and visitors to Portmoak. This would be placed on the CC website and made widely available throughout Portmoak.

**The next meeting and AGM of Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 May 2018 in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.**

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## Fossoway and District CC

### News from the April Meeting

**In attendance** at the meeting held on 3 April 2018 were: CCllrs Cameron Brown, Angus Cheape, Jennifer Donachie, Trudy Duffy, Carol Farquhar and Graham Pye; P&K Cllrs Callum Purves, Willie Robertson and Richard Watters; and five Members of the Public (MoP).

**Apologies:** Cllr Mike Barnacle.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police report:** Unfortunately no officer was able to be present at the meeting. There was one incident to note in our area in the last month from the Commander's Reports: On Friday 16 March 2018 into Saturday at Tullibole Mill Farm, Drum, an Ifor Williams white box trailer was stolen.

**Blairingone School Estate Transformation:** The decision to close the school has currently been deferred until the next Lifelong Learning Committee meeting in eight weeks' time. Cllr Barnacle is known to be keen to resolve the issue of whether development proposed to be included in LDP2 will take place in Blairingone, which might justify keeping the school open.

**Lambhill:** Local residents have noticed that large numbers of HGVs are waiting outside the site in the mornings, suggesting that the site is still operational, contrary to planning.

**Dollar Equestrian Centre:** At the LRB meeting held earlier today, the planners' decision to refuse the application to retain the wooden stables (17/01337/FLL) was upheld.

**A977 Mitigation:** Community Consultations about how the A977 money is to be spent were held on 10 and 13 March; the meetings were not as well attended as hoped considering the longstanding interest in this subject. Final proposals will be presented by PKC at the next CC meeting based on feedback received so far, and this will be the last opportunity to comment on the proposals. Cllr Robertson pointed out that this is the only road in P&K receiving this level of attention and it's important to ensure that we get the maximum benefit from this one off opportunity.

**Hydro Scheme Fund:** CCllr Duffy reported that the first application for funds has been received and is being considered by the Hydro Committee. Between £50k and £55k should become available from the remainder of the contingency fund in stages over the year. The public consultation showed that restoring the bridge over the gorge would be a very popular project, but as it is too big a project for the Hydro Committee to run on its own, CCllr Duffy

suggested approaching TRACKS to see if they can help. The meeting approved of this suggestion, and CCllr Duffy agreed to make contact.

**Crook and Drum Growing Together:** A fund raising event in conjunction with the school will be held on 28 April.

**Fossoway Area Transport:** Contrary to an impression that may have been given in last month's Kinross newsletter, this CC is not critical of the current DRT service, and especially not its operators, however we are critical of the lack of public transport in this area.

**Matters Arising With No Update Since Last Meeting:** LDP2, Crook Moss Travellers Site, Ivy Cottage Powmill and Blairingone War Memorial.

**40mph Limit Drum (B9097):** Cllr Duffy has examined the proposed plans and they seem to be appropriate. Cllr Robertson noted that the proposal was approved at the Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 21 March.

**Meetings Attended:** CCllr Farquhar was unable to attend the Sports Hub meeting in March as it was cancelled.

CCllr Pye attended a Stakeholder Engagement Workshop with SSE in February at which SSE detailed their business plan targets and their achievements.

SSE also described the Priority Service Register – a list of customers who need extra help during power cuts, either because of age (>60), having young (<5) children, disabilities or medical reasons, and non-English speakers. Scotland has 113,000 households (13%) on the register. High priority members of the register may be helped to move to another location or provided with emergency power. CCllr Farquhar informed the meeting that she had found the Priority Service very good during her husband's earlier illness. Potential applicants to this register should first check that SSE is the actual provider of their supply, known as the *Network Operator*, as opposed to who they pay for it, called the *Supplier*, at: <https://www.ssepd.co.uk/WholsMyNetworkOperator> and then contact SSE's Careline on 0800 622 838.

SSE has a Resilient Communities fund which makes grants to help communities be more resilient, e.g. Defibrillators, emergency generators and lighting, etc. Awards range from £200 to £20,000 totalling £505k last year. Applications are open now at: <https://www.ssepd.co.uk/RCF/Scotland/> Finally SSE explained some of their ideas towards addressing the change in electricity generation and usage in the future as more solar panels, wind farms, hydro schemes and electric vehicles come into use.

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### P&K Councillors' Reports

**Callum Purves:** The Health and Social Care board exists to help integrate the NHS and Council services, however their decisions appear to be somewhat limited by the Council's prior policies, which seems to make the board rather toothless, however it fulfils an important role in co-ordinating the two services.

**Willie Robertson:** Now that roadside hedges have been trimmed, it's possible to do litter picking. Cllr Robertson has requested that the A91 be litter picked, especially the east end. The Vehicle Activated Speed signs seem to be working. Blairingone School is likely to be closed, and hence will lose its only community facility and Cllr Robertson is very concerned about that, and asked the CC to write to the Education department and stress the importance of the school as a location for community activities. CCllr Duffy agreed to do that.

**Richard Watters:** The Action Partnership has met, and two new members have been appointed, although there is still one vacancy, preferably to be filled by someone outside Kinross; anyone interested should contact Cllr Watters for more information.

Cllr Watters has been working with Visit Scotland and Historic Scotland Kinross-shire to take full advantage of the tourism opportunities presented by the film *Mary Queen of Scots* due to be released in September.

### Planning Matters – New Applications:

18/00343/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and alterations to existing dwelling house to form a workshop/store and ancillary accommodation unit, Craigton Bungalow, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

18/00364/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at land 50m North of Mellock House, Fossoway. No CC comment.

18/00410/PNA Erection of an agricultural building, Rivendell, Blairingone. No comments can be made to PNAs.

### Decided Applications:

18/00058/FLL Change of use of children's nursery to dwellinghouse, Glenbank Cottage, Powmill. Approved. The CC did not comment.

**Correspondence:** All the correspondence was available for viewing: On 10 March a coach got stuck in the entrance to the Scout Camp. Apparently the driver was following his GPS on a short cut to Dollar, and had nothing to do with the camp or its users on that day.

### Other Business

Cllr Robertson reminded the meeting that Kinross-shire is a **fair trade** area, and PKC is a fair trade county; he has window stickers to advertise this fact.

MoP reports that the **Fossoway.org** website has some problems, including a broken link to the School Council. Although the CC doesn't own it, it has edit access to the pages covering the CC. CCllr Pye undertook to look into the problems.

MoP reported that there is a pile of material in the **Moubray Hall car park**, perhaps left by Council staff working on the car park surface, which is impeding access to some of the spaces. Cllr Robertson will contact someone in PKC to get it removed. MoP notes that the **Blairingone forest** area is being actively developed by Forestry Commission, especially paths and tracks which are now much improved giving potential for good walks.

CCllr Duffy met with members of **Crook of Devon Village Hall Committee**, and it was agreed that they don't work as well together as they should. There is a proposal to try and resurrect the **Fossoway Gathering** in June 2019. CCllr Duffy will be meeting with the Committee tomorrow to initially discuss it, and anyone interested should contact the CC. PKC has a fund for rural events, which may be a source of money for this event.

### Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

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

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

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

**AGM and Next Meeting: Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.**

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website

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

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

### Cleish & Blairadam CC

Cleish & Blairadam CC meets every second month. A meeting took place on Monday 9 April 2018 but no minutes have been received by the Newsletter in time for publication. Minutes may be available in due course on the website [cleishandblairadam.org.uk](http://cleishandblairadam.org.uk)

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC takes place on **Monday 11 June 2018 at the Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge.**

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# Club & Community Group News

## Portmoak Community Woodland Group

It's time for a commentator's curse: spring has definitely arrived! Which means that migrant birds are returning, moths and butterflies are appearing and everything is starting to grow again.



*When Calum pops a tree, it stays popped*

All good news, especially in Portmoak Moss. Except the bit about *everything* starting to grow. Most of it we like, but we're not keen on birch saplings sprouting on the raised bog. They suck water out and prevent sphagnum moss from growing. If we didn't do anything about it, in a few years the whole of the Moss would be covered with birch scrub. We'd lose our open views and, even worse, we'd lose the unique raised bog eco-system which we've been patiently restoring for almost 20 years. Time for action! For quite a while birch regen has been controlled using chemicals (weedkillers) which is an easy way to do it, but needs to be done every year.

We'd like to find a more sustainable method, so we're experimenting with birch popping and pulling. Pulling

is easy to understand. The smallest saplings can be yanked out by hand, but bigger ones have bigger roots and that's where the poppers come in. They have jaws to grip the trunk and a long lever to pop the tree out, roots and all.

We bought two poppers last winter and we've been experimenting with them. Then, in March, a team from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) joined us to put in a concentrated day of popping and pulling. SEPA employees are allowed to spend a workday taking part as volunteers on a suitable scheme. Popping and pulling on the Moss was a great opportunity to get out of the office for a day and get on with some practical work in the environment. It turned out to be good fun too and we cleared an area of about 150 square metres.

In April we're planning a similar event with the Bog Squad volunteers. These

are people who clear birch on an almost industrial scale. Our plan is to compare the effectiveness of popping and pulling versus weedkiller, then in future use the best method.

A day out in the Moss brings lots of benefits. You can regularly hear the green woodpecker which has a loud, laughing call. It's easy to recognise from its green upper-parts, paler belly, bright yellow rump, red on the top of its head and black 'moustache'. You might see one flying between the dead trees on the Moss and the Scots Pines around the edge.

Meanwhile, in Kilmagad Wood, our moth and butterfly man, George, recently spotted a Mottled Grey, a first for us. It's worth a google-search. (It's the moth, not the pair of trousers).

As ever, all are welcome at our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm at The Well Inn, Scotlandwell.



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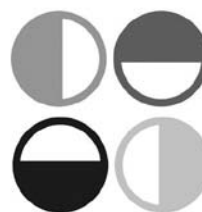
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### Kinross & District Inner Wheel

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

It's now become an annual event to run our Bridge afternoon in Orwell Bowlers' Hall on the last Friday in March. This year is no different.

On Friday 30 March, several Inner Wheel members and 64 Bridge players (16 tables) made their way to the Bowlers' Hall for what was again a very successful day. Many thanks to everyone who supported us by playing bridge. Thanks also to our members who provided the baking for the tea and who worked so hard in the kitchen on the day. The proceeds from the raffle this year are to be sent to Chest, Heart and Stroke Association whilst the proceeds from the ticket sales will be distributed in due course with other charity funds raised throughout the year.

Our speaker at the April meeting was Rachel Stewart from Crieff who is RNLI fund-raising manager for south-east Scotland. Rachel gave us a fascinating insight to the work of RNLI which is the largest charity saving lives at sea around the coasts of the UK, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man as well as on some inland waterways. There are over 350 lifeboats in the RNLI fleet based at stations around the UK and Ireland, covering 19,000 miles of coastline and some busy inland stretches of water.

The RNLI lifeboat service receives no UK government funding and less than 2 per cent of the RNLI total funding comes from government sources. As a charity, 94 per cent of their income comes from donations and so their lifesaving service relies on the generosity of their supporters.



### Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Spring is the perfect time to come out walking with us as, hopefully, the weather will be improving. Explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you're new or returning to walking, or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join our friendly and relaxed group. We would very much like to have some new walkers join us at the weekends and can guarantee you a warm welcome. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

#### Weekend Walks

**Saturday 12 May: Dumyat by the Hill Path, 5 miles.**

A fairly gentle route to the top of Dumyat with superb views of Stirling, the Central Belt, the Ochils and beyond.

**Sunday 27 May: Loch Ordie, 10 miles.**

Walk on tracks to Mill Dam then on to Loch Ordie, returning via Dowally and Rotmell Lochs.

In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots or strong shoes and waterproofs. Bring water, a packed lunch and a hot drink.

For further details of where to meet us, or for general enquiries, please call our Group Secretary, Ann Eve, on 01577 863887

#### Tuesday Short Walks

For those who are new to walking or want a shorter walk, come and join us on our Tuesday morning walks. These are usually a maximum of 4 miles (1½ to 2 hours) followed by a sociable visit to a coffee shop, farm, shop or pub for refreshments. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to try walking with us.

**Tuesday 8 May: Aberdour.**

A walk from the station, past the golf course and through pleasant countryside to the historic ruins of St Bride's Church, returning via the harbour.

**Tuesday 22 May: Dumglow (previously cancelled due to bad weather).**

A gradual ascent with stunning view. If weather is good, we may see the Bens of Jura 100 miles away.

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# Glenfarg 40th Anniversary Folk Feast 2018

By Hugh Hoffman

The number 40 figured largely in this year's Glenfarg Folk Feast. It was the 40th Glenfarg Folk Feast and marked the 40th anniversary of the formation of Glenfarg Village Folk Club in 1978.

The club had assembled an impressive exhibition of memorabilia of the 40 year history showing Folk Feasts, club nights, weekends away, and other activities over the years. There were photos, programmes, guest lists, t-shirts, press cuttings, paintings by club member Jim Douglas, and videos. Several people who featured in these reminders of the past were in attendance this year and there were many comments about how much (or how little) club members and other visitors had changed over the years!

Athole Fleming, Bill Gillan and Alistair Brown. The club's own singing group, The Farg Folk, who performed at this year's Ceilidh Dance, included four club members from the original Farg Folk line up in 2003: Duncan McNab, Philip Ponton, Hamish Grant and Stan Ginter, as well as special guest appearances from two other popular Farg Folk performers, Doris Rougvie and Jim McIver.

The music on offer this year was of an even higher standard than usual and the club had pulled the stops out to book eight top acts, each of whom could have been headliners in their own right. They were Jimi Shandrix Experience Ceilidh Band, Tich Frier, Mairead Green and Anna Massey, John Doyle, Boys of the

those attending to participate directly themselves. There were eleven high quality entries for the Original Song Competition. This year's theme was 'Party Time' and the winner was Dave Godden with 'A'body likes a party'. There were well attended formal singarounds and informal sessions over the whole weekend all around the Green Hotel and in other venues in Kinross including Loch Leven Brewery.

There was a Fiddle Workshop tutored by Charlie Stewart, recent Young Scots Traditional Musician of the Year. Charlie is a local lad from Glenfarg who first performed floor spots at the club while still a young teenager. An entertaining 'In Conversation with Cathal MacConnell' offered an illuminating and enjoyable discussion of Cathal's life in music and of the history of Boys of the Lough.

The club's annual fun event is the World Puff-a-Box Championship, in which competitors blow the inner tray of an empty matchbox as far as they can. This year's Puff-a-Box champion was Bob McCarron, the ladies winner was Aileen Clarke, while the junior winner was Aileen's daughter Ciara Clarke.

Club Chairman Hugh Toner went out of his way to thank the club's main sponsors, Red Barn Studio, whose principals Stuart and Gillian Duncan have been active supporters of the club and its Folk Feast for many years. Thanks also went to event sponsors Kenny's Music and Ian and Alison Norcross. Hugh emphasised how much the club owes to committee members past and present and to those who volunteer to act as stewards and helpers both at the Folk Feast and throughout the year. Speaking for everyone connected with Glenfarg Village Folk Club, Hugh recognises what has been achieved in the past forty years and looks forward to the next forty years being as successful.



*Conversations with Cathal MacConnell, internationally famous musician with Boys of the Lough*

One highlight of the anniversary was the presentation of a 'Landmark' award by Simon Thaumire of Hands Up For Trad. This trophy will take a proud place in the club's trophy cabinet.

The singer Tich Frier (one of the top names on the Scottish folk music scene) had been an original member of the folk club when it set up in 1978 and performed on the club's opening night as a member of the band Bitter Withy. Tich has been a regular favourite at Glenfarg over the years and he appeared again in 2018 to provide a link between past and present.

For the anniversary weekend the club had gone out of its way to provide further links between then and now. There was a gathering of 30 or so former and current committee members, including several former chairpersons and office holders who (mainly for reasons of distance) are not able to attend the club regularly. These included Jim McIver, John Calder,

Lough, Pauline Alexander and Sandy Stanage, Richard Digance, and the James Brothers and Emily Smith. Some of these were appearing at Glenfarg for the first time, others were returning following popular performances in the past. All were of the highest quality and ensured that everyone's tastes were catered for.

As an indication of the attractiveness and quality of music on offer, the three main ticketed events (Ceilidh Dance and two concerts) were all sold out a couple of weeks in advance; something that has rarely, if ever, happened before!

Seeing and hearing top performers was not the only feature of the Folk Feast. There were many opportunities for



*Contestants in the Original Funny Song Competition*



## Kinross-shire Fairtrade county status renewed!



In July 2005, the Kinross Fairtrade Group, with Mrs Patricia Payne as Chairperson, made history as Kinross-shire became the first Fairtrade county in Scotland. This was followed shortly afterwards by Perth becoming one of the first Fairtrade cities in Scotland.

Patricia Payne and the other members of the Fairtrade Group have continued promoting Fairtrade in Kinross-shire ever since.

On 6 April 2018, following a submission describing the group's activities over the last two years, the Fairtrade Foundation were very pleased to renew Kinross-shire's status as a Fairtrade County. Sadly, Patricia Payne died before this announcement could be made, but we are very grateful that her inspiration and work for many different aspects of Fairtrade will be continued in Kinross-shire.

The photo shows Patricia Payne and Marg Meade at a previous Fairtrade Coffee Morning during Fairtrade Fortnight.



Marg Meade with Patricia Payne

## Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme



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

Traditionally we would hold a fundraising Burns Supper but the committee decided to change things this year and we held a fundraising concert instead. Local stalwarts Gaberlunzie were approached and they agreed to stage a concert to help our fundraising efforts.

Tickets sold like wildfire and it was a packed Milnathort Town Hall that welcomed the Gabs onto the stage. They played all their favourites and added a few new numbers; we will never forget their tribute to Lonnie Donegan. After a great first half we were treated to a short set by local artiste Tich Frier who entertained the audience with his wit and true professionalism. Gaberlunzie finished the evening off with another rousing set of tunes and the audience duly helped out by singing along.

A great night of fun and song and the KVG/ROS committee would like to record our thanks to, firstly, Gaberlunzie and Tich for their wonderful entertainment and secondly to the audience for their support for the event, which raised in excess of £700. Many thanks.

## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



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

### Kinross Farmers' Market

The next Farmers' Market is on **Saturday 26 May** from 10am to 2pm in the High Street at the old town hall. The market is a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders and to shop at the High Street's established businesses. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### New! Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

Always wanted to play your instrument in a group but never had the chance? We invite all instruments to come along (all abilities welcome!) and we will just see what kind of sound we produce with conductor Dougie Flower!

First session is on **Wednesday 2 May** from 7pm to 9pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Fee is £5. If interested please e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call Bouwien on 01577 863107. Please let me know what kind of instrument you are intending to bring along.

### Leven Voices

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime.

The sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Irene Rayley. All sessions take place on Tuesdays at 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £6 'registration fee' which is used to pay for the hall for a 10 week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

For more information about KLEO events go to our website or e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk).



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### What we do

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### Contact

SSAFA, Queen's Barracks, 131 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 5BT

Telephone: 01738 625346

Email: [perth@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:perth@ssafa.org.uk)

## Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next meeting is on **Thursday 3 May** when our speaker is Mr J O'Connor on the subject of "Sense".



**Annual Day Trip:** This is to **Dumfries House** on **8 July**. Contact Pat Crawford, 01577 862962.

### Away Days

**10 May** Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh.

**24 May** New Lanark.

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

### Friday Walkers

**4 May** Lady Mary's Walk in Crieff and return by Puddock Pond.

**18 May** Kinnoull Hill and Deuchny Hill and along Coronation Way, Perth.

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

### Hill Walkers

**11 May** Little Glenshee Bill 9am

**25 May** Ochils Liz 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.

## Dobbies Community Champion

In April, we welcomed several new members to the **Little Seedlings Club**. We were lucky to have a sunny morning for our first outdoor meeting of the season at the allotment site behind the store. The children planted sunflower seeds to grow at home, some extra ones to plant in our growing bed, as well as some broad beans and radishes.

The next meeting will be at 11am on **Sunday 6 May** when we will learn about birds nesting in the spring. The June meeting will be on **Sunday 3 June**. Please book your place online at [dobbies.com](http://dobbies.com).

We are delighted to announce that this year, along with the other Dobbies stores, we will be working in a **charity partnership** with the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. Watch out for details of events, collections and challenges in store which you can help to support!

Our programme called '**Helping your community grow**' is continuing. It allows us to make donations to schools or other community groups for growing projects. If you would like to discuss how we could help your project, please contact Amanda on 01577 863327 or by email at [community.kinross@dobbies.com](mailto:community.kinross@dobbies.com).

## Kinross & District Probus Club

### Blue Movies from the Red Sea

by Mike Simpson



Members were unsure of what to expect from this presentation given its title. However it soon became clear what the subject was once we were introduced to Mike Simpson, a retired teacher who had developed a passion for deep sea diving.

Mike had dived in his early years but it was only when he retired that he had the time to pursue his hobby more vigorously. He is an Advanced Open Water Diver and, over the last few years, has dived all over the world in some of the most exotic oceans and seas.

Mike explained how things have changed over the years and nowadays everything is done by the book; health and safety is the number one priority when diving.

The members were shown a most interesting slide show which Mike had developed from his many dives. He took us on a journey looking at corals, sponges, fish, sharks, rays and, very importantly, the hazards of the deep. The ones to avoid are lion fish, scorpion fish and, worst of all, stone fish.

Mike also highlighted some dives he had undertaken to investigate wrecks. Some had sunk in battle and others sunk deliberately to create new reefs; all fascinating discoveries which revealed much about the ships and their crew.

This short but intriguing look into the world beneath the waves was expertly presented by Mike and you could feel his enthusiasm for his sport. He really did give us a vision of life in our oceans as we have never seen before.

The vote of thanks was given by Harry McLennan.

Kinross and District Probus Club can be contacted via our Secretary, Alan Harper, by email at [ajadh@aol.com](mailto:ajadh@aol.com).

## Kinross Garden Group

Our AGM was held on Thursday 12 April. It was followed by an interesting talk and slides from Mr Tom Christian who spoke about Modern Plant Collecting. Everyone enjoyed it. This was the last indoor meeting of the season.

Our first bus outing will be on **Thursday 10 May** when we will be going to Peebles and Dawyck Botanic Gardens.

More details from Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785.



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### Annual General Meeting

*This is a slightly abridged version of the Chairman's report.*

#### People

Firstly, may I record sincere thanks to all who have served and supported the Kinross-shire Partnership over the past year. Particular thanks to Robin Niven and Sid Grant who have resigned from the board due to pressures of other commitments. Both Robin and Sid were enthusiastic directors whose contributions will be greatly missed. Sandra Ralston also advised that she had to step down from the board. Sandra was our administrator for several years and was instrumental in the establishment of the Visit Loch Leven website. We are truly indebted to Sandra for her long service to KP and very pleased to note that she intends to continue to post daily content to the Visit Loch Leven social media. On the plus side, Jerry Alexander and Richard Scott came onto the board as did Karen Grunwell who, for the past four years, has diligently conducted our administration on a voluntary basis. We are also very grateful to Kelly Smith, who voluntarily provided book-keeping services for several years, now replaced by Helen Gilmour whose enthusiastic support is greatly appreciated. Following the Local Government elections, we lost the participation of Dave Cuthbert to whom our thanks are also due. New Cllrs Calum Purves and Richard Watters have been added to PKC representation on our activities.

#### Finance

Principally as a result of the withdrawal of funding by PKC, our accounts for the year ended 31 October 2017 show a reduction in income of £7833

compared to the previous year. Our costs were reduced by £4231, but the net result was a loss for the year of £991. As a result, capital and reserves fell to £3,590.

For some time now, Cllr Willie Robertson has been advocating a change of heart at the Council and I am pleased to note that arrangements are now in train which will deliver financial support to local organisations like the Partnership. While nothing has yet been formally agreed by way of specific assistance to KP, I am hopeful that support will soon be forthcoming which will restore our viability.

#### Networking Breakfasts

We have been running an annual season of Business Breakfasts for about seven years now, and I am very grateful to Richard Scott and Archie Hipwell who have refreshed and re-invigorated the format, extended an invitation to the wider community via Facebook and succeeded in attracting very interesting speakers. Some new faces have been attracted and the season extended. I would like to express sincere thanks to Karen Grunwell for organising the breakfasts for the past four years or so, and to Karen Elwis who has eloquently recounted the spirit of these popular sessions in the local Newsletter.

#### Loch Leven Tourism Forum

The re-integration of LLTF into the KP board has worked well. Fresh enthusiasm has been garnered and we are indebted to Rosemary Spenke and First Sight Estates for hosting meetings at Kinross House. The forum is being supported by representatives from VisitScotland, RSPB, SNH, Historic Environment Scotland, Montgomery Hotels, Kinross Estates, TRACKS, Tullibole Castle and Burnbank B&B. KP is a member of the Scottish Tourism Alliance.

#### Mobility Scooters

Our fleet of mobility scooters has

continued to operate successfully from the Larder and the Pier. We are indebted to Rob McLachlan for keeping them "on the road" and to Anne Sutherland who has taken over voluntary administration of the membership scheme. We actively supported the redevelopment of the underpass at RSPB Loch Leven.

#### Aero Space Kinross

Plans for the creation of a flight and space themed visitor attraction took a leap forward with a successful Community Share Offer and match funding support from Big Society Capital. As a result, ASK now has a full-time fundraiser in place and temporary office space in Milnathort. An Economic Impact Assessment has identified that creation of ASK has the potential to create 86 construction jobs following which almost 200 FTE jobs would be sustained across the P&K region. In addition, a mobile planetarium business has been acquired which greatly expands the STEM outreach capability of ASK. The Astronomer Royal for Scotland has become a Patron. A Kinross High School Build-a-Plane project is making good progress. Air Service Training at Perth Airport have run practical lectures and W L Gore are sponsoring the purchase of a trailer.

#### Local representation

Over the past year I have been privileged to serve as the KP representative on the boards of the Kinross-shire Fund, the LEADER Local Action Group and on the RSPB Underpass project.

As ever, there is no shortage of exciting initiatives around our County in which the Partnership has played a key role for 19 years now. We can be proud of our achievements in 2017, despite the difficult economic backdrop, and look forward to our 20th year with relish.

Further information on who we are and what we do will be found on our website: [www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk](http://www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk).

Alisdair Stewart, Chairman

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## Breakfasters hear about Scottish charity making a difference in Ethiopia

If the rain drizzling outside Loch Leven's Larder during the Kinross-shire Partnership's April business breakfast was less than inspiring, dynamic after-breakfast speaker Jo Middlemiss more than made up for it.

The mix of entrepreneurial talent in attendance ranged from Fife Point-to-Point (28 April) and Tullibole Castle (venue for children's outdoor event 'Wildhood' on 9/10 June) to the Advanced Denture Co. and Karinsson Holistics. Also in attendance was Jo Middlemiss's husband, ex-serviceman Andy Middlemiss, who was representing UK charity SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association).

Jo proceeded to light up the room with her passion for the work of the charity *Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP)*, which she and her cousin Maureen founded a decade ago. Charity may begin at home, but for Jo and Maureen it certainly doesn't end there, as they spend a month each year at the Buccama Clinic in Southern Ethiopia. At the clinic, mothers suffering from the debilitating condition 'uterine prolapse' receive treatment that enables them to work and to care for their families again.

Uterine prolapse generally results from poorly managed labours and/or the heavy loads that women have to carry. Sufferers are often shunned by their communities, but a simple ring device (which costs just £2) can hold the prolapse in place, making a huge difference to these women's lives.

Other conditions are treated by staff at the Buccama Clinic, too, such as 'mossy foot'. Jo explained that this disease is caused by tiny particles of silica in the soil, and the fact that many Ethiopians spend much of their time barefoot exposes them to risk. Judicious washing, Vaseline application and protection of the sufferers' feet from the soil (via socks or even boots made from old tyres) all help in combating the disease.

In addition to being grateful for monetary donations, which go directly to support the team at Buccama, EMP also welcomes donations of new pants (for women with uterine prolapse) plus new and/or second-hand socks (for mossy foot sufferers). To donate, contact Jo at [jo@ethiopiamedicalproject.com](mailto:jo@ethiopiamedicalproject.com) or on 07803 589959.

Kinross-shire Partnership's next business breakfast will kick off at Loch Leven's Larder at 7.15am on Wednesday 2 May. Email Karen Grunwell on [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk) to book your place. See also page 88.

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## Milnathort Bridge Club

We have enjoyed another winter season in the Bowling Club. This will conclude on Monday 30 April.

During the summer, the club will meet in Orwell Church Hall each Monday, starting on **Monday 7 May**. We meet at 6.30pm to start play at 6.45pm. Visitors will be made most welcome.

We recently challenged Dollar Club to a match for the Ellacott Cup which we managed to win by a very narrow margin.



*David Gow, President of Dollar Club, presenting trophy to Brendan Hamill, President of Milnathort Club*

## Kinross Centre

We have had a few short afternoon trips this month. We went to Queensferry and Dunfermline, both of them with a stop for ice cream. The weather may be cold but we can still manage an ice cream! We also went to Birnie Loch with a picnic of tea and cake. Our service-users love Birnie Loch; it's very peaceful and there's always some wildfowl to watch.

Indoors, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day on 21 March. There was an Irish theme to lunch and an afternoon concert by the Sabres. It was a great afternoon and very well attended. Why not join us for some of our activities? They are open to all retired people of Kinross-shire (subject to a maximum number) and it's a great way to get to know us and the kind of things we offer.

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## Kinross & District Town Twinning Association

### Trip to Gacé 2018

This year's official twinning exchange visit dates for the trip to Gacé are **Saturday 28 July** (departing Kinross), returning on **Monday 6 August**.

### Travel arrangements

The main party will leave from the Loch Leven Community Campus at 9am on Saturday 28 July and travel by community minibus to Portsmouth. As there are no cabins available on the overnight crossing, we will book into a nearby Travelodge for the evening ready to take the early morning crossing from Portsmouth to Caen, arriving mid-afternoon. We will be collected at the ferry port by our host families and expect to arrive in Gacé by late afternoon.

We will leave Gacé on the afternoon of Sunday 5 August for the overnight ferry crossing to Portsmouth, with cabin accommodation on board.

On the morning of Monday 6 August we will disembark and drive by community minibus back to Kinross with an arrival time of early evening back at the campus.

The cost for the trip will be £150 plus the Travelodge accommodation on the Saturday evening.

A non-returnable deposit of £50 is required to secure the ferry bookings and this should be handed to Mr A Fyfe (treasurer), 26 Seaforth Drive, Kinross, no later than **Sunday 15 April**.

Passenger information is required to accompany the £50 deposit. The details required are passport number and expiry date, full name, date of birth and home address.

There are one or two families who will be making their own travel arrangements.

Travellers must have their own travel insurance and a valid EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). These are available free of charge on the gov.uk and NHS websites.

A balanced programme of activities and visits will be organised by our Gacé hosts during the week of our stay.

For further information please contact secretary David Munro on 01577 862126.



## Kinross and District Art Club

kadac.co.uk

It's hard to believe that May has come around already; the club goes into summer recess at the end of the month until **Tuesday 21 August and Friday 24 August**.

It has been a very productive few months, rounded off by two workshops led by Tom Sutton-Smith, our professional adviser. In the first, members enjoyed painting a colourful landscape of a field of poppies with the backdrop of Benarty and Loch Leven. In the second, Tom set up two still life arrangements and guided everyone through the drawing and painting stages.

Although club sessions take a break, the painting continues! The annual Outdoor Painting sessions have once again been arranged by John Tydeman. This year, a return visit to Aldie Castle is planned for **Friday 22 July** and a visit to Falkland on **Tuesday 3 July**. If anyone is interested in joining us for those sessions (to observe or to join in), please get in touch via our website contact facility.

The Better Place to Live Fair has been rescheduled and club members will be there on **Saturday 9 June**. Do come and say hello and have a look at some of the work we have done over the past year.

During the break we will also be busy preparing for the annual exhibition which, this year will once again be in the Parish Church from **Wednesday 5 to Saturday 8 September**. More information to follow!



## Kinross in Bloom

At the time of writing, in mid April, the weather seems to have taken its toll on our planters. Some of the daffodils are very slow to appear, and many of the polyanthus are small or damaged. We hope that the forecast of warmer weather in the second half of the month proves to be our saviour, and we have some colour before we plant out our summer blooms.

Speaking of summer blooms, by the time this publication is issued, our summer plant plugs should have arrived and be settled in at our polytunnel. Our solar powered watering system should be up and running, signifying the start of another busy "Blooming" season.

Congratulations to our 200 Club April winners, who are:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. No. 85 Mrs J Whitfield | 2. No 69 Mr & Mrs Simpson |
| 3. No. 58 Lady Montgomery | 4. No. 7 Mrs M Blair      |



## Portmoak 100 Club

### March Draw

1st	No 6	Enid Brown, Scotlandwell
2nd	No 69	Kirsty Gray, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 42	Jenny Sword, Kinnesswood

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## Kinnesswood in Bloom

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Well, what a turnaround in the weather we had in the first week of April. On Saturday 7 April we had our first work party of the year in the school grounds. There was a very good turnout, including our Duke of Edinburgh volunteer and ex pupil of Portmoak School, Euan Porter. The place was soon looking tidy and ready for the new season and summer term. More Saturdays like this, please!



*Work party at Portmoak School*

Several members attended the Take a Pride in Perthshire AGM in Coupar Angus on 14 April. It gives a chance to meet other In Bloom groups and learn from knowledgeable speakers.

There are plans once again to work with volunteers from Kinross High at the end of May. This gives us a chance to repaint wooden furniture, clear the school pond and do some necessary cutting back.

Despite the recent weather there have been three work sessions with the school grounds group. This year we bought disposable plates for the Quiz and Curry night and once rinsed, the children added them to the school compost heaps. Some plug plants were potted up and seeds sown.

The Quiz and Curry night was, as usual, a great success. £363 was raised from the sale of tickets and the raffle. We are indebted to Raymond and Marion for being very efficient quiz masters. The picture round on chocolate bars left many of us stumped. It was certainly an evening filled with laughter. Thanks also to those who made such a delicious selection of curries.

The solar listening post has arrived and will be installed soon in the Michael Bruce garden. It will play the lovely tune 'Loan to the Hill' composed by Ian Dunnett. A piece of poetry will be added soon.

There will be an **open garden event** in the Michael Bruce garden on **Saturday 23 June**. A map will guide visitors round the village to see the areas maintained by us. Refreshments will be offered.

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## Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

### Red Velvet Cake

This cake was mentioned on a quiz show recently and I always thought that beetroot made the red colour. Evidently red food colouring is used these days but here is a recipe using beetroot which gives a lovely moist texture.

### Ingredients

#### For the cake

- 125g unsalted butter, softened, plus extra to grease
- 250g raw beetroots (peeled weight), coarsely grated
- 75ml buttermilk
- 1.5 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 200g caster sugar
- 250g plain flour
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1.5 tsp baking powder
- 2 large eggs

#### For the filling

- 100g unsalted butter, softened
- 350g icing sugar, sifted
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 175g cream cheese

### Method

Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan) mark 4. Grease and line a 900g (2lb) loaf tin with baking parchment.

In a food processor, whiz the grated beetroot, buttermilk, vinegar and vanilla to a pulpy purée. Add butter, sugar, flour, cocoa, baking powder and eggs and whiz to combine.

Pour mixture into the prepared tin and bake for about 1 hour to 1 hour 10 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Leave to cool in tin for 30 minutes, then remove from the tin and cool completely on a wire rack. When cool, make the icing. In a freestanding mixer or using a handheld electric whisk, beat the butter, half the icing sugar and vanilla in a large bowl until completely smooth. Add the remaining icing sugar and cream cheese and beat until just combined.

Cut the cake in half and use half the filling then use the rest as topping.

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### Opening Times

Monday\* 10am-1pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-6pm

Saturday\* 10am-4pm

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### Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

- **Bookbug Rhymetimes:** Saturdays 10.30am-11am and Wednesdays 2pm-2.30pm.
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- **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 monthly sessions, but booking essential. The next session is on **Thursday 3 May**, 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 5 May**.

Please contact the Library for the other book group dates.

**Book Group for Children: Chatterbooks.** For children aged 7-11 years. On the first Friday of each month. Spaces are limited, so please contact the library for more details.

### 4-4-2 Reading Challenge

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### Event: The German Spring Offensive –

#### The Kaiserschlacht, Wednesday 30 May.

7.15pm. £5 (suitable for adults and young adults). Booking essential. Join us for an enlightening, thought-provoking and engaging illustrated talk with retired Colonel Andy Middlemiss, as he talks about The German Spring Offensive – The Kaiserschlacht.

The story of how close the Allies came to losing the war altogether by the massive, surprise German spring offensive of March 1918.

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

### Foodbank

The library is now a foodbank collection point.

## Friends of Loch Leven

### Community Library (FOLLCL)

#### May Day Holiday

Please note that we will be closed on **Monday 7 May** for the May Day holiday.



### Better Place to Live Fair

A wee advance notice! As you'll be aware, the Better Place to Live Fair at Loch Leven Community Campus which was scheduled to take place on 3 March was a victim of the Beast from the East and is now going to be held on **Saturday 9 June** - assuming the weather will be warm and sunny by then! 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. We will be delighted to see you all at our stall – please stop by and have a chat with us. We will also be opening the library as usual on that Saturday afternoon.

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

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## Kinross-shire Agricultural Society

### Comedy Night

Kinross-shire Agricultural Society held a comedy night with Jim Smith and friends. The evening was held at Portmoak Hall in March and the comedians raised many laughs, and an amazing sum of £1400 was raised for society funds. Many thanks to everyone who helped on the night and donated raffle prizes.



Pictured from left: Jim Smith, Andy Marshall (President), Jane Drysdale (Secretary), Andrew Turnbull and Harold Greer

## Boys Brigade

Preparations are underway for the Company's annual display and presentation of awards. This will be held in the Church Centre on **Friday 18 May** starting at 7pm. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.



The Battalion Midnight Hike competition was held in Kinross on the last Friday of March with eight teams tackling various challenges along the Loch Leven Heritage Walk between the Mill and Burleigh Sands. The winning team came from Scone with our team finishing in third position.

The twice postponed Battalion Chess competition will finally take place at Scone on the last Sunday afternoon of April. Our Junior Section and Company Section boys and girls will finally get their chance to compete against the other Battalion company members.

The Battalion Drill Competition is also due to reach a conclusion by mid-May when the results will be available. Perth Battalion will celebrate 125 years of BB at the start of next session. A recent competition to design a commemorative badge for issue to all Battalion members was won by our own Chris Cassells. The Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross, Brigadier Melville Jameson, picked Chris' design over all the many entries submitted.

Company Section members are also preparing for their annual summer camp which will be based at Kenmore over the last full week of July. This will be an activity based camp for which Perthshire is ideally suited with its great outdoors opportunities.

### Club Correspondents

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

## Kinross Museum

Loch Leven Community Campus

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

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On 7-8 April an archaeological fieldwalking event took place in a field at Kilmagadwood in Portmoak Parish, next to the site where 23 Bronze Age cremation urns were found some years ago. Organised by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust in association with the National Museum of Scotland, Perth Museum and Kinross Museum, this event was led by Rob Engl of AOC Archaeology. He worked with community volunteers, some of whom had taken part in a geophysical survey carried out in this field last year as part of the *Our Portmoak* project.



A prehistoric axe head found at Kilmagadwood

Amongst the finds were

a Stone Age axe head, Mesolithic flints, part of an ancient arrow head and medieval pottery, all of which tell us more about prehistoric life around the shores of Loch Leven.

A new exhibition on the history of tourism in Kinross-shire is in preparation for display this summer and our ongoing exhibition on the Great War is regularly updated.

New publications on sale in the Museum, which is manned by volunteers on Thursdays and Saturdays, include Simon Taylor's *The Place-Names of Kinross-shire* (£35) and David Munro's retelling of *Carlin Maggie and other stories from the Bishopshire* (£3).

If you have not visited the Museum recently, do drop by and find out more about the history and heritage of Kinross-shire. We will also have a presence at the Loch Leven Discovery Day in the Kirkgate Park on **Sunday 27 May**.

## Potager Garden

Bowton Road, Kinross



We will be holding our AGM on **Thursday 10 May**, in the Garden Room of the Church Centre, at 7.30pm. **Everyone is welcome** to hear about our activities and achievements over the last year.

The Primary 5 class from Kinross Primary will be visiting again during the summer term, and we look forward to some warmer weather to start growing at the garden. I will also again be working with the Willow Tree group at the school.

Our **volunteer sessions** are on Monday mornings from about 10.30am to 12.30pm. Do call in for a cup of tea or a chat. We can find activities to suit different interests and abilities if you would like to lend a hand. We are also available for plant sales or advice at these times.

The garden is now **open during the day for visitors**. Please enjoy the plants and peace and quiet, but do not touch or taste them, in case of any adverse reaction. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and dogs on a lead please.

We will be holding a **Coffee Morning for Marie Curie Cancer Care in June**; details in the next Newsletter.

For further information, contact Amanda James on 01577 840809 or [amandajames1577@gmail.com](mailto:amandajames1577@gmail.com).

## Kinross Parish Church

### Not All Entrepreneurs Meet in Boardrooms

In March we had a special collection at the Communion Service to support the 'Hidden Entrepreneurs Appeal' organised by Traidcraft Exchange.

This will provide business training and support to people in low-income countries, helping them turn a profit from their work. The programme is one supported by the UK government through its scheme 'Matching Your Donations: UK Aid'.

The congregation donated £1,283, which increased to £2,783 with the addition of the Government matching support and the tax recovered through Gift Aid.



## Kinross-shire Health & Wellbeing Group

At some time, everyone is affected by health and wellbeing issues, even if you don't realise that's what they are. We are open to community members and anyone locally who has an interest in finding out what is happening around health and wellbeing, and about influencing what matters to you. This could be anything from local wheelchair access, homecare provision, local transport, mental health, carers issues, local support and activities and much more; in fact, anything which might affect your health or wellbeing.

The group meets every six weeks and you are welcome to come along to raise anything you think the group might be able to look at and help with. There will be officers from the NHS, the Council, local charities and organisations there. The next meeting will be looking specifically at Homecare provision in Kinross-shire so, if you have something you'd like to talk about or raise, you can either come along or send it to [Christine.grace@pkavs.org.uk](mailto:Christine.grace@pkavs.org.uk) or call her on 01738 452234.

The meeting will be on **Tuesday 22 May** from 10am to 11.30am at the Kinross Centre.

### 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)

## Common Grounds

[www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe](http://www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe)



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By the time of print, we should be fully functioning in the main hall and enjoying the pleasures of a bright, modern kitchen, as well as having a disabled access toilet. Congratulations to the Hall Committee for all their hard work fundraising to realise this step in the ongoing refurbishment of the Guiding Hall. It will make such a difference to all our volunteers and customers. Please visit us and see for yourself the vast improvements; you will be greeted with the broadest of smiles!

As reported last month, we felt the sad loss of Pat Payne. We provided the teas and coffees in the hall following the uplifting funeral service. Thanks to all the volunteers involved for their hard work. It was a mark of the deep respect with which Pat was held as, along with a family donation, the retiring collection raised £1000 which the family kindly donated to ourselves for a project to mark Pat's memory. It was agreed that Traidcraft Exchange (Hidden Entrepreneurs Appeal – 'Not all entrepreneurs wear suits') would be a very suitable recipient, given Pat's strong contribution in establishing Fairtrade in the Kinross area. We are confident she will be nodding in approval.

For a second month, however, Common Grounds suffered the passing of a stalwart member, Maureen Eadie. Maureen's artwork conveyed the chosen monthly project as well as forthcoming project lunches and her imaginative presentations were appreciated by all. Her talented style was our unique trademark and will be greatly missed, as will her baking skills. Both her cheese scones and biscuits were eagerly looked for by all our regulars. Right to the end, she was working on her contributions and her gentle demeanour and loyal support will leave a big gap. Our sincere condolences to Cameron and all her family at this sad time.

**Project:** Our project for May is Child Hope. The charity works with partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America to support children who face injustice, violence and abuse. In Ethiopia the partner is CHADET who are running a major project within schools, particularly targeting girls who are at risk of early marriage, domestic, sexual and workplace abuse, raising awareness of issues through dance, debate, drama, music and the arts. They also work to change the attitudes of parents in educating girls and help to increase family income for the poorest families to enable their daughters to benefit from improved education.

More information can be found on our website.

Our opening hours are still from 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.

### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

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

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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.

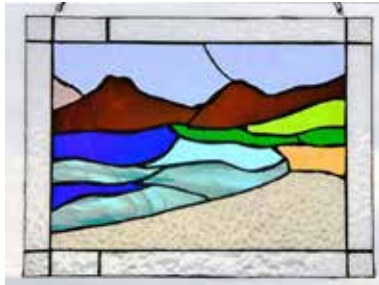


## Kinross & District Men's Shed Surprises

By the time you read this, I will have moved to another role in the Shed at April's AGM. Looking back to our beginnings early last year, I am amazed at the growth of the Men's Shed. A tentative group of strangers started by meeting weekly in the campus. Now we are in a spacious building, well kitted out by ourselves, pursuing various projects, and with a large bunch of friends; we've just reached 50 members!

Our aim to promote men's health and well-being in Kinross-shire has been well received. So we should be offering men companionship and support for many years to come.

Life in the Shed still brings surprises, and new members with new stories and interests. Only last week our latest shedder carried in a box of stained glass work created at home. These works of art are fascinating so we are sure that his offer to



*Stained glass created at home by a talented Men's Shedder*

teach anyone interested in the technique will be taken up. The week before, I'd been chatting with another who'd recently joined. He had spent much of his adult life working on environmental projects abroad and in Scotland. Someone else was looking for a fluent French speaker to proofread a technical article for a French journal. Fortunately I knew the very person, and he was delighted.

On Easter Saturday local councillors and the Member of Parliament paid us a visit. They were impressed with our aim and our progress and were keen to help us develop. Therefore, our first step is to obtain charity status which would widen the fund-raising opportunities available to us. Yet another surprise has been the donation of a van. It is in a very good condition and has a low mileage so we were pleased to accept it. This means that furniture and other large objects will be easier to transport, and we can help other voluntary groups too.

I trust you have enjoyed our monthly updates over the past year. Writing them has been shared between myself and others on the committee so I thank them for their different, personal takes on the Shed.

Robert



## Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



Our third meeting this year was held on 11 April at Kate's home. We welcomed Louise Robertson (Head of Costumes) and Gavin Johnston (Head of Productions) from Perth Theatre.

The theatre opened in 1900 and the foundation stone was laid in 1899 by an actor, George Alexander. The theatre was run by the Savile family until it was sold to a new company in 1935. It was then run by Ernest Dence, whose daughter Marjorie took over after his death in 1937. The theatre is now owned by Perth and Kinross Council.

Gavin started work at Perth in 2005; an interesting time of changing techniques. Many local people assumed that, with the opening of the new Horsecross facility, the beautiful old Edwardian theatre would close. Gavin explained that, far from being in competition, they worked in unison. There were many different agencies involved in the funding of the refurbished old theatre. The seats were completely removed and renovated. It was a major project but, amazingly, came in under budget and now includes a new studio area and other refinements.

Louise was full of information about the logistics of all the costumes required for each production. She starts with a giant spreadsheet of the characters, scenes, moves and changes of costume. She also has to consider whether the designers' ideas were practical and allowed the performers to move freely!

Louise has an interesting collection of 'bibles' of all the costumes over the years. The detail required to create the costumes is amazing. Sometimes as many as five fittings were required to get things just right. The process starts with mock up costumes and checking measurements. After that, many pieces of fabric are dyed and tested. The pantomime dames' outfits were, of course, the most magnificent. Louise has a dedicated band of self-employed helpers, each with specific expertise, who join her for some weeks prior to production. Many thanks to both Louise and Gavin for such an interesting evening, and for their enthusiasm. Thanks also go to our hostess Kate and helper Marjory for excellent goodies yet again.

Our next get together is a trip to Floors Castle on **Sunday 10 June**. Our AGM is on **Wednesday 13 June** and will be held at Moira and Alistair's lovely home.



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## Broke Not Broken

### There's money in waste

We were thrilled to find that we will be the recipients of funding from the Glenfarg and Kinross-shire Zero Waste Challenge.

Between 16 April and 25 May there is a push to reduce the amount of **general waste** we produce. So more recycling, more use of brown bin for food waste but also trying to waste less food and reuse more items. For every ton of increased recycling **and** for every ton of reduced general waste, we will receive £110. This initiative is in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council and Sainsbury's and there will be lots of events to give you hints and tips throughout the month. [See also article on page 8.]

After another wee freeze, a thaw has now allowed for some more work in the garden. Rory has finished building a few new beds and preparing soil for planting. We are hoping to lay some gravel, too, to make it less boggy under foot. Please look out on Facebook for calls to come and help.

Our cookery course, in conjunction with Sainsbury's and Pat Doran, is nearing its end and it has been a great experience. Huge thanks to Pat for her skills and to Sainsbury's for financing the course. Our cooks have rustled up some tasty treats including pizzas, chilli and spaghetti Bolognese. More importantly, perhaps, they have developed friendships and skills they can take with them.



Left: Cooking up a delicious healthy chilli with Pat Doran  
Right: Yummy pizza from scratch at our cookery course

We are so pleased to be signed up partners for **Volunteers Week 2018** which will run from 1 to 7 June. We are planning various events including a **barbecue** in the garden on **Sunday 10 June**. This week is about highlighting the importance of volunteering to our community and what volunteers get out of it too. We are incredibly lucky with our volunteers but are always keen to increase our pool!

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Pat Payne. Pat was one of our first volunteers, a big supporter of ours, and an incredible woman who gave her time and experience over and over again by volunteering for many groups. She was an important part of our community for a long time and was incredibly engaged in it and will be much missed.

Currently, opening hours at The Beacon for clients are Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm.

For drop-offs, please leave food donations in either Co-op or Sainsbury's collection points. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us by email at [secretary@brokennotbroken.org](mailto:secretary@brokennotbroken.org).

## Kinross-shire Historical Society

### Lethangie House; the Paton family home

#### since 1848 by Claire Paton



Claire Paton began by thanking David Walker, one of our committee members, for all his help in putting together the presentation. She also thanked David Munro for his help with historical details.

Lethangie house has been her home for well over 40 years and the home of the Paton family for 160 years. The name, which has changed slightly over the years, has been on record since 1319 and means 'the ford of the tongue'. This relates to the shape of the land which lies between the Ury Burn and the North Queich on their way to Loch Leven. Old field names, such as 'murderer's throat' and 'witches know' were recorded on a 1795 map.

The Paton family were weavers who produced tartan. This was made very popular by Walter Scott's push for the use of tartan for the royal visit to Scotland in 1822. They founded the firm of Paton and Baldwin and opened a large factory in Tillicoultry.

When they decided to move to Kinross, the Patons bought Lethangie, which was then a modest farmhouse. As the business became successful, the house was extended to a much larger size and each generation added something to the property. Sadly disaster struck in 1935 when a fire gutted the entire southwest wing.

The illustrated talk then moved indoors showing the spacious interior of the house. The old kitchen (which has been left as it was) has a wonderful collection of old utensils and equipment. That whole part of the house is tiled on both the walls and the floors. The old wine cellar still has handwritten dated records on the walls listing the wines and spirits used. The presentation moved from room to room continuing up a very attractive staircase. We were shown portraits, paintings and furnishings, including a toilet with a 'Shanks Super Flush'. The sun lounge is the most recent addition to the house. An original turret was used as an en suite bathroom, located down some steps from the master bedroom. It was zinc lined and rain water was plumbed directly in to it. Maids brought hot water up from the kitchen for bathing.

Outside, there was a tunnel under the road to allow people to go to church without crossing the road on Sundays. There is also an ice house, a pond, a doocot with 760 nest boxes, the centrally-heated stables, a heather hut and a mausoleum. The gardens are laid out with flowering shrubs and fourteen beehives in the walled garden. Five red squirrels visit the garden regularly.

Claire Paton found an old stone tablet inscribed with a poem about Loch Leven by Sydney Goodsir Smith. The beauty of the sunset over Loch Leven described in the poem provides a good reason to live at Lethangie.

David Walker thanked Claire for her wonderful talk and for sharing her home with us.

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## Kinross & District Rotary Club

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### Fundraising and community events

The club would like to thank Lord Rhoderick Moncrieff of Tullibole Castle for his very generous donation of £1,000 to club funds, to be used for charitable works. This was to show his appreciation of our support for his Tullibole Halloween event, which was attended by hundreds of people over its three days. They had a super time enjoying the 'light and sound' walk in the grounds, and finding their way through the famous Witches Maze. In addition, Rotary and Inner Wheel together ran a barbecue, snacks and drinks service which raised a further £800 for good causes locally and internationally. Thank you again, Lord Moncrieff, it's the support of people like you that enables the club to function!

### Recent speakers

Club member **Jim Paterson** told us

about the role that Kinross has played in **curling**. There is evidence to show that curling was played by monks on Loch Leven many centuries ago. Kinross Curling Club is the oldest in the world. There will be an international celebration of the 350th anniversary in September at the Kinross rink. Kinross was first to write down rules of play, and many of those can still be found in today's international game rules. Jim also talked to us about the Grand Matches which he himself took part in. These involved 2,400 curlers all playing at the same time on frozen areas 20 acres in size! And a fun fact to illustrate the importance of the game in Kinross – when the railway line came through the town there used to be a 'curler's stop' just south of the town where trains could be asked to stop to allow curling stones to be off or on loaded! This was to make it easier to get them to the loch for games.

**Monica Stewart, Healthcare Chaplain at Rachel House**, shared with us what it means to her to provide spiritual

and religious care to the children, families, staff and volunteers at the hospice. It's a complex role with many facets – listening, building relationships, providing bereavement support, making home visits, attending funerals across Scotland, arranging remembering days and reflection days; and providing support when needed to staff and volunteers. Her purpose is to accompany everyone involved in the journey of a child at Rachel House. She left a strong impression on the club that she has the calmness and strength of character needed to perform this challenging role well, and we offer our best wishes to her and all the others at Rachel House.

### Fellowship

Club members visited the Amazon Distribution Centre at Halbeath for a tour of this fascinating facility. The guided visit for the public explains how the system of receiving, storing, picking and packing of the orders works. It's really interesting to hear the reasons behind the design of the building and facilities, and to see it in action. Thanks to the management for this service and to the tour guide for being so informative.

### Join Us! Where to find us

The club meets 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 the Club Secretary at: [secretary.kdrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com) to find out more or visit us on Facebook.



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## Kinross High School

### We All Fall Down – Rock Challenge 2018

Congratulations to all who participated in the dance drama competition Rock Challenge.

As many of you will be aware, we were lucky enough to be awarded a wildcard spot after our team was placed second in the Dundee Heat. This means we will be competing in the Scottish final at Dundee Caird Hall on **Friday 15 June**.

At the Dundee heat we received a variety of awards for our performance. Our story this year focuses on the childhood nursery rhyme Ring o' Roses, but highlights its far more sinister connotations of the European plague epidemic.

Being nominated for the Spirit of Rock Challenge was a particularly proud moment, as this award was voted for by the other eight schools who took part. Winning this exemplifies the positive attitude of our team and presents them as role models for other competitors, especially Kinross Primary School who performed for the first time and did themselves proud as they won the Performers' Choice award.

Best of luck for the Scottish finals!



Nick Baughan and Edie Urquhart modelling our fetching Rock Challenge t-shirts

### Cross Country Championships

On 28 March, a number of pupils took part in the Cross Country Championships. The overcast weather didn't hinder our runners and the competitors brought home four gold, three silver and five bronze medals. Congratulations to all who competed individually and in teams. Their hard work saw KHS awarded with second place overall!

### Under 16s Football

Congratulations to the under 16s (S4) football team for a well-fought win over Beath High School in the semi-final of the Fife Cup.

It took a last minute well-struck free kick from Rory Lithgow to draw the sides level. Kinross then went into the penalty shootout with bags of confidence and scored each of their penalties to win the match 5-4 after an excellent save from Cameron Cook in goal for Kinross.

### Rugby

We are delighted to announce that we have reaffirmed our partnership with Kinross Rugby Club to ensure that rugby remains one of the key elements in terms of sports development in the Kinross area.

Discussions centred on reigniting opportunities for young people in age and stage rugby. So for next season we are

already aiming to have a minimum of four school teams with regular fixtures throughout the season. We also hope to run trips regularly to professional matches and international matches as well as hopefully some touring opportunities.

Coaching has already begun, with four members of staff committed to developing rugby at the school. They are ably assisted by coaches from Kinross Rugby Club.

### Junior Football Team Strips

We would like to say a massive thank you to Ally Park from the RAF for sponsoring the new strips for the junior football teams.

The S1 to S3 football teams will be very much looking forward to playing their upcoming fixtures in the new strips. Our S2 boys' team were very happy to try on the strips for the photo presentation.

Football training for pupils in S1 to S3 will aim to start up again after the Easter holidays. This will hopefully lead to matches being arranged against schools in the local area. For more information, please contact Mr Lavery.

### Perform in Perth

Each year in March, around 3,800 performers take part in the Perform in Perth festival of music, speech and dance. This year, a number of our pupils were celebrating success across various categories. Well done to all who participated and a huge congratulations to those who won first place in their categories. (See page 73.)

### Spring Concert

We would like to thank all who attended the annual Spring Concert. We hope the audience agreed

that Mr Rosie and his team put on another outstanding performance. The programme ranged from classical to contemporary and included a number of Broadway shows and film scores. Many groups and ensembles performed.

Thanks also goes to the Home Economics department for their wonderful cakes and refreshments and to colleagues who helped behind the scenes.

### Interact Group – Community Outreach

Well done to sixth year pupil Hannah Miller and her team who have been busy organising outreach events in the community.

The president of the Rotary Club, George Lawrie, met with some of our pupils to reward them for the work they have done as part of the Interact Group.

They have organised a number of events and, most recently, held a tea dance for the senior citizens of Kinross. They also hosted a disco for over 100 primary school children!

### Exam time and Celebrating Success

Kinross High School are extremely proud of all our extra-curricular achievements, especially given that exams are looming! Study leave starts on **Monday 30 April**, and returning pupils will re-commence school on **Tuesday 5 June**. We would like to wish all pupils sitting exams the very best of luck.



Garry Simpson with his award for winning first place in the Drum Kit Solo class at Perform in Perth

## Kinross Curling

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With the season now at an end, the ice has disappeared and it is now time to reflect on the season.

We had a fantastic season, with Kinross welcoming over 100 new people to our Try Curling sessions and many of them moving on to our Beginners course and ultimately on to KCDC (Kinross Curling Development Club). There will be more sessions in the coming season starting

in September 2018; please contact [Robin@scottishcurling.org](mailto:Robin@scottishcurling.org) for more information.

We will be running our **After School Clubs** on a Monday and Thursday, 4pm-5.15pm. Anybody who is interested to curl next season, please get in contact using the email above. These are open to anyone aged 8-21! The sessions offer a lot of fun and a great way to meet new

people.

The final day of curling took place on 7 April. Kelty CC won the event with the highest score in an entry of 32 rinks. The day ended with the annual prize-giving. A number of highlights included:

- The Tuesday Club were the Club of the Season. The club was represented by local curlers Roger and Una Stark.
- Kirsten Bousie was the Junior Club member of the season.

A full list of prize winners can be found on our webpage.

We have commissioned a building project to extend the lounge and office accommodation, and most importantly a lift to provide full disabled access to the bar/lounge.

Plans are already in place for next season. Kinross Curling Club, the oldest in the world, will celebrate its 350th Anniversary with a bonspiel. Clubs from seven other countries will be taking part.

We look forward to 'old' and 'new' curlers joining us on our great curling ice next season.



*The Tuesday Club: Club of the Season 2017-18*

## Fossoway Curling Club

Our Invitation Bonspiel on 31 March was a great success. Fossoway members were joined by ten members from Kinross Curling Development Club, seven guests and a member each from Fossoway and Kinross Ladies Curling Clubs. The day was won by John Taylor (Fossoway), Rosemary McGuinness (KCDC), Elaine Paterson (Kinross Ladies) and Jane Shields (KCDC).

At our recent AGM, Fossoway members voted to become a mixed curling club and it is hoped that couples who wish to play curling will come and join us. One lady curler has already joined us.

Fossoway are a small and friendly, mixed curling club based in Crook of Devon although our members come from far and wide. We play throughout the season, mostly at Kinross, with a few games in Perth. We are always looking for new members (beginners and experienced) who will find a warm welcome waiting. Coaching is available. Contact Alan on 01577 840695 or Willie on 01577 840405 for details.



## Milnathort Golf Club

### Ladies Section

The final day of our Winter Sweep was held on 21 March after a very successful and enjoyable season.

The overall winner was Gillian Wallace and the runners up were Margaret Mitchell and Fiona Stewart.

We opened our 2018 Summer Season with a 9-hole Greensome on Monday 26 March. The winning team was Christine Dick and Elaine Matthew. They were closely followed by Mary Barrie and Fiona Stewart in second place and Lenore Kyle and Nancy Sutherland-Brown in third place. A warm welcome is always guaranteed for both members and visitors at Milnathort Golf Club. We can be contacted on 01577 864069.

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## Kinross Road Runners

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We are now well into our summer training schedule and enjoying some lovely evening trail runs, even if the weather has still not been very spring-like.

The big event in May is the **Loch Leven Half Marathon** on **Saturday 12 May**. We expect a full entry with 600 runners registered from far and near. Please get out and give the runners some local support – it really does make a difference! Our training schedule for May is listed below. Tuesday nights are generally speedwork, meeting at 7pm at Kirkgate Park. Wednesday nights are generally trail runs using the great network of local trails. We meet at 6.30pm on Wednesday nights at the Health Centre Car Park to share transport to the start of the run or it's 7pm at the run location if you go directly there.

The informal **Sunday morning** run also continues throughout the summer months; meet at 9am at the Health Centre Car Park for either a trail or hill run at a very leisurely pace.

Juniors aged 4 to 14 will always be welcomed at the Loch Leven Junior Parkrun for a 2km circuit round Kirkgate Park every Sunday morning starting at 9.30am.

No details are available yet of the local Senior Parkrun which is still at the planning stage but information will be published in the Newsletter and on our website as soon as it's available. New members are always welcomed, no matter what your running ability, and will be given advice and encouragement.



## Programme for May

Tue 1st	8 x 400m at Kirkgate Park
Wed 2nd	River Devon, starting at Crook of Devon Village Hall
Sun 6th	Informal run
Tue 8th	May 2-mile time trial followed by hot chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage
Wed 9th	Bishop Hill from Portmoak Church car park
Sun 13th	Informal run
Tue 15th	8 x 400m
Wed 16th	Falkland Duck Pond
Sun 20th	Informal run
Tue 22nd	Pyramid reps at Kirkgate Park
Wed 23rd	John Knox's Pulpit
Sun 27th	Informal run
Tue 29th	5 x 1k at Kirkgate Park
Wed 30th	Milnathort Dash route



KRR out in force at Tay Ten, North Inch, Perth

## Kinross Netball Club

April has been an exciting month in the world of Netball. Scotland were very impressive in the Commonwealth Games, finishing ninth! If they inspired you to give netball a go, we meet every Friday in the large games hall at the Community Campus. Our session runs from 7pm to 8.30pm and costs £4. The first week is free.

We're a friendly bunch of ladies who all have a passion for netball. So if you're looking to reignite that passion, or want to try a new sport which will also increase your fitness, come along and join us. You can contact us via Facebook or email us at kinrossnetball@hotmail.com.

The club is recreational and we try to organise friendlies with other like-minded recreational teams. We have a few planned for May and if you'd like to take part, please come along.

### Dates for the diary

**Sunday 10 June** BBN summer festival in Dundee.

**Sunday 2 September** Kinross charity tournament, Perth College.



## Fossoway Tennis Club

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

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## Orwell Bowling Club

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The bowling green opened on Saturday 14 April to a fine dry day. 30 members turned up to pay their dues and check the fixtures for the season.

The president's wife then delivered the first jack and 20 members went out to play 11 ends of bowls with a President versus Vice President game. The scores were tallied up at the end and the Vice President won by 46 to 38 shots.

This was followed by a welcome plate of soup, sandwiches and home baking. The raffle and donations raised £190. This money will be added to the closing game collection and divided between the Blind Bowlers and the RLNI.

We are all looking forward to a successful season and good weather. If anyone would like to come along and try bowls they would be very welcome (contact details above). You can also find us on Facebook.



*The president's wife delivering the first jack*

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## Kinross Rugby Club

### Minis Section

The Minis have a busy few weeks ahead. After a fairly quiet winter due to weather hampering fixtures, we now enter tournament season.

This sees our primary-aged players travelling to Stonehaven, Glenrothes, Cupar and Edinburgh to compete for medals and maybe even the odd trophy!

The season culminates with a **family barbecue and awards on Saturday 19 May.**

New youngsters (boys and girls) in P1-7 are always welcome on a Saturday morning from 10.30am at KGV Park in Kinross.

### Midis Section

On Friday 23 March, Kinross U14s played a home game against Strathmore Sharks. Kinross welcomed Strathmore for the return match having narrowly lost the away fixture. Both teams went at it from the start with some great passing and running giving the supporters plenty of entertainment. The first half was end to end with Kinross taking a narrow lead into the break, mainly as a result of keeping things tight in defence with notable discipline in the backs with Gregor Koziel marshalling things.

In the second half, Kinross stretched the visitors' defence. The backs were getting plenty ball from strong forward play with Andrew Clark and Kieran Borthwick shipping the ball wide at every opportunity. David Weir continued his scoring streak, running in a brace of tries, but performed very well in defence as well.

However, it wasn't all the backs. The forwards were strong throughout the game and it was great competition from both teams at the breakdown. A big mention for Brandon Beveridge who made his debut in the front row with a strong performance; well played, Brandon.

Kinross ran out winners in the end, levelling the contest over the season, but it was a great game of rugby played in good spirits by both teams.

Finally, we wish Daniel Shah a speedy recovery. In a typically strong drive from a ruck, Daniel went to ground hard and suffered a fractured collarbone.

Midis rugby is for **all** boys (S1 upwards) on Tuesday nights at 7pm.

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## Kinross Tennis Club

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Our Open Day on 31 March saw many members dusting off their rackets for the season whilst popping in and out of the clubhouse for a cuppa in between the rain, snow and hail showers. We had at least three seasons on that one day! Thank you to everyone who made it along to renew their memberships and pick up the new season court key.

**Junior summer-block coaching** started on 17 April and will run for eight weeks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Coach Daniel Reed can take bookings and enquiries directly by contacting him at [dartennis@gmx.co.uk](mailto:dartennis@gmx.co.uk).

**Tennis for Tots** has also started with our junior coordinator and coach Siobhan on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If your child is between 2 and 5 years old and you are interested in getting on court with them for some fun games and activities which will help with balance, coordination, agility and movement, please get in touch with Siobhan at [kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com)

The **adult tennis Tayside leagues** have just started. The ladies six are playing in division one again this season and started off with a home match against Scone. They will also be venturing to Falkland, St Andrews, Arbroath and Montrose at some point. The gents four will be trying to retain the silverware with opposition from St Andrews, Arbroath, Wormit, Tayport and Glenrothes. Good luck to the teams for the season.

**Adult club sessions** are heating up (numbers-wise rather than weather-wise!). If you are interested in social tennis you are welcome to come along and try with the members. Sessions are on Wednesdays at 6.30pm, Sundays at 10.30am and at 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](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com)

We'll report more next month on the results of our first social tournament for the season (The David Wangerin) which was due to take place on 15 April; hopefully the day was dry. More details about other events will be available next month. Meanwhile, as ever, new members are welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary Margaret at [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com). Visitors are also welcome. Keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



## Kinross Hockey Club

www.kinrosshockey.org

### Ladies' Section

April signifies that the end of the season is in sight. All league games are almost complete and we are busy in cup season as we move through the month.

Our firsts are currently sitting seventh in the Championship League having played 15 games. They have won 5, drawn 3 and lost 17. With 5 games still to be played, this month will be a busy month with mid-week and Saturday and Sunday games. With 15 points to be won, there is much to play for! Our seconds currently sit fifth in Midland Division 1. This is an excellent result for our first season in the top District League, having won 5 and lost 9 games. This weekend we take on Wanderers II in the Knockout Cup semi-final with the end game of a place in the final on Saturday 5 May.

Good luck to both teams in the final stages of their 2017/18 campaign.

### Men's Section

As the season draws to its usual sporadic conclusion of rearranged fixtures and Sunday games due to the traditional Scottish winter, Kinross find themselves, on one hand, safe and, on the other, in a bit of a pickle. Both sides have found themselves in leagues dominated by a couple of very strong teams and have not been as prolific as hoped in front of goal. The Men's firsts lie eighth (out of 10) having played 15, won 3, drawn 5 and lost 7. They will remain in East Division 1 again for next season.

The Men's seconds lie ninth (out of 9) having played 13, won 0, drawn 1, and lost 12. They may keep their place in Division 3 but we will find out after the league AGM.

From a development point of view it has been great to see some of the Kobras stepping up to the adult teams this season and more are waiting in the wings for next year.

The league games will finish in early May and mixed hockey will start up again shortly after, with Kobras continuing to run as usual.

*See facing page for Kobras' report.*



## Eilidh carries the flag for Scotland

**EILIDH DOYLE** (née Child), formerly of Kinross, has won her third consecutive Commonwealth Games silver medal for the women's 400m hurdles. She ran in a time of 54.80.

Afterwards she said: "I am thrilled to be on the podium for the third time at my third Commonwealth Games. It was definitely the strongest field I have faced in the Commonwealths in terms of the quality of athletes and I was a bit anxious, but I just had to tell myself on the start-line to stay focused and not think about anything other than executing my race-plan. "I've been lucky to win a number of medals in my career and they mean a lot to me – I will treasure them for the rest of my life."

Eilidh also represented Scotland in the Women's 4 x 400m Relay final, where Scotland finished sixth.

Eilidh was the flag-bearer for Scotland at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, held at the Gold Coast, Australia, leading team Scotland into the opening ceremony. Eilidh is the first woman to have this honour and was voted flag-bearer by her teammates.

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## Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

The Kobras were back in competitive action at the end of March after a couple of months without a tournament. Six teams took to the field in a Midland District tournament at Kilgraston, playing against teams from Dundee, Perth, Stirling, St Andrews, Blairgowrie and Dunfermline.

The three U10 teams had quite a few youngsters playing in their first tournament and all did really well with lots of wins under their belts.



The two U12 teams beat most of their opponents and, when drawn against each other, fought out a close 2-2 draw. A young U14 team won several of their games and the event gave good experience to many kids new to playing at this level.

Warmer weather training on Tuesday and Thursday nights is going well and we hope to see more kids taking part in the tournaments over the next couple of months.

The photographs show most of the Kobras who participated in the Midland District tournament at Kilgraston.



## Volleyball

Outdoor volleyball has resumed on the grass area to the rear of the campus on Monday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm. These informal sessions are open to all; just turn up and play. There is no cost for these sessions, which will run throughout the summer months (weather permitting).

The Kinross club is preparing for two major outdoor tournaments this summer. The first will be the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament which will take place on Perth's North Inch over the last weekend of May. Attracting over one hundred teams from around the UK and Europe, the SOVT is the largest volleyball tournament in Britain. The club is also entering two teams (one men's and one mixed) in the annual De Haan tournament in Belgium, which takes place over the middle weekend of August.

It was good to watch the Scottish Men's and Women's beach volleyball teams reach the quarter final stages of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. The teams performed admirably considering they received no funding to prepare for

the Games.

A number of our young players will be involved in Scottish Volleyball's Cup Finals weekend. They will be playing for their national league team, City of Edinburgh, and we wish them well.



*One of our outdoor summer sessions from last summer*

## Kinross-shire Cricket Club

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

### Looking Forward to the 2018 Season

#### All Stars Cricket

The club is delighted to have been reappointed as a regional centre for the ECB All Stars Cricket programme. This programme is designed to provide children aged 5 to 8 with a great first experience of cricket and was enjoyed by 16 new players last year. Each player who registers will receive a backpack full of goodies including a bat, ball, personalised shirt and cap. To book a place and find out more about the sessions go to [www.allstarscricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk) and enter Kinross into the search box. The first session will be on **Sunday 6 May**.

#### Junior Cricket

Junior outdoor training starts again on **Monday 23 April** at the Loch Leven's Larder ground from 6.30pm to 8pm. Junior training is split into age groups from primary 3 up to senior school S6. All our coaches are UKCC qualified and PVG certified. Junior numbers continue to grow but we still have space for any child looking to give cricket a go.

This season will see the return of the hugely popular 'Wee Stramash' junior inter-club fixtures as well a wide range of hardball fixtures against other clubs and regular Kwik Cricket festivals for younger players.

#### Senior Cricket

This season our senior teams will play Sunday cricket in the Strathmore and Perthshire West league. On Wednesday nights, we will play in our inter-club 'Big Stramash'. We also have plans for a number of social matches and BBQ events. We have about 30 seniors who play matches as work and family life allow. Some manage most games while others play a few games during the season. Occasional players are very welcome to join and we will manage to arrange for you to play when you want to. Senior training and nets are on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm.

#### Vienna Tour

At the end of May the club is embarking on its first senior

tour to Vienna. This is very much a social cricket tour with three games organised over the five days we are there. We will be playing a T20 against Lords CC Vienna, then a 50 over match against Vienna CC and finally a 40 over match against Seebarn CC. If anybody would be interested in coming, either as a player or a supporter, then please contact secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk for more details and to check availability.

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## Kinross Golf Club

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

### Season Opening on Saturday 24 March

The opening season weekend was very successful. 88 members took part in the Captain vs Vice Captain match on a very pleasant spring morning blessed with plenty of sunshine. A resounding victory by 12 points to 8 points for the Vice Captain's team; a great start for our new Vice Captain, Iain Hardie.

Thanks to Match Secretary Neil Cairney for all his work ahead of and on the day. Also thanks to Andy Crawford and his team for all their work to get the course ready for the season (despite the challenges of the recent weather). The day was followed by a very successful

dance with excellent entertainment by First Class. Some visiting golfers from Broomieknowe Golf Club joined us and a great time was had by all.

Special thanks to our hard working bar and catering staff who had an exceptionally busy day but still managed to cater so well for all throughout the day.

### Ladies Bring and Win

The following week, 14 ladies attended the ladies opening 9 hole bring and win competition. In complete contrast to the Saturday before, it was touch and go whether the course would be playable that day! However, most of the ladies did go out and brave the elements and it was Maggie Byford who came in with the best score to win first choice of the

prizes. The afternoon was then rounded off with a good old chat over teas and coffees in the warmth of the clubhouse.

### Gents Winter League

The winter league is now finished. The winner of the 0-9 category was Russell Mackintosh and joint winners of the 10-28 category were George Duncan and Derek Lawrence. Thanks to all who participated.

### Mixed Open

The club Mixed Open Greensomes will be held on **Sunday 13 May** on our Bruce Course with tee times available **from 8.30am**. The draw and prize winners will be published on our website. The entry fee is £12 per couple and catering facilities will be available.

The first lady to hole in one on our Par 3, 3rd will win 0.33 carat, Mary Queen of Scots diamond earrings valued at £600. The first gent to accomplish this feat will win a bottle of Mary Queen of Scots blended whisky. To enter, please download an application form from [www.scottishgolf.org](http://www.scottishgolf.org) or [www.golfempire.co.uk](http://www.golfempire.co.uk).

### Gents Individual Open

The date for 2018 is **Sunday 3 June**. The entry fee is £12. To enter, please download an application form from [www.scottishgolf.org](http://www.scottishgolf.org) or [www.golfempire.co.uk](http://www.golfempire.co.uk).

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*New Vice captain Iain Hardie on the first tee*



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**BISHOPSHIRE** – Jeanette McLellan welcomed members to the meeting on 12 April. We all enjoyed a talk by Jeanette about her trip to Windsor to take part in the Royal Maundy ceremony. Norma Smith gave a practical demonstration of Zentangles and Margo Waddell gave a demonstration of paper flower making.

Easter Cupcake	1st Margaret Paton
Spring Poem	1st Margaret Paton, 2nd Norma Smith
Flower of the Month	1st Margaret Paton, 2nd Jane Martin, 3rd Norma Smith and Joanne Cowan

**CARNBO** – President Jay Hutchison welcomed 31 members to the meeting on 16 April. A minute's silence was held in honour of former member Mrs Morag Reid who had sadly passed away that day.

The speaker was Mr Neil Hunter who brought along his spectacular golden eagle and gave an informative and interesting presentation about falconry. Anne Petherick gave a warm vote of thanks.

Flower of the Month	1st Linda Band, 2nd Jessie Stirling
A Bowl of Spring Bulbs	1st Anne Petherick

**CLEISH** – President Mrs Helen Buchanan welcomed thirty-two members to our April meeting. After business Mrs Buchanan welcomed Margaret McMillan, Sheena Lamont and Sheila Arklay from Blackness Women's Institute who demonstrated beautiful floral art and then assisted with hands-on flower arranging by our members.

A lovely evening was had by all and some great flower arrangements were made.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Dorothy Morris.

Flower of the Month	1st Margaret Kilpatrick, 2nd Liz Smith, 3rd Marian Laird
3 Flowers, Any Craft	1st Elinor Craig, 2nd Marian Laird
Pasta Salad	1st Alison Morris

**POWMILL** – President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members and one visitor to the April meeting. The evening commenced with the business meeting. Sharon then led a workshop in floral art, showing us all how to make a cup cake floral arrangement using greenery, selected flowers and a wired embellishment. Tricia Greer gave a well deserved vote of thanks. After a lovely supper served by Margaret Broomfield and Ella Shand, everyone headed home with their small arrangements.

Our AGM takes place next month and we will have a 'Show and Tell' evening.

Three Cheese Scones	1st Janie Buchanan
1 metre of Bunting	1st Tricia Greer
Garden Gem	1st Catriona Fleming



*The impressive results of the floral art workshop at Powmill*

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## Local success at the Perthshire Music Festival, March 2018

*Only first places are listed.*

**Emily Scott**, Craigclowan: Vocal Solo, Scots folk songs, unaccompanied, boys or girls aged 10 or 11. Awarded the Mrs Moncrieff Bronze Medal.

**Euan Alexander**, Kinross High School: Vocal Solo, boys, changing voices.

**Charlotte Watt**, Kinross High School: Vocal Solo, songs from the shows, inc light opera, boys or girls 16 or 17. Awarded the Music Industries Council Cup for best individual competitor in Vocal Classes and the John Ritchie Memorial Cup.

**Isobel Findlay**, Kinross High School: Vocal Solo, opera or oratorio, boys or girls aged 16 or 17.

**Irene McFarlane**, Kinross: Vocal Solo, songs from the shows, aged 18 & over. Awarded the Michael J Beese Memorial Quaich presented by Perth Amateur Operatic Society.

**Amy Drysdale**, Kinross Primary School: Violin Solo, beginners.

**Joanyoung Perkins**, Milnathort Primary School: Violin Solo, elementary.

**Katie Dorward**, Kinross High School: Violin Solo, transitional.

**Andrew Carrick**, Kinross Primary School: Viola Solo, beginners.

**Chloe Vlasto**, Portmoak Primary School: Viola Solo, elementary.

**Jacob Fulke**, Kinross High School: Snare Drum Solo, elementary.

**George Croudace**, Dollar Academy: Xylophone Solo, intermediate; Timpani Solo, transitional; Drum Kit Solo, intermediate. Awarded the Premier Percussion Co Shield for the most promising entrant in the Timpani Solo Classes.

**Tom Jackson**, Muckhart Primary School: Timpani Solo, beginners; Drum Kit Solo, elementary.

**Alistair McBride**, Kinross High School: Timpani Solo, Intermediate.

**Garry Simpson**, Kinross High School: Drum Kit Solo, open. Awarded Premier Percussion Co Shield for most promising entrant in the Drum Kit Solo Classes.

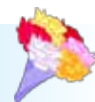
**Kinross Percussion Ensemble**: Percussion Ensemble, orchestral instruments. Awarded the J L Hall Trophy.

**Munro Strachan & Lindsay McBride**, Milnathort Primary School: Duo (Strings), intermediate.

**Iona Sutherland & Eleanor Baughan**, Kinross High School: Duo (Strings), advanced.

**Kinross High School String Orchestra**: String Orchestra (Schools), advanced. Awarded the String Orchestra Cup.

## Thanks



**Stuck in mud at Loch Leven**: On Sunday 8 April, while parking near Loch Leven, my car got stuck in mud. A lady and gentleman, whose names I do not know, stopped to assist and I want to tell them how much I appreciated that help.

— Anne Thomson

**HOME BREW CONCERT**: Many thanks to all who attended and participated in the Homebrew Concert on 24 March. A wonderful afternoon of music, performed by local young musicians, was enjoyed by all. The sum of £103.40 was also raised for the Kinross-shire Centre.

**SCOTT and EILIDH MacGILP** from Kinross raised over £1500 for CHAS on their sponsored hike from Kinghorn to St Andrews along the Fife Coastal path. This was a total distance of 50 miles over four days. A big thanks to all local supporters who spurred them on.



Eilidh and Scott MacGilp on their sponsored hike



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# Out & About

## Loch Leven NNR



We've had a few days of good weather now. The lochside woodlands are full of birdsong and there are lambs in the meadows.

We've welcomed a new team here at Kinross. Amee Hood has joined us for the next six months. She'll be on site meeting the public, working with the volunteers and organising events. A self-confessed freshwater sponge addict, Amee came to work for Scottish Natural Heritage as a graduate placement and has had a few short contracts over at the Stirling reserves. She's already been getting stuck in around the reserve.

The volunteers have been planting trees. We've planted oaks and rowan round at Levenmouth planting, lots of alders along the burns and we've planted a number of hazels where the trees were removed at sewage point. The plan is to keep planting trees in this area of the next few years. We've also planted many willow whips, plugging the holes around the shoreline for brood habitat and to slow erosion.

Due to the bad weather, we're quite late doing a number of jobs. We've had a digger in clearing the ditches and silt traps in the north of the loch. We have silt traps to collect the nutrients running off the fields. One of our main aims at Loch Leven is to keep the water as clean as possible and this is an effective way to stop nutrients entering the loch. We have removed about 40 tonnes from our traps around Carsehall.

There have been plenty of good birds being spotted around the reserve. We have two pairs of Lapwings on territory along the north shore. For years we've been removing rushes to improve the botanic interest of the site. These clear marsh areas are perfect for nesting Lapwing. Fingers crossed they have a successful breeding season because Lapwing are a declining breeder in the UK. We've seen and heard plenty of spring migrant birds. Many Swallows and Sand Martins have appeared over the loch already. Willow Warblers are singing all round the loch and we are just hearing our first Sedge Warblers. There is a resident Green Woodpecker down at Levenmouth. It's more easily heard than seen. These big 'yaffleing' woodpeckers are scarce on the NNR but can be seen more easily at Portmoak Moss. Other scarce birds noted include Red Kite, Rock Pipit, Long-tailed Duck and Slavonian Grebe.

There has been a lot of interest in certain news articles about an event that happened on Loch Leven recently. We don't wish to comment on that but we do encourage everybody to get in contact with us when accessing the loch under the 2004 access regulations. We do have access guidance for the site to protect the wildlife. This is on our new Scotland NNRs website.

We are pleased to announce that **Discovery Day** is going ahead on **Sunday 27 May** in Kirkgate Park from 12pm onwards. It's a great time to meet the team and there are a number of activities for all the family. See the poster on page 7.

Enjoy getting out and about this spring.

TTFN,

Jeremy Squire  
Reserve officer, Scottish Natural Heritage

## Gardens open in May

Spring is here at last. Enjoy visiting some beautiful local gardens to explore and inspire.



**Abernethy Open Gardens**, Abernethy, PH2 7 (7 village gardens), **Saturday 5 May**, 10am-5pm.

**Fingask Castle**, Rait, PH2 7SA. **Sunday 6 May**, 12pm-5pm.

**Pitcurran House**, Abernethy, PH2 9EH by arrangement. Contact Mrs Noel-Paton 01738 850933, email patricianp@picurran.com

**Pitcurran House Plant Sale**, Abernethy PH2 9EH **Sunday 20 May**, 12-5pm.

**Bonhard House**, Perth, PH2 7PQ. **Sunday 27 May**, 10am-4pm.

**Glendoick** by Perth, PH2 7NS. Daily, 10am-4pm.

**Hollytree Lodge**, Muckhart, FK14 7JW. By arrangement. Contact Liz Wyatt 07973 374687, email elizwyatt@aol.com

**Rossie House**, Forgandenny, PH2 9EH by arrangement. Contact Mr & Mrs David Nichol 01738 812265, email judynichol@rossiehouse.co.uk

**5 Sutherland Crescent**, Perth, PH2 9GA. By arrangement from 14 May. Contact Gill Boardman 07833 576094, email gillboardman@btinternet.com

**7 Drum Gate**, Abernethy, PH2 9SA. By arrangement. Contact Helen Morrison at helen72.hm@gmail.com

**Parkhead House**, Perth, PH1 1RB. By arrangement. Contact Mr & Mrs M Tinson, 01738 625983, email maddy.tinson@gmail.com

**Dowhill, Cleish** KY4 0HZ. By arrangement. Contact Mrs Maitland Dougall, 01577 850207, email pippamd@icloud.com

**Myres Castle**, Auchtermuchty, KY14 7EW. **Thursday 3 May**, 2pm-5pm.

**Lindores House**, by Newburgh, KY14 6JD. **Sunday 27 May**, 2pm-5pm.

For further information about the gardens listed above, and many others opening for charity this summer, please visit [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

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What a wonderful time of year to visit Loch Leven! The sun has been shining, birds singing, and flowers blooming everywhere. The wildlife here has been busy amidst the breeding season with nest building and courtship displays going on. Our friendly local robins have been spotted in some highly dramatic showdowns in the courtyard this month. Tails raised and casting an assessing eye over rival males, they are fearless in the defence of their territory. Not to be outdone, the long-tailed tits have been spotted hard at work collecting nesting materials around the reserve. These clever little birds build their nests from moss held together by spider's webs, which allows the nest to expand as the chicks grow.

Last month the reserve team were hard at work managing the grass height and water levels for breeding lapwing and are pleased to announce their work has paid off! Twelve lapwing nests have been spotted on the wetlands so far, which is a very promising start to the season. We have our fingers crossed for more on the way.

We have some great events this month, including a **Wildlife Writing Workshop** from 10am until 2pm on **Saturday 19 May**. Author and poet Anita John will lead you through a range of exercise designed to get you writing. You will take

a tour of the reserve and then return indoors to capture your images into words. Tea or coffee will be provided, and this workshop is primarily aimed at adults.

Can your family survive in the woods? Join our forest school leaders for a **Family Bushcraft Day**, 1.30pm-3pm on **Sunday 20 May**, and learn the skills of forest survival! Build dens, make fire, learn tracking skills, and take part in wood whittling. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

To book onto any of our upcoming events, please visit [rspblochleven.eventbrite.com](http://rspblochleven.eventbrite.com)

We are excited at the prospect of our new **underpass project**, which is now scheduled to commence on 30 April for 18 weeks. This will allow enough time for work to be completed before the pink-footed geese and whooper swans arrive back from their breeding grounds in Iceland. During the time the new underpass is installed under the road, traffic on the B9097 past the RSPB visitor centre will be reduced to one lane. Traffic lights or a convoy system will be needed for seven weeks between 22 May and 10 July. These dates may still change, but it is the best prediction we can make at this stage. We realise that this may cause some inconvenience to road users and want to thank them in

advance for their understanding. We will keep you updated with any changes via our Facebook page @RSPBTaysideFife, on the 'Visit Loch Leven' Facebook page and on the Kinross CC webpage.

Visitor facilities will remain open as usual during the construction period and access to the reserve and Heritage Trail will be maintained, with any short diversions signposted. The RSPB's Wetland Trail will act as a diversion for the Heritage Trail around the work site. Access along the Wetland Trail during this period will be free and the charges for using the hides will be reduced by 50%. If you have not visited our hides before, this will be a great opportunity to try them out. For the duration of the diversion, people will be able to take dogs along the Wetland Trail as long as they are on leads, but not into the hides. We will request that cyclists dismount whilst on the Wetland Trail, for the safety of other visitors, and apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. This temporary situation will result in a much easier passage under the road once the underpass is complete.

Rachel Gooday  
Visitor Experience Officer

## Weather

### March Weather Report from Kinross



Total rainfall	116.1mm = 4.64ins
Heaviest rainfall	23.1mm (15th)
Total sunshine for the month	76.9 hours
Sunniest day	8.4 hours (19th)
Minimum temperature average	-2.51°C
Lowest temperature	-8.3°C (1st)



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# Farming

Our farm is hosting the **Kinross Sheepdog Trial** on **Saturday 26 May**. This is the second year for the trial to be at Bankhead Farm in Fossoway but this annual competition has been running in Kinross-shire since the early 1940s.

My family and I are delighted to help out but I really wasn't sure what to expect last year; although I do always have a good sheepdog to help me look after our flock, I don't train them myself and certainly don't have the skills or confidence to compete in a trial.

Dave Mullen from Baleave Farm chairs the organising committee and with a few local shepherds and farmers they set up the competition in the 10-acre field in front of our steading. It is an ideal size for an Open Sheep Dog Trial. We have plenty of ewe hogs to use for the competition and we even offered to put on a barbecue so on the day everything went very smoothly.

The sheepdogs competing can be any age and the entries are limited to 70. That's a number I couldn't believe: all

these trained sheepdogs arrived from every corner of Scotland. We had every shape and colour of pick-up in the car park and lots of enthusiastic Collies waiting their turn.

It takes anything from a few months to a year to train a sheepdog, so by the time a dog is ready to compete they are very obedient and capable. The trial is a test that incorporates all the tasks that a working sheepdog would encounter on the farm. However, when an entire set of tasks is wrapped up into a seven-minute test and out come the four sheep from the pen at the end of the field, then anything can happen.

It's nerve-wracking, so very exciting to watch. The handler stands at a post just next to the judge and commands the dog on the 'out run, lift and fetch' to bring the sheep right up to him. Many use whistle commands and there are many different sounds to encourage the dog to bring the sheep in straight lines and impress the judge. The next challenge is the 'drive' which sees the

dog drive the sheep away from the handler, something that goes against the grain, before bringing them back to be 'penned.' Finally they are released for the 'shed' when the dog and handler splits them into two pairs.

The talent exhibited by the handlers and the dogs is truly awesome. It's a unique partnership and the competition is a real test which sets the best apart from the rest. A success at a local trial means points that can take the team to compete internationally. Past winners of Kinross Trial include Ian Brownlie who went on to win the International Supreme Championship Sheepdog Trial on two occasions and many handlers have participated in the TV favourite, One Man and His Dog.

If you'd like to see the dogs for yourself, the trial is open to visitors and runs from 8am until 3pm on Saturday 26 May at Bankhead Farm, KY13 0PW.

Fiona

## Local Attraction Opening Times Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



Located on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, this is one of Scotland's oldest castles, probably built in the early 1300s.

Mary, Queen of Scots spent a traumatic year in captivity here, when she miscarried twins and was forced to abdicate. She dramatically escaped in 1568.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier (Pier Road, KY13 8UF) where there is parking and a Historic Scotland shop and ticket office.

Due to limited capacity, it is recommended that all visits are booked in advance. This can be done online at [www.historicenvironment.scot/lochleven-castle](http://www.historicenvironment.scot/lochleven-castle) or via the local ticket office. Phone 01577 862670 for further information. Access times for 2018:

26 March to 30 September: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 4.15pm

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

Admission prices: Adult £7.50, Child £4.50, (includes ferry trip) Conc £6. HS members free.

## Burleigh Castle, Milnathort

The castle is a fascinating semi-ruin dating from around 1500. Remarkable corner tower, with square cap-house corbelled out. Visited by James IV. Grounds open during daylight hours. Access inside the tower can be pre-arranged by calling 01241 878 756. Burleigh Castle is ½ mile from Milnathort on the A911.

## Balvaird Castle

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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' (S1 upwards) in church centre.  
**Tuesdays:** 10am: Pram Service (except in school holidays).  
**Wednesdays:** 10.45am Service, church centre. 1.30pm: Craft Group. 3pm: 'Talkback' for P6/7 age (Upper Room in the church).  
**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

#### April

**Sun 29** 6.30pm: Evening Service: Tearfund – Jubilee Walk of Prayer.

#### May

**Thu 3** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre: **AGM**.  
**Sun 6** 10.30am Morning Service followed by Communion at 11.45am.  
**Mon 7** 8am: Silent Meditation.  
**Tue 8** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.  
4pm: Service at The Sycamores.  
**Sat 12** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).  
**Sun 13 – Sat 19** Christian Aid Week.  
**Thu 17** 9pm: late evening service of Compline.  
**Sun 27** 6.30pm: Evening Service: 'What on earth is the church doing?'  
**Tue 29** 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

## Kinross Gospel Hall

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**Sunday** 10.30am Breaking of Bread  
12.30pm Sunday School  
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**Monday** 7.30pm Prayer Meeting  
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**Thursday** 9.30am Toddlers Group (Montgomery Toddlers)

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### Sunday Services 11.15am

#### May

**Sun 6** 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 13** 11.15am **Morning Worship\***  
**Mon 14** 3.15pm **Messy Church** in the Village Hall. Open to all children and their carers.  
**Sat 19** 2pm **Cleish Fete**.  
**Sun 20** 11.15am **Pentecost All-Age Morning Worship\***  
**Sun 27** 11.15am **Morning Worship\***  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion.**

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

**A Date for your Diary:**  
**Cleish Church Sale and Fete**  
**Saturday 19 May starting at 2pm**

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### Sunday Service

We meet every Sunday at the Crook of Devon Village Hall. The service starts at 10.30am for teas and coffees, with the gathering to worship God commencing at 11am. After the service, there will be occasion for refreshments and conversation.  
For more information about who we are and what we do, visit our website.

## Family Week in 2018

### Dates for your Diary

This summer's Family Week at Kinross Parish Church will run from **Monday 30 July** till **Friday 3 August**. This year's theme is 'Teambuilders' and there is going to be all the usual fun. Children and young people will be very welcome from age three and a half all the way up to 16.

## **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.

### **May**

**Sun 6** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.

**Sun 13** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.

**Sun 20** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship.

**Sun 27** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.  
9.45am Morning Worship and celebration of Holy Communion.

### **Café Refresh**

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

### **[messychurch@fossoway](mailto:messychurch@fossoway)**

Friday 25 May, 3.15pm, at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

### **House Group**

Thursday evenings 7.30pm. Please contact Debbie Hill for further details, 01577 842268.

### **Film Evening**

Friday 4 May, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, in the Church Hall. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*

## **Kinross Christian Fellowship**

Jesus said, *'I am among you as one who serves.'*

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

Everyone is welcome to either service or to both, so please come and, *taste and see that the LORD is good.*

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

*KCF also runs the Talking Donkey café - see separate notice in the Newsletter. Additionally, the Friday evening Youth Group at the Millbridge Hall (Space) is also the responsibility of our Fellowship, and we are pleased to accept this privilege.*

### **Subscriptions to the Newsletter**

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For further details see [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org) or phone Ross McConnell on 01577 865885 or email

**[subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org)**

## **St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church**

*(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)*

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: [office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com](mailto:office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com)

Website: [www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk](http://www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk)

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: [frdavidkinross@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidkinross@gmail.com)

You can also find us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross)

### **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.

### **Forthcoming Services and Events - all welcome**

#### **May**

#### **Sun 6 Easter 6**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

#### **Sun 13 ASCENSION SUNDAY**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

#### **Sun 20 DAY OF PENTECOST**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

#### **Sun 27 Pentecost 2 (Proper 8)**

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

5.30pm Said Evensong with hymns.



*St. Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church at night  
Photo: Pauline Watson, Kinross.cc photo library*

### **Sending photographs to the Newsletter**

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



**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 26 May 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****6 May** Joint all-age service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.

No service at Portmoak Church.

**25 May** Oasis Ladies' Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am. The speaker is Cath Stewart.

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 &amp; batteries. Donations of food can be made for the local Foodbank.

Contact the Office 01577 861200  
orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com**Acknowledgements**

**COCHRANE** – Cathie and family would like to thank most sincerely all family, friends and neighbours for the many cards, letters, flowers and visits they received after the sudden passing of David. Thanks also to all the people who managed through the snow on 1 March to the crematorium and to the church service. Sincere thanks also to the Rev. Alan Reid for his comforting services and visits and to Gordon and Alison Stewart for their help and guidance through such a sad and difficult time in our lives. A most generous donation of £430 was donated to Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland charity.

**JOHNSTON** – Elsie and family would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received on the sad loss of Davie. Many thanks to Graham Primrose for his comforting service, and to Stewart Funeral Directors, Balhousie Rumbling Bridge Care Home, F.V. HR Larbert, Sauchie Community Hospital, Dollar Health Centre, Mona's of Muckhart and Moubray Hall and to all who kindly donated £720 to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.

We are sorry to learn of the tragic death of photographer **GAVIN VERDEN ANDERSON** at the age of 53 in a diving accident.

**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.

**In memoriam - Pat Payne**

Amongst every special person that makes up the Kinross-shire community, there is a sprinkling of truly remarkable people. Patricia (Pat) Payne was such a one.

A well known figure across the county, Pat's quiet persistence touched very many lives, most notably in her work to support Fair Trade and the remarkable fundraising efforts of Milnathort's Common Grounds initiative.

St Paul's worshipping community has indeed been fortunate that she, David and the whole family have invested so much of their time and energy (and continue to do so) into helping the church to grow and flourish. There is still a significant Pat-shaped hole in the fabric of our faithful Thursday Morning study group.

So it was a fitting testament of the immense love and affection in which Pat was held that our modest church building was packed to capacity for her funeral on 23 March. There were also a good number of her friends who had to be accommodated in the Meeting Room, joining in with the proceedings via a live audio link. Pat's children, Shoena and Russell, spoke powerfully about their mum with both wit and good humour. It was a blessing that they willingly shared so many personal family memories with us all. How fitting it was that, as Pat left the church for the last time, the assembled throng were singing, clapping and jingling along to the hymn, 'You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace'.

The homily referred to Pat as a spark of God's love that set so many fires for compassion ablaze. I pray that these will burn on brightly in her honour for many years to come.

Fr David MacKenzie Mills

# Playgroups and Toddlers

## Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort**

**Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

A relaxed and friendly group

Healthy snacks, tea & coffee

Children from birth to 3 years

(5 years if attending with younger sibling)

Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

**PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!**

To join in the fun

call 07745 804539

Email [milnathortbt@gmail.com](mailto:milnathortbt@gmail.com)

Or find us on Facebook



## SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP SCIO

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Reg Scottish Charity No SCIO7748



**Tel: 01577 862071**

**Mobile: 07592 392 235**

*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, Thu, 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

## 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

## Crook and Drum Growing Together SPRING FAIR

Crook of Devon Village Hall

**Saturday 28 April**

2pm – 4pm

**Fundraising for our local bloom group**

- Art Exhibition from Fossoway School • RSPB Wildlife Activities • Children's Crafts • Kids' Planting Activity
- Phoenix Cards • Plant Sales • Children's Tombola
- Plant Doctor: bring along your unhappy houseplants or plant pictures for advice!

**Come and enjoy the fun! Volunteers to help most welcome.**

## The Thursday Group

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

**3 May Annual General Meeting**

## 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)*

**7 May: Singaround.** Let us "Spring" into life with our theme tonight of "Hope, Happiness and Joy!" Everyone welcome. All £2.

**14 May: Rod Clements and Ian Thomson.** A very big night for the club with the arrival of Lindisfarne's Rod Clements and Ian Thomson, fantastic guitarist/singer and double bass player respectively. Wow! Members £6, Non-members £10.

**21 May: Singaround.** You "May" choose your own songs! All £2.

**28 May: Tommy Sands.** Tommy is one of the most sought-after singer/songwriters in the folk world and a grand night's entertainment is in store. Members £6, Non members £9.

## Scotlandwell in Bloom Plant & Bake Sale/ Coffee Morning

**Saturday 12 May, 11am – 2pm**

The Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell

*"It is utterly forbidden to be half-hearted about gardening. You have got to love your garden whether you like it or not!"*

Scotlandwell in Bloom is holding a Plant & Bake Sale/Coffee Morning on Saturday 12 May in the Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell from 11am until 2pm. A variety of plants, flowers and vegetables ready for planting will be on sale. In addition, there will be an opportunity to buy delicious home baking and locally produced jams and chutneys; small hanging baskets and other garden bits 'n' bobs. There will also be our fantastic Tombola stall with goodies for all! Come along and see what's on offer; it's a very sociable event and even if gardening's not your thing, just bring a friend and come along for coffee, cake and a chat – we'd love to see you there.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of planters, tubs, floral displays and generally helping to 'keep our village patch up to scratch'.

All Welcome

## KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

**7 May 2018**

**Live Active Leisure  
(Talk & Gentle Exercise)**

**11 June 2018  
Carers Weeks  
(Change of date)**

**COMMENCING 10.15am PROMPT**

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



**LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS  
KINROSS  
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH  
10am–12noon**



Contact Gail Boath  
Tel. 07760 363800  
Or Annette Bond  
01738 567076



## The annual Portmoak Hall Ceilidh

**Saturday 12 May, 7.30 - 11.30pm**

With the **Glenfarg Ceilidh Band**, buffet, bar, and raffle, what more could you ask?

Tickets at £10 adult and £5 per child are available from Kinnesswood Shop, John Nicol on 01592 840573 or Shelagh Goudie 01592 840200



## Potager Garden Annual General Meeting Thursday 10 May

at 7.30pm

Garden Room, Church Centre, Kinross

All welcome to hear about our activities and achievements of the past year



## The Gaelic Society

The society will not have a ceilidh this month but the **AGM** is on **Thursday 10 May**, to which all members are invited. Please note that the day is changed from the usual Friday. Come and put your views forward and hear what the Society has been involved with this year and the plans for the future! The annual **Gaelic Service** will be held in Perth in June on a date yet to be decided.

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**.





## Networking Breakfast

Wednesday 2 May

Loch Leven's Larder, 7.15am-9am

What is "networking"? Many think it is just business people swapping leads and referrals. This does not have to be true and at the Kinross-shire Partnership Networking Breakfast we are guided by the following definition of networking: *Creating a group of acquaintances and associates, and keeping it active through regular communication. Exchanging information with those people, groups and institutions, and making lasting professional or social contacts.* We focus on local businesses, people and organisations and add in the opportunity to listen to an inspirational speaker to get the cognitive processes fired up after a delicious breakfast to feed the brain!

May sees the Networking Breakfast return to its customary first Wednesday of the month slot with yet another speaker to fascinate and intrigue us while we network.

"In today's 'connected world', the irony is that never have so many people been so isolated," says Andrew Martin, the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Community Manager for Scotland. He will be telling us how MAF uses planes to transform the lives of the world's most isolated people in need. Flying for over 70 years on to desert and jungle airstrips, lakes and rivers, tracks and roads, MAF's light aircraft and their pilots go the extra mile to provide a lifeline. Working in partnership with hundreds of other relief organisations, they enable practical help and physical healing to be delivered to many of the most remote and inaccessible communities on the planet.

Andrew has been with MAF for over 20 years, following a career in set building all over the world for both TV and film. His hobby of photography was a great asset to the work of MAF while he was in Africa. We look forward to being challenged and encouraged as we hear of the amazing work that MAF carries out. Why not come and join us? The cost of the meeting, including breakfast, is a mere £10 but the chance to network and listen to our speaker is priceless. Bring along a friend, colleague or neighbour and share the experience.

To book your place, please email Karen Grunwell at 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.

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk    www.facebook.com/visitlochleven  
www.visitlochleven.org    www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven

## Skeins & Bobbins

**Primary Children Knitting Classes:** Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Senior Knitting Classes:** Fridays.

**Adult Knitting & Crochet Groups:** Saturday afternoons. Each week there is either an experienced crochet or knitting tutor.

**Yarn Shop Day: Saturday 12 May**

Skeins & Bobbins will be participating in Yarn Shop Day. Leading up to this day there will be competitions and an opportunity to be part of a raffle. Please contact the shop for more details: 01577 208107. 120 High Street, Kinross.

## Funding Alert!

PKC regularly produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or telephone the PKC grants helpline on 0345 60 52000.

If your organisation is seeking funds, look out for notices in the Newsletter for Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants and the Kinross-shire Fund.

## Milnathort filmhouse at Milnathort Town Hall

**The Return of Super Saturday**  
**26th May 2018**

Child	£4.00
Adult	£6.00
Concession	£4.00
Family (2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children)	£16.00

Tuck Shop with  
Movie Treats

**3.00pm (Doors Open at 2.30pm)**

IT'S TIME FOR THE GIRLS TO HAVE SOME FUN

**BADMOMS**

Over 18s Only  
BYOB

Tuck Shop with  
Movie Snacks  
and Soft Drinks

Adult	£6.00
Concession	£4.00

**8.00pm (Doors Open at 7.30pm)**

**Book Tickets Online or Pay at the Door**

Information and Online Booking  
milnathortfilmhouse.com



## Cleish Fête

**Saturday 19 May at 2.00pm**

**A brilliant afternoon out!**

**Plants • Afternoon Teas • Dog Show**  
**Baking & Produce • Books and Media**  
**Tombola • Children's Games**



**Cleish Church open**  
**Come and join us!**  
Postcode: KY13 0LR  
(Charity No: SC003168)

## Scottish Mining Trust Holidays

### Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 Web: www.blaircastle.net

**Subsidised holidays for retired miners and relatives**

If you worked in the mining industry, or if you are related to a miner or someone who worked in the mining industry, you may be eligible for subsidised full bed and board holidays at Blair Castle in Culross.

Blair Castle is set in beautiful grounds with stunning views over the Forth Estuary. Excellent facilities: 28 well-appointed en-suite rooms, disabled accommodation, games room, quiet rooms, social lounges etc.

Call 01383 880307 or email charles@blaircastle.net to find out more and ask for an application form.

Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

## Social Therapies for Carers



Carers can choose from different therapies, enjoy a 45 minute treatment and have the opportunity to socialise with other carers and speak to a support worker. Support Workers Annette or Gail will be there to meet you.

**First Monday of each month, 10.15am – 1.30pm**

at Loch Leven Community Campus, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ



Bookings will open one week prior to therapy date. Therapies are free of charge, however a small donation of any amount is always appreciated as it allows us to keep these therapies going.

For more information and to book, call Marthe on 01738 567076 or email [Carertherapies@pkavs.org.uk](mailto:Carertherapies@pkavs.org.uk)

(Occasionally even our Support Workers need a break. If they are unable to make a session, one of our other lovely Support Workers will be there to take their place.)

## Dollar Museum

1 High Street, Dollar, KY14 7AY

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

Email: [dollarmuseum@btconnect.com](mailto:dollarmuseum@btconnect.com)

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

Free entry. All welcome. Parking and disabled access.

Exhibitions include the History of Dollar, the Devon Valley Railway, the Japanese Garden, Dollar Community and the Great War, and the Bicentenary of Dollar Academy.

There is a Children's Corner with Victorian dressing-up clothes, toys and a Doll's House. Reading Room with local books, maps and photos.

## Coming soon!

An exciting new event

from the team previously Healing Rooms Scotland

**Thursday 7 June**

7.30pm – 9pm

at Angel Cakes Cake Shop and Tearoom

157 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DA

More information in the June Newsletter

## Fossoway & District Horticultural Society Appeal for Memorabilia

The society will be holding its 100th Show this year on Saturday 18 August in the Village Hall, Crook of Devon.

We hope to have a display of photographs and memorabilia on display to celebrate this and would be pleased to receive any pics or old schedules you might have tucked away in your 'memory box' relating to the Show over past years. Hens and rabbits were judged as well as fruit, flowers and veg back in the 'olden' days! Please contact Gill Kerr on 07943 681999 or email [gillyek@hotmail.com](mailto:gillyek@hotmail.com) if you have anything we can use.

## 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

**Milnathort SUMMER FAIR**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 12.00pm – 2.30pm**

**\* FREE ENTRY \* Milnathort Primary School**

BBQ  
Soak the Teacher  
Face Painting  
Bouncy Castle  
Pony Rides  
Bottle Hoopla  
Treasure Hunt Stall  
Teddy Stall  
Snack Shack  
Lovely Local Retail Stalls  
Glitter Tattoos  
Cake & Candy

**And MUCH, MUCH More ...**

**A GREAT COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENT**

## Kinross Guides

Looking for somewhere to go on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm until 9pm? Look no further. Kinross Guides have places available for girls between the ages of 10 and 14. Come along to Millbridge Hall on a Tuesday evening and give us a try.

For further information or notes of interest, contact M Scott on [mbs21@btinternet.com](mailto:mbs21@btinternet.com) or telephone 01577 862945.

**Are you going to the Flower Show at Gardening Scotland?**

Kinross Floral Art Club will be entering the Flower Show at Gardening Scotland this year and would love it if everyone attending would look them up!

Thank you!

**Gardening Scotland takes place at Ingleston, 1 – 3 June 2018**

**Kinross-shire Better Place to Live Fair 2018**

Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross KY13 8FQ

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 2pm**

**Free Family Fun Day Community Event**

**Come along and see what Kinross-shire has to offer!**



## 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? People wishing to learn dances could attend the Monday classes (see above). All money left over after paying the band and hall will go to charity. To make charity suggestions, contact Vi Todd, 01577 863244.

<b>27 May</b>	<b>George Rennie</b>	<b>16 Sep</b>	<b>Leonard Brown</b>
<b>17 Jun</b>	<b>Alan Small</b>	<b>21 Oct</b>	<b>Scott Band</b>
<b>22 Jul</b>	<b>Steven Carcary</b>	<b>25 Nov</b>	<b>Liam Stewart</b>
<b>19 Aug</b>	<b>Liam Hope</b>	<b>16 Dec</b>	<b>Ian McCallum</b>

## Enquire

**Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?** If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0345 123 2303

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

*Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland*

## PLUS Perth

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

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



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

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

## Homes for Cats Wanted

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

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

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



### Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website  
[www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)



\*\*\*\*\*  
**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)



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

**Kinross Community Council**

**Newsletter Limited (KCCNL)**

**Charity No. SC040913**



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

More information is available on the [kinross.cc](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
June	Friday 18 May	Saturday 2 June
July	Friday 15 June	Saturday 30 June





**THE TALKING DONKEY**

Every Friday 11am – 2pm  
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring  
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is **FREE!**

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

**Prayer For Any Need**



## Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

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



## 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



## Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2017-18

Term	Start (for pupils)	End
Summer	Tue 17 Apr 2018	Thu 28 Jun 2018

### Holidays and In-Service Days:

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: **8 & 22 May**

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:

**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.

## 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)

We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076

Empowering Lives, Improving Health



## Community Councils

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

**Milnathort:** Chair: Craig Williams, 07885 722125  
Email: craig@stovestuff.scot

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

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

**Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser, 01577 850253  
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
Lynne McKay	5 Springfield Road	01577 531076
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
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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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## 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 476476

(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 8 & 22 May:

Milnathort	South Street	1230-1315
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### Visiting every Tuesday:

Glenfarg	Main Street	1130-1300
Forgandenny	School	1430-1530

### Visiting on Wednesdays 2, 16 & 30 May:

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 Balfree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, need volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at [www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com)

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

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

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

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

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

**RSPB Scotland Loch Leven:** We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin

badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: [Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk) or call 01577 862355.

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

**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.



## Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times:	<b>Mondays to Fridays</b>	<b>9am to 7pm</b>
	<b>Saturdays and Sundays</b>	<b>9am to 5pm</b>

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.

## 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)



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	(except 29th)	
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm	(except 29th)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm		
<b>Thursday</b>	Carpet Curling or Boccia	11am		
	Crafts	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		



**Please note:** The AGM will be held on Tuesday 29 May at 1.30pm to which all interested parties are invited. Please come along - everyone welcome.

## Additional Events for May

Tai Chi  
Chiropody

**Wednesday 2nd, 16th, 30th** 1.30pm - 2pm

**Thursday 3rd, 24th** 9.45am - 1pm  
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)

**Monday 14th** 11am - 12pm

**Wednesday 16th** 11am - 3.30pm

**Monday-Friday 21st - 25th**

**Tuesday 29th** 1.30pm

**Thursday 31st** 1.30pm

Hearing Loss Support and Advice

Barge Trip

Annual Centre Holiday, Royal Hotel in Whitby

Annual General Meeting

Library Visit



**Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily**

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

**Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: [kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk](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)

## Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

**Linda Freeman**

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## 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.

### Chanter £8

For beginners. Includes box, chanter, reed, instructions, music and CD.

### Cot mattress Free

Mothercare sprung cot mattress. Only used occasionally, always with a mattress protector. Excellent, clean condition. Non-smoking household.

### Bicycle maintenance stand £20

Sturdy metal stand for supporting a bike while maintaining/repairing it.

Seller Detail for above 3 items:

Blair 07986 235793

### Double metal headboard £15

By Seetall in gun metal.

### Dwell dining table and mirrored sideboard £100

Glass top dining table with 4 black chairs and matching mirrored sideboard with two drawers and two cupboards. Excellent condition.

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Karen Bradbury 01577 840854

karenbradbury1@sky.com

### Tyres £60

4 x Continental Tyres, 5mm tread 205 / 55 R16V

Seller Details: 01577 862901

### Cot bed £40

John Lewis mahogany cot bed in very good condition.

Seller Details:

Barry 07739 545234

### Child's three wheeler buggy £80

Out and about all terrain three wheeler buggy with rain cover and cosy toes. 4 years old, used for one child, in great condition.

Seller Details:

Anne 01577 840271

### Corner pine unit Free for uplift

Corner unit with cupboard, three upper shelves with lights

Seller Details:

Doreen Steele 01577 864549

steeledoreen9@gmail.com

### TV unit £15

Modern black glass TV unit with three shelves. Space for DVD player, sky box, games consoles and other items. Excellent condition. 1metre (W) x 41cm (D) x 51cm (W).

Seller Details:

Joyce Horsman 07551 958667

Joyce\_horsmans95@tiscali.co.uk

## Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

**phone** on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

**Email** us jo@samaritans.org

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

Mondays	1630 – 2130	Thursdays	1630 – 1900
Wednesdays	0830 – 1100	Fridays	1000 – 1630
and	1930 – 2130	Sundays	0800 – 2130

**No pressure, no names, no judgment.**

**We're here for you, anytime.**

## Job Vacancy

### Editor – Kinross Newsletter

A vacancy will soon arise for a new Editor for the Kinross Newsletter. Skills and qualities required are:

- Excellent knowledge of English, particularly grammar, punctuation and spelling;
- Good level of computer literacy;
- Very good word processing skills, including typing and layout;
- Ability to write articles;
- Good organisational skills;
- Ability to keep to strict deadlines;
- Good knowledge of local issues;
- Strong commitment to the community.

The Editor's principal duties are:

- Acknowledging and assessing incoming submissions;
- Delegating some submissions to other members of the team;
- Putting submissions into preferred Newsletter format;
- Editing;
- Selecting cover topics and liaising with designer;
- Liaising with layout manager;
- Proofreading.

The position is available on a self-employed basis, with the successful applicant working from their own home or office. The successful applicant will be required to have their own computer.

The majority of the work is carried out over an eleven-day period around Newsletter deadlines.

Further details of the position, including how to apply, will be available on the Newsletter website as from Monday 7 May.

Please see: [www.kinrossnewsletter.org](http://www.kinrossnewsletter.org)

## 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)

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