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Letters

Editorial

There are lots of fairs and festivals throughout this month, starting with the Milnathort Summer Fair and ending with the Portmoak Festival. There are plans to bring back the Fossoway Gathering next year, and this month there's a meeting for interested volunteers.

Early in June the Better Place to Live Fair takes place at the community campus. Rescheduled from March – a victim of the Beast from the East – this is an excellent opportunity to find out all about the various clubs and societies in Kinross-shire and how you can get involved. There really is something for everyone.

The weather is beautiful as we prepare this Newsletter; here's hoping it lasts for all the outdoor events taking place this month.

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Lost Property

Dear Editor, On Sunday 29 April my daughter inadvertently left her wallet on top of her car before driving off from the Boathouse car park. Rather amazingly it stayed there until she was entering Milnathort where it fell onto the road.

It was spotted by someone who was described to us as 'an elderly gentleman' who handed it into the police. After some investigation it was traced to my daughter in Aberdeen and the wallet handed into us at Tillyrie that same evening by the local police.

For privacy reasons the police are not allowed to give us the name of the finder, who my daughter would have liked to thank in person. But if he is reading this, or is known to someone who is, please accept our grateful thanks for the honesty and kindness in handing it in. And also to the local police for aiding its recovery. We are very grateful.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Croft

Glenside, Tillyrie, Milnathort

Rail Link between Kinross and Cowdenbeath

Dear Editor, I note Sheila Marshall's letter in your May 2018 edition asking if there is support for reinstatement of a rail link between Kinross and Cowdenbeath. I have always supported this and note that the line was protected in the Kinross 2004 Local Plan from inappropriate development. Local members introduced a new policy in our current Perth & Kinross Development Plan that protected old railway lines generally.

I have noted in my submission on the Proposed Plan 2017, for LDP2 that there is no reference to the lack of a rail service in Kinross-shire, despite administrative support.

I agree with Sheila that pursuing, as a first step to an improved rail direct link between Edinburgh and Perth, reinstatement of the link between Kinross and the Fife Circle is well worth it.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Michael Barnacle

Independent Member for Kinross-shire

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News & Articles

Work starts on new accessible underpass at RSPB Loch Leven

Building work has begun on a new underpass that will transform public access at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven, and help everyone to get safely across a busy road.

The new underpass will create an accessible link between the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and the Fife Path Network. It will replace an old tunnel under the B9097 that has steep steps at each end. Although the diggers are now on site, a small funding gap remains, and RSPB Scotland has launched a crowdfunding campaign with the hope of raising £19,000 towards the cost of the project. RSPB Scotland Loch Leven reserve manager, Uwe Stoneman, said: "The new underpass at Loch Leven is a partnership project that has taken years to develop, so it's very exciting to be at this final stage of the process. It's going to make a huge difference to many of our visitors, and will put the whole area at the forefront of disabled access in Scotland.

"Work on the underpass is already underway, but despite very generous funding from Sustrans, Scottish Natural Heritage, Perth & Kinross Council and others, we still have a shortfall of £19,000. We're very much hoping that the public will get behind this project and help us raise the final amount, and we've got some great rewards on offer in return for pledges."

The Loch Leven Heritage Trail, completed in 2014, provides a 13-mile, barrier-free route around the loch and welcomes more than 200,000 visitors a year. It is wheelchair accessible and has a mobility scooter hire scheme that is free for anyone to use.

The RSPB Scotland reserve at Loch Leven hosts part of the trail, and its visitor centre and car park are key facilities for trail users. But the steep steps in the underpass make it difficult for cyclists and families with pushchairs to access, and create a barrier for wheelchair and mobility scooter users.

The new underpass will also create an accessible link between the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and the so-called 'Sleeping Giant' path, which was created in 2016. This joins on to the Fife Path Network and provides access to the natural riches of the whole Loch Leven National Nature Reserve for communities in West Fife.

Dave Morris, a Portmoak Community Councillor and former director of Ramblers Scotland, said: "Connecting path networks and communities together is the way forward. Today

a facility is being put in place which will enable everyone, of whatever age and ability, to access a famous natural world. Nowhere else in the UK is there such a facility, connecting together two extensive path networks, through magnificent landscapes and wildlife habitats, where access rights apply to everyone.

"Mile upon mile is available, whether you are on foot, bicycle or horse or simply taking your buggy or wheelchair out for some exercise. Let us dig a bit more for victory and hopefully see the RSPB crowdfunding target of £19,000 pass by with a few weeks to spare!"

If you would like to donate to the campaign, please visit: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/loch-leven-underpass



The groundbreaking ceremony at the start of construction for the new accessible underpass at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven, attended by representatives from Sustrans, Perth & Kinross Council, SNH, local Ward Councillors, Fairhurst, I&H Brown, TRACKS, Kinross-shire Partnership, Homelands Trust Fife, Portmoak Community Council and RSPB Scotland

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Free Family Fun Day

Community Event

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

Are you looking to join a club or get involved in the community volunteering? Come along and find out what your local community has to offer.

Come along and support the Celebration of Volunteers

- The Launch of the Volunteer Information Point, which is to be situated in the Library. Residents will be able to find out about volunteering opportunities in the area.
- Groups showcase what they do locally.
- Enjoy a cup cake or two!

- * Fire Engine
- * Fun Activities
- * Family Treasure Hunt
- * Project Displays
- * Face Painting
- * Kinross Museum
- * Aero Space Planetarium
- * Visit the library to see what's on

The Scots Guards

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And lots more.....

Organised by Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group. For Further Information:

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Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra Summer Concert, Cupar, Friday 8 June

FYJO is an award-winning big band, established in 1976 and led by Richard Michael. It offers young people the chance to play, enjoy and develop an interest in music, especially jazz. Members from all over Fife and Kinross-shire benefit from Richard's unique approach to music education. Players learn to improvise on their instruments (anything from violin, flute and oboe to saxophone, trombone and drums) and to play with a big band. The creative energy during rehearsals in Lochgelly on a Thursday evening is thrilling. Over the years, the band has played with many of the greats of the jazz scene, including Tommy Smith, Carol Kidd, Annie Ross, Martin Taylor and Joe Temperley.

There will be an opportunity to come and hear FYJO in full swing at their Summer Concert in Cupar Baptist Church on Friday 8 June. Musical Director Richard Michael believes that this year's edition of the young jazz warriors from Fife is one of the best.

"I'm amazed at how keen and enthusiastic this band is," said Richard. "They demand the best from my colleague Pete Petrie and me and they deliver in spades in concert and in the weekly rehearsals. When the players see so many FYJO alumni performing at the highest level around the country, they know they are part of a tradition of which we can all be proud".

The show will start at 7.30pm and tickets (£10/£8, free for accompanied school-aged children) are available from 07446 256397 or 07766 838064 or at the door. Delicious home baking and tea/coffee/juice is included in the ticket price (donations welcome).

FYJO welcome new members (aged 8-24) anytime so please check the website - FYJO.org.uk - and come along to experience the groove!

Digital awards for county schools

Milnathort and Portmoak Primary Schools have been recognised for excellence in digital teaching and learning with the award of national 'Digital School' status.

They were amongst 35 Scottish primary schools and three secondary schools to receive this recognition in May.

Kinross Primary School was awarded 'Digital School' status in 2017, the first year of the scheme.

See also page 72.

Christian Aid Trail Fundraiser



A Christian Aid fundraising event takes place on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail on **Saturday 9 June**. Participants may walk or cycle the trail and choose between 4, 7 or 13 miles, starting from Loch Leven's Larder at 11am.

Lucy Kirkland, Christian Aid Events Fundraising Officer, said: "This is a fantastic event for all ages and abilities and incorporates wildlife, history and some incredible views. It is not to be missed!"

Register online at caid.org.uk/walks or get in touch with LKirkland@christian-aid.org or call on 0141 221 7475.

Looking for a Job?

Check the situations vacant page at
www.kinross.cc

Councillor Purves

Reserved Places

I have written before about the number of reserved places at Kinross High School. Parents have a legal right to send their children to whichever state school they choose so long as there are non-reserved places available. Given the fact that we border two other counties, we have a relatively high number of placing requests from outside Perth & Kinross. Reserved places try to ensure that pupils who move into the catchment area during the school year are able to attend their catchment school. The high level of development in Kinross-shire has raised concerns that families moving here might not be able to get a place at the high school. Last year, I met with council officers to discuss this matter and asked them to look at increasing the number of reserved places at Kinross High School to reflect house building in the area. I am pleased to report that at a recent meeting of the Lifelong Learning Committee, we approved an increase in the number of reserved places at Kinross High School from 12 to 20 for the current academic year as well as an increase from 14 to 22 for Kinross Primary School.



Vehicle-Activated Signs

Over the past few months, a significant number of vehicle-activated signs have been installed and are now in operation across Kinross-shire. These signs are one of the best ways of encouraging drivers to keep to the speed limit by giving them real-time feedback on how fast they are driving. As I wrote about a couple of months ago, the Council administration has committed a further £150,000 to fund more of these signs in this financial year. At a recent meeting of Environment & Infrastructure Committee, councillors approved a programme of works for this money, which includes new signs for: Blairingone; Rumbling Bridge; Carnbo; Duncruevie; Easter Balgedie; Stirling Road in Milnathort; south of the High Street in Kinross; and Turfhill. The exact locations of the signs will be determined through consultation with Community Councils.

Planning Scrutiny

Planning forms part of many of the concerns that councillors receive. These concerns vary widely from infrastructure to enforcement. Many issues that are brought to the attention of my colleagues and me come up time and again – not just here, but also in other parts of Perth & Kinross. To that end, the Convener of the Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Grant Laing, has set up a cross-party subcommittee, including two other colleagues and me, to collate and investigate these issues. This is a welcome initiative. The group will then progress the key issues it identifies to a full review at the Scrutiny Committee itself with a view to bringing forward a set of recommendations to improve the planning process. I shall provide an update on how this progresses in future columns.

Councillor Callum Purves

Central and West Fife Show



Central and West Fife Agricultural Show takes place on **Saturday 2 June** at Hilton Farm near Kelty, 9am-5pm.

For further information see:
www.westfifeshow.com

Go local on LEAF Open Farm Sunday



LEAF Open Farm Sunday is managed by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), a leading organisation delivering more sustainable food and farming. www.farmsunday.org

On LEAF Open Farm Sunday, hundreds of farmers across the country will open their gates to welcome the public and showcase all that British agriculture delivers – and there is one on your doorstep.

Hilton of Aldie, near Crook of Devon, will be opening their farm gates on **Sunday 10 June** to welcome visitors to this Great British Farm Day. It offers a unique chance to see what happens beyond the farm gate and to show your support for British farming.

Put on your wellies and come and talk to Farmer Dawes to find out more about his animals, how your food is produced and what the work farmers do to preserve the countryside. Say hello to Mickey the donkey, Sunday the goat or Anne the lamb, watch some ducklings enjoy a paddle or take in the beautiful countryside.

To find out more about the day at Hilton of Aldie (KY13 0QJ) visit www.farmerdawes.co.uk or follow them on Facebook via @DawesFarmer.



Visit the Dawes family farm on Open Farm Sunday



Kinross-shire Agricultural Society

**Kinross Show on Saturday 11 August 2018
at RSPB Loch Leven, Vane Farm**



Flower Show Schedule

Convenor: Mrs Claire Paton, Lethangie, Kinross. Committee: Margaret Kilpatrick, Alice Getley, Dr Julie Savin and Kirsty Gray.

Judges: Mrs Enid Young, Dundee (Floral Art) and Mr Andrew Brown, Leven.

Entries accepted on Show Field until 9pm on Friday 10 August and from 7.30am until 9.30am on Saturday 11 August.

The Trophy Presentation will take place within the Flower Show Tent at 3.30pm on Show Day.

Prize monies to be collected on the day from Secretary's Tent until 4.30pm.

The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 15 and 16 to 21 inclusive, will be assessed 3, 2, and 1 for the first three prizes.

CAIRNS CUP for the most points overall, + Rosette.

BALADO SALVER for the most outstanding entry in Classes 1 to 15 + Rosette.

FISHER BOWL for most points in Dahlias.

CAESAR TROPHY for Sweet Peas.

THE KIRKNESS TROPHY for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 16 to 21 inclusive).

THE RENTON TROPHY for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 16 to 21).

THE GAVINE LINDORES TROPHY for the best Single Rose (Class 13).

THE SCOTT-DAVIDSON CUP presented by the late W Scott-Davidson for the winner of Children's Class 29.

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (small) winner of Children's class 34.

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (large) winner of Children's class 35.

THE MAISIE PIRIE CUP also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child under 8 years.

THE CATH PIRIE CUP also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child age 9 to 14 years.

MAWCARSE SALVER for Best Exhibit Overall in the Show.

Special Prizes

PATON Prize For best exhibit in the produce classes – £20 Voucher.

Class 14 for best vase of mixed roses presented by Mrs C Paton.

Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places will be presented in Children's Classes 22 to 37.

Boards available on request.

ENTRIES: £1 per Adult Exhibit and 50p per Child Exhibit.

Flower Marquee Open to the Public from 11.30am. Entries can be uplifted at 4pm.

Prize Money in all Classes: 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1. To be collected at the Secretary's Tent by 4.30pm.

Judging commences 10am prompt.

Flower Section

- 1 Pot Plant – Flowering, any type
- 2 Pot Plant – Begonia
- 3 Pot Plant – Fuchsia
- 4 One Vase Mixed Herbaceous
- 5 Vase displaying three stems of annuals (same variety)
- 6 Vase of three stems of perennials (same variety)
- 7 Vase of Three Dahlias – Decorative
- 8 Vase of Three Dahlias – Cacti
- 9 Vase of Three Dahlias – Ball/Pompom
- 10 Four Marigolds (any variety) to be displayed on a board
- 11 Four Pansies/Violas to be displayed on a board
- 12 Vase of Three Roses, same variety
- 13 Best Single Rose
- 14 Vase of Roses, mixed – any types (special prize)
- 15 Vase of five Sweet Peas, one colour only

Floral Art Section

This year's theme is 'COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW'.

NAFAS Rules need not be adhered to. Simply read the schedule carefully and pay attention to size and materials. Space allowed: width 76cms by 60cm depth.

All exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, i.e. Fresh, Silk Flowers, Dried or preserved unless otherwise stated. All Fresh plant material to be in water or water retaining substances. All Flowers and Foliage to be in good condition.

PLEASE NOTE: Each class requires only ONE COLOUR of flower!

- 16 **We will remember them** – An exhibit using **RED** flowers to acknowledge the centenary year 1918-2018 since the end of WWI. Accessories allowed.
- 17 **Nell Gwynn's Basket** – An arrangement in a Basket using **ORANGE** blooms. Accessories allowed.
- 18 **Tie a Yellow Ribbon round** – An exhibit incorporating a **YELLOW RIBBON** together with **YELLOW** flowers. Accessories allowed.
- 19 **20 Shades of Green** – An exhibit in **GREEN** using foliage **ONLY**. No accessories.
- 20 **Rhapsody in Blue** – An exhibit using **BLUE**. Artificial flowers and foliage. Accessories allowed.
- 21 **Purple Patch** – A petite exhibit in **INDIGO/VIOLET** colours not exceeding 25cms wide by 25cms depth and 37cms height. No accessories.

Children's Classes

- 22 Bowl of floating flowers (any size of bowl, any number of flowers) for 8 years and under. Glass bowls will be provided if required.
- 23 Bowl of floating flowers (any size of bowl, any number of flowers) for 14 years and under. Glass bowls will be provided if required.
- 24 Drawing of COMBINE HARVESTER. Age 5 and under.
- 25 Drawing of COMBINE HARVESTER. Age 6 – 8 years.
- 26 Two decorated Digestive/Rich Tea biscuits. Own choice of decoration. Aged 5 and under.
- 27 Any farm Animal made from vegetables. Age 6-8 years.
- 28 Model of farm Animal made from recycled material. Age 9-14.
- 29 Arrangement of Garden Flowers in a jam jar. Age 8 and under.
- 30 Garden in a Seed Tray, not exceeding 40cms x 25cm, using natural material only. Age 8 and under.
- 31 Garden in a Seed Tray, not exceeding 40cms x 25cms, using natural material only. Age 9 -14 years.
- 32 Model Farm in a Seed Tray. Models allowed. Age 8 and under.
- 33 Model Farm in a Seed Tray. Models allowed. Age 9-14 years.
- 34 A decorated Wellington boot. Age 8 and under.
- 35 A decorated Wellington boot. Age 9 – 14 years.

Pick Up And Bring

- 36 Pick up and bring **your favourite Farm toy**. Age 5 years and under.
- 37 Pick up and bring **your favourite Farm toy**. Age 7 years and under.

Vegetable Section

All vegetables to be presented washed and in good condition. Paper plates will be provided.

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| 38 Three Courgettes, any size. | 43 A selection of Garden Herbs (to be shown in a jar of water). | 47 Four French Beans. |
| 39 Three Onions, White. | 44 One cucumber. | 48 Six Runner Beans. |
| 40 Three Onions, Red. | 45 Six Tomatoes on a plate (any variety). | 49 Three Leeks. |
| 41 Four Potatoes, White. | 46 Six Pods of Peas. | 50 Vegetable Marrow or overgrown Courgette to be judged on size. |
| 42 Four Potatoes, Coloured | | |

Fruit Section

All fruit to be presented washed and in good condition. Paper plates will be provided.

- 51 Plate of blackcurrants.
- 52 Plate of any other seasonal fruit(s).

Egg Section

All eggs must be washed and polished. Paper plates and shavings will be provided. All decorated eggs must be hard-boiled.

- 53 3 Hens' eggs, any variety. Age 12 and under.
- 54 3 Hens' eggs, any variety. Age 13 to adult.
- 55 1 Decorated egg, any variety. Age 12 and under.
- 56 1 Decorated egg, any variety. Age 13 to 16 years.
- 57 1 Decorated egg, any variety, by an adult.
- 58 3 Duck eggs. Open to all.

Councillor Watters

Closing Blairingone School

At the Lifelong Learning Committee meeting on Wednesday 16 May, I was disappointed with the decision to start the Statutory process for closing Blairingone School.



The Schools Consultation Act (2010) clearly states that the presumption for rural schools should be to keep them open. The act also gives clear guidance that the 'likely effect on the local community (assessed in accordance with section 12(4)) in consequence of such implementation' should be taken into account.

The effect that closing Blairingone School will have on the community is huge. Blairingone is on the edge of the Perth & Kinross boundary, but its community should not be sacrificed because of the current austerity agenda. Blairingone has already lost its pub, its Village Hall, its Church, and its shop. Now the final public building is one step closer to being shut. Closing the school will not only put at risk the building as a valuable asset for a rural community, but closing the school itself will also put at risk the proposed new housing development in the village.

How it happened

A major concern about this whole process of starting to close the school is how the current administration managed to load the thirteen-member Committee with eight councillors (62%) leaving the opposition parties with only five councillors (38%). This happened in an unannounced move at Full Council meeting at the end of April, when the administration voted to remove an Independent councillor from the committee and then replaced him with a Conservative Councillor. In protest, the Independent group removed themselves from the Council administration.

To be fair and democratic and in line with Standing Orders, Council committees should represent the proportion of councillors that each group has on the council. Currently, the Administration has 53% and the opposition parties combined have 47%, meaning the Administration should only have seven committee members and the opposition should have six.

Dog Fouling

Following on from the issue of dog mess, as highlighted in last month's Newsletter, I was also notified of a concerning issue at Portmoak Moss. The problem was that dog faeces were being bagged but then just left in the wooded area in large numbers. In response to this concern, I arranged to inspect the area with one of Perth & Kinross Council's Dog Wardens. The problem was clear to see and the two of us cleared up most of the bags that had been left in the woods. A few days later, the Dog Warden returned and issued Fixed Penalty Notices of £80 to two dog walkers caught in the act. The hope is that news of this will encourage dog walkers to dispose of their poo bags in the bin provided. To put this in perspective, only five of these Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued in Kinross-shire in the last year; this shows how vital it is to get local information so that we can deal with this issue.

I am also in discussion with council officers about providing a dog bin nearer to the car park area instead of at the end of the lane. This would be a more convenient location for dog walkers to dispose of their dog poo bags, especially if they have driven to the Moss.

Councillor Richard Watters

Luke Graham MP

for Ochil and South Perthshire

This month has been a busy one, with much work being done in and around Kinross-shire. One prominent issue that I know will be on the minds of many residents is the closure of Kinross' **Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS)** branch. I have been fighting, both in the constituency and in Westminster, to overturn this decision which I know will have serious ramifications for residents across Kinross-shire.

The decision to close the branch is very shortsighted for reasons that I have outlined in a letter to the Chief Executive of RBS, Ross McEwan. Kinross-shire is experiencing fairly rapid population growth, and consequently the implications of the branch closure are



Luke Graham speaking in parliament on the RBS issue

extensive and far-reaching for current and prospective residents alike. Additionally, access to online banking is poor across Kinross-shire, where only 78.5% of the population have access to superfast broadband – 15% less than the UK average. There is also an outstanding concern that residents may be limited to just 20 minutes of mobile banking service every week, which I believe is completely unacceptable.

I strongly believe that implications of closing the RBS branch in Kinross-shire will have the biggest impact on vulnerable residents, such as the elderly population. It is also unacceptable that some vulnerable individuals have not been pre-emptively contacted about the branch closure. Such communication is mandated by the Access to Banking Standard in order to provide assistance and help should it be required.

Given the economic opportunities provided to the area on the back of the multi-million pound Tay Cities Deal, I strongly believe that RBS will have ample opportunity to profit from keeping the Kinross branch open. The Tay Cities Deal will elevate business opportunities across Tayside, which will heighten the demand for banking services.

In light of the above information, I fully intend to continue advocating for the Kinross RBS branch to remain open. I remain hopeful that the opposition provided by myself and other colleagues will engender RBS to rethink the decision to close the branch. If you would like to show your support in keeping the branch open, then please feel free to sign my online petition at: www.lukegraham.org.uk/campaigns/campaign-stop-rbs-branch-closures-petition

On a happier note, I had the pleasure of attending **Kinross Farmers' Market** alongside Cllr Callum Purves. During the visit we were very pleased to meet with local stallholders who were showcasing a variety of local produce. It is important for me that the small businesses which put Kinross-shire on the map receive as much support as possible, and I wholeheartedly look forward to attending more events later in the year.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please contact me at my office on 2 Comrie Street, Crieff, or by email to luke.grahamoffice@parliament.uk

Luke Graham MP

Papal honour for Sid Grant

A Kinross man has been honoured by the Pope for service to the Catholic Church. Mr Sid Grant was presented with the Benemerenti Medal and Certificate at a Mass of Thanksgiving in St James', Kinross, on 7 May.

The Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Stephen Robson, Fr Martin Pletts, Fr Mike Freyne MHM, Mgr Basil O'Sullivan and Mgr Kenneth McCaffrey.

Sid and his wife Maureen have been stalwarts of the parish since they moved to Kinross in May 1972. They have three sons, Martin, Simon and Gerard, and were joined by members of their extended family. Parishioners also attended the Mass to give thanks for the papal honour.

Bishop Robson spoke of Sid's involvement in the life of the Church, with previous parish pastoral councils, organising of parish retreats and visits, of his help in diocesan fundraising initiatives, work with Catechists and the RCIA, his involvement in Kinross-shire Churches Together (a local ecumenical body), his support to parish priests past and present, and the way in

which Sid has always encouraged other parishioners to be more involved in the life of the parish.

The Mass was celebrated on the 28th anniversary of a life-saving kidney transplant that Sid had received. This was acknowledged with gratitude and recognised as something which has spurred Sid on to give more of himself, to others, in service. Sid has indeed been working with committees in Ninewells Hospital to help improve the life and lot

of dialysis and transplant patients for some time. He has also been involved over the years in a Polish-Scottish twinning project in the nearby city of Perth with the Polish city of Bydgoszcz, as Sid's father was himself Polish.

The joyful Mass was followed by a celebration afterwards in the hall, when Sid expressed his gratitude and the sense of being completely overwhelmed at receiving such an honour from the Holy Father.



Bishop Robson with Sid Grant and family following the award of the Benemerenti Medal

WILDHOOD outdoor children's festival

Scotland's very first dedicated children's camping festival will take place at Tullibole Castle over the weekend of 9-10 June. Packed with workshops, activities and creative experiences, WILDHOOD aims to inspire children in arts, music and crafts, and motivate families interested in getting back to nature and appreciating the great outdoors plus – and this is the most important part – having an absolute HOOT along the way!

Kids can try out forest-craft techniques, build their own boat to set sail on the moat, listen to folklore and storytelling, uncover the mysteries of our natural world or get (a little bit) lost in the maze. They can up their cool credentials with breakdancing and circus lessons, get their explorer training with scavenger hunts, or unleash their inner party animal.

While the little ones are having the time of their lives, WILDHOOD is a brilliant chance for grown-ups to let their hair down too. Along with all the family activities, arts and crafts and theatrical magic, there's the enchanting Scottish woodlands, the magical 17th Century castle, an enigmatic maze, beautiful moat, a few surprises and of course, the rare delight of revelling in life's simple pleasures. The rat race will soon be a distant memory while you reconnect with the great outdoors.

To add to the atmosphere, WILDHOOD is encouraging everyone to get even closer to nature by dressing as animals for the festival.

Dressing up will add to the theme of magic, discovery, creativity and wonder across WILDHOOD, which doubles up as a huge art project. Set design for the festival is created and curated by students studying scenic art and construction and

prop-making, as part of their BA in Production Arts & Design at the Royal Conservatoire Scotland.

There is an enormous, astounding list of activities on the WILDHOOD website. To view this, and to see ticket information, go to: wildhoodfestival.com

Information can also be found on Facebook; look for Wildhood Festival.

At the time of going to press, there were very few camping tickets left.

WILDHOOD is supported by local company Caledonia Play.



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Highest French honour awarded in Kinross

A D-Day veteran received France's highest honour in a charming and heartfelt ceremony held in Kinross last month.

Duncan Foster, aged 95, served with the Cameron Highlanders in World War II. He received the medal of the National Order of the Legion d'honneur from Monsieur Emmanuel Cocher, Consul General of France from the Edinburgh Consulate.

The event had been organised by retired Lt Colonel Andy Middlemiss, representing the Queen. Lt Colonel Middlemiss began the ceremony by giving a brief summary of Mr Foster's life and described him as a truly remarkable man in many, many ways.

Major George Givens of the Queen's Own Highlanders Association read an extract from the Cameron Highlanders history from 1944. (See panel, right.)

The Consul General explained that on the 70th anniversary of D-Day in 2014, the President of France announced that all British veterans who had fought for the liberation of France between 1944 and 1945 should be awarded the Légion d'honneur. Founded by Napoleon in 1802, this is the highest order of chivalry in France – the equivalent of a British knighthood.

Mr Cocher gave an interesting and lively speech. He said that the events and memories of what happened in France are not simply historical; they have a continuing significance. He finds it very moving to meet the veterans and the next generations of their families. He spoke of his people's gratitude for those who liberated France from tyranny and said that friendship between nations is



The Consul General of France, Monsieur Emmanuel Cocher, with Duncan Foster wearing the medal of the Legion d'honneur

probably one of the best chances we have to keep peace. Pinning the badge on to Mr Foster's lapel, he said (in French): "Duncan Foster, in the name of the President of the French Republic I make you a knight in the Order of the Legion d'honneur."

Duncan Foster was born in Glasgow in 1925 and moved to Perth when his father became station master at Perth railway station.

Shortly after his 17th birthday, he joined the Railway Home Guard. Later he enlisted into the Territorial Army and trained at Fort George near Inverness with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. After basic training he was sent to the south of England to prepare for D-Day, 6 June 1944.

Mr Foster landed in Normandy and saw

service from St Honorine, Eindhoven, the Rhine crossing and the charge across Germany, finishing at Cuxhaven and the victory parade at Bremerhaven. He was wounded twice.

Mr Foster served in the British Army of the Rhine from 1945 to 1947.

After leaving the army, he trained as an optician in Dundee. He moved to Enniskillen in Northern Ireland, then Donegal in Southern Ireland, where he had a number of practices.

After retiring he came back to Scotland in 1989, first to Gateside and then to Kinross, where he continued to work as a locum optician into his eighties.

Proud family members who looked on as Mr Foster received his honour included his wife of 62 years, Sally, three of their five children – Catriona, Trevor and Roderick – and grandsons Liam and Ryan. Another son, Iain, formerly of the Irish army, was abroad and regrettably could not attend. Daughter Aileen from Donegal was also unable to attend but followed the ceremony via a mobile connection. Two members of staff from Ashley House, where Mr Foster lives, were present. The assembly also included several serving soldiers and some fellow veterans, including another Legion d'honneur awardee who lives locally, Mr James Stanley Dudley. Mr Dudley served with the Royal Artillery and received his award in Edinburgh last year.

Mr Foster's award ceremony took place at the Kirklands Hotel, Kinross, on Wednesday 2 May 2018.



Stan Dudley chatting to Emmanuel Cocher. Mr Dudley received his Legion d'honneur award last year.



Mr Foster, his wife Sally and three of their children with the Consul General of France, Emmanuel Cocher

Extract from the Cameron Highlanders History

The 5th Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders were part of the 51st Highland Division that landed in Normandy in June 1944, the day after D-Day.

They were to spend some very unpleasant months in the Orne mouth area of France and were to experience some quite nasty knocks, for it was in that area that the German army were to resist most determinedly, and were to counter-attack very strongly. Shortly after landing on the Normandy beaches, the 5th Camerons were given the task of capturing the village of St Honorine, whilst the 2nd Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders were to take Demouville. The initial attack by the Camerons on the 13th June 1944 did not wholly succeed, because of very heavy artillery fire and a counter attack by enemy troops, supported by tanks. The tremendous concentration of German artillery fire at the time also made it impossible for the 2nd Seaforth to advance south to Demouville. The 5th Camerons were therefore put into a defensive position at Longueval, with the 5th Seaforths filling the gap between them and the 2nd Seaforth.

On the 22nd June 1944, the 5th Camerons were sent back to have another crack at St Honorine. This time there was no artillery support, but tanks were made available to assist in the attack. By half past eight in the morning, the Camerons were well and truly into the village, and by ten o'clock, the mopping up operation was practically completed. The Camerons, however, had to withstand several very vicious counter-attacks, but held their positions until relieved that night, when they went back to Herouville.

Two months later in August 1944, the 5th Camerons were to take part in the breakout, and the Battle of the Falaise Gap. On the 1st September they relieved St Valery where the Division had had to surrender in 1940. Christmas 1944 was spent fighting in the Ardennes in sub-zero conditions to counter the German offensive known as the Battle of the Bulge. The 5th Camerons were then to be part of the 51st Highland Division that spearheaded the crossing of the Rhine in March 1945. They continued to be involved in fighting right up to the German surrender on the 5th May 1945.

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Councillor Barnacle

Blairingone Primary School

Copy of an email sent by Cllr Barnacle to Caroline Shiers, Convener of the PKC Lifelong Learning Committee.



Dear Caroline,

Lifelong Learning Committee Options Appraisal – Blairingone Primary School, 16 May 2018

I could not let the proceedings at the above committee on the decision to commence statutory consultation on the closure of the school pass without comment. It will be interesting to see what the Scottish Government's view may be going forward because I intend to contact them.

As you know, I addressed the committee and enclose my statement; being then subjected to an inordinate barrage of questions, in particular from Councillor Wilson, who seems to delight in such occasions when I am defending issues in Kinross-shire affecting my constituents. I remind you that I was simply calling for a deferral of the process until clarity on LDP2 and a proposed master plan for Blairingone was available.

It was clear from the outset that the committee members from the Liberal/Tory administration and their "clear majority position" had closed minds on the subject and were not really interested in what I had to say, otherwise some of their comments in the subsequent debate may have been different. As an exercise in thwarting community aspirations, it was "a classic". To deprive Blairingone of its only community facility, focus narrowly on the level of recent development in Blairingone and its catchment (rather than Fossoway), whilst accepting the planning service total negativity to expressed developer interest there was to do a great dis-service to that community.

I am wondering why Councillor Cuthbert and I bothered to hold an open day for consultation on proposed zoning in LDP2 in February 2017 and why I bothered to have a meeting with the land owners and developer representatives in relation to MU74 last week when your administration have so summarily dismissed the outcomes and the planners failed to give due cognisance to our development plan statements. Tayplan appears the driver here, a document so remote to Kinross-shire we scarcely get a mention and which neither I nor the community feel engaged with. Its approach to tiered settlement development means that small rural settlements are denied sustainable plans and adequate levels of affordable housing. The sum total of the administration's current approach is "rural deprivation" rather than "reinvigoration" and I am utterly opposed to its trajectory.

Yours, in disgust,

Cllr Mike Barnacle, Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

Independent and Scottish Labour Group at PKC

Slightly abridged copy of a letter by Cllrs Barnacle & Brock to Cllr Lyle, Leader of the Council, 27 April 2018

Dear Councillor Lyle,

Status of Independent Group and Labour Councillor

The Independent councillors hereby give notice, following our joint meeting on Thursday 26th April 2018, with Councillor Bailey, of our intention to withdraw immediately from the Partnership Administration of Perth and Kinross Council. Following Councillor McDade's withdrawal of his

confidence and supply agreement in January (for reasons we have some empathy with) and the meetings on Wednesday with Councillors Barnacle and Brock before full Council, given the outcome of that latter meeting in relation to the vote to replace Councillor McDade with a Conservative councillor, rather than an Independent one (a subject which was not discussed at the Partnership meeting on 23/4/18) we feel we have no option but to take this decision.

We the three Independent councillors and Labour councillor hereby state our intention to be regarded as a group on the Council, which has been the Independents' stated position since the election in May 2017, a position reaffirmed to the Chief Executive in June and September last year. We expect Democratic Services to regard us as such and that as a group of four we should be entitled to our proportional share of committee places as per the Councils Standing Orders i.e. as far as possible equating to 1/10th of committee places. Should this not be addressed, we shall be taking independent legal advice to secure it.

We do not regard ourselves as being in opposition to your administration and are not forming an alliance with the SNP group, but rather intend to sit as cross-benchers, considering issues on a case-by-case basis. We would hope to work constructively with your Conservative/Liberal Democrat administration and not make life difficult for you, unless you make life difficult for us.

In our view, it is unfortunate how the Partnership approach set out after the election by our late colleague Ian Campbell has not been sustained and that this letter is necessary. We are agreed that no other course of action is possible.

Crook Moss Gypsy/Traveller site

Cllr Barnacle has written to Barbara Renton, PKC Environment Director, asking her to ensure that concerns regarding landscaping and general appearance of the Crook Moss gypsy/traveller site near Crook of Devon are acted upon. This follows a Planning & Development Management committee meeting on 9 May when councillors considered an enforcement report by planning officials.

The partly retrospective application for five permanent travellers pitches was approved in 2013, but some conditions attached to the planning consent have not been fully complied with. Councillors received updates relating to noise, drainage, water supply and landscaping. Cllr Barnacle proposed that a site visit take place, but was told this was not possible for legal reasons.

Cllr Barnacle said to Ms Renton: "I enclose what I had circulated to the members of the Planning & Development Management Committee today. Apologies for the strong criticism of the planning department but I assure you I am mirroring local opinion. I also enclose the update from Scottish Water on the drainage position which effectively deals with my concerns on that issue.

"The outstanding concern emphasised at committee related to the adequacy of the landscaping and the general site appearance (particularly the paddock area), given its location on the edge of our village.

"My reason for writing is to try and ensure this aspect is addressed by the Environment and Planning Service because that would go a long way to improving community relations. The status quo is not an option for me and the community I continue to try and represent."

News from the Health Centre



www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk

Speech and Language Drop-in

The Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Team will be holding an informal 'drop-in' on **Thursday 21 June** between 1.30pm and 4.30pm at Loch Leven Health Centre.

Please drop in if you would like informal advice or information on communication difficulties in children.

Summer Holidays

Our practice nurses are happy to provide any travel advice you might need, particularly if you are planning a trip abroad. Caron Fletcher is specially trained to give travel advice and this includes discussion about immunisations, malaria prevention, safe eating and drinking, staying safe in the sun and other sensible health precautions.

We do ask patients to make an appointment several weeks in advance of a trip. To request an appointment, please ask for a Travel Form from Reception or download it from our website (see heading). Two appointments will be required, one to discuss your travel arrangements and decide on the appropriate immunisations, and a further appointment to administer the vaccinations. There is no charge for the Travel Clinic, but some immunisations, including Yellow Fever, and all malaria prevention medication, cannot be prescribed under the NHS. There is therefore a charge for the private prescriptions and for the medication at the pharmacy.

Hopefully, for those staying at home, we will have a sunny and warm summer and, if we do, it is still important to think about staying safe in the sun. Children and those with fair skin can be more vulnerable to sunburn and should take



precautions. Lots of useful information and advice is available on the Cancer Research UK website sunsmart.org.uk.

There are links to SunSmart on our website and to other useful online resources. So whether you are having a holiday at home or abroad, we hope that you have a very enjoyable, relaxing and safe holiday.

NHS inform – for everyday questions about health

Finding the right health and care information can make a real difference to how people manage their wellbeing. Making information accessible, quality assured and up to date helps people to make positive choices.

NHS inform (www.nhsinform.scot) is Scotland's dedicated resource offering up-to-date facts on health, services and campaigns. It also has a wealth of information available online, over the telephone or via webchat:

- tests and treatments
- illnesses and conditions
- injuries
- healthy living (including stopping smoking, screening and keeping active)
- care, support and health rights

One of the many great features of the new website is that people can personalise the information that's relevant to them using the 'Info for Me' tool. Of course, there is always the option to talk to the health information team by telephone or using webchat.

Want to try the new service? Visit: www.nhsinform.scot or call: 0800 22 44 88.

Loch Leven's Larder award

Loch Leven's Larder was awarded the title 'Best Place for Women to Work' in the Business Women Scotland Hospitality and Tourism Awards in May.

Nine out of 12 management positions in the company are held by women, with many being promoted from entry-level positions. The judging panel said the commitment to developing the skills of the team was what made the company really stand out in this category.

In the 12 years since opening, the contemporary farm shop and café has gone from a staff count of seven to over 70.

Emma Niven, owner of Loch Leven's Larder, said: *"This feels like a really special award to receive as we are lucky to have a team who are as passionate about what we do as I am. It's been wonderful to help staff develop their skills over the past 12 years and we're are now entering an exciting period of expansion which promises many opportunities for our existing team and other women who may join us in future."*

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Black Pudding prize for Hunters of Kinross

Hunters of Kinross has won the East of Scotland heat of the Scottish Black Pudding Championship 2018-19. The High Street Craft Butcher joins four other regional finalists to contest the Scottish Championship title.



George Stuart from sponsors Dalziel Ltd presents the East of Scotland certificate to Iain Hunter as other staff members look on

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15th portmoak festival

23 june to 1 july ~ year of young people

This year is the “Year of Young People” and this will certainly be reflected in the Portmoak Festival, now in its 15th year. The festival takes place throughout Portmoak with the Church and community coming together to provide opportunities for all ages from all over Kinross-shire and beyond to socialise with old friends and new.

There will be the old favourites like the art exhibition, cream teas, the pudding club and the Jazz Night all taking place in Portmoak Hall. Please come along and support each event. With the exception of the Jazz Night, there is no need to book.

The **Jazz Night** takes place in the hall on the Friday and is always popular, so please make sure you get your tickets from the shop beforehand or from the hall during festival week.

If you need to work off all those calories, look out for “**Fit Festival**” events. There will be a couple of community jog/ runs with a promise of coffee afterwards. Once again Loch Leven’s Larder will be hosting the ever-popular **Family Fun Cricket Tournament** and Portmoak Primary’s bottom pitch plays host to our **football night**. Of course you can walk along to the hall to keep up your Fitbit totals.

all their finery, keep a look out before they set off for Loch Leven Community Campus.

This year the film club will be hosting a special **film show** in the hall after one of the pudding nights. The film is “**American Made**”, starring Tom Cruise as a scoundrel who flew secret missions for the CIA, Columbian drug cartels and Nicaraguan contras. One of our local film fans said it was extremely funny. Come along and judge for yourself. It will be informal and folk can bring their own refreshments.

Once again the Well Country Inn plays host to a couple of events. Following on from the success of evening events of ‘Our Portmoak’ last year, we are introducing a new event for 2018 in the form of a **Folk Night** at the Well Country Inn. Come along and be thoroughly entertained by a mixture of music, song, poetry and storytelling, all performed by the wonderful, talented ‘folk of Portmoak’!

At 9pm on the Tuesday the Well Country Inn is once again the venue for the **Festival Quiz**. This is always a fun event with a hotly contested battle predicted for the trophy and title of most knowledgeable team in Portmoak and beyond.

The school will be burying a **time capsule** on Monday morning to celebrate the **Year of Young People**. This has been filled by the children of Primary 1-3 and will include items which mean something to them. The school also has its final assembly on Wednesday morning.

On Sunday 1 July, an **All Age Service** will be held at Orwell Church (Milnathort) at 10.30am whilst the **Michael Bruce Commemoration Service** will take place in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm.

If you are new to the area, please come along and see what the festival is all about. All support is welcome.



A scene from last year's garden party

The **cream teas** will be available in Portmoak Hall between 2pm and 4pm, Monday to Thursday. These are very popular for those who like to catch up with old friends and enjoy a delicious cream tea provided by the ladies of the Church and SWI. We will have craft sessions on each afternoon with fabric crafts, glass work, pot painting and paper crafts. There will also be window displays of gifts for sale.

The ever-popular **Pudding Club** nights are Monday to Thursday in the hall from 6pm to 8pm and will feature all the usual fantastic selection of puddings with the grand finale of chocolate night on the Thursday. If anyone wants to contribute puddings, they will be most welcome.

The **art exhibition** contributors are the children of Portmoak Primary School who have been learning about different ways of making “selfies”. Jacqui Seller once again worked her magic with clay and the results this year are well worth seeing. You can also look forward to self portraits using natural materials, fabric faces and oil pastel pictures in the style of Picasso. Photography is used to create montages in the style of Andy Warhol. The under fives are taking part this year with a collage of artwork. The exhibition will be displayed in the hall from Monday to Thursday during the cream teas and pudding club opening times.

The **Prom** is on Thursday night, so if you want to see Kinross-shire’s Primary 7 in



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Portmoak Festival 23rd June ~ 1st July 2018

Sat / Sun 23rd / 24th	Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Fri / Sat 29th / 30th	Sunday 1st
hall	<u>Exhibition</u> Exhibition of children's art relating to the 'Year of Young People'	Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm	Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm	Monday to Thursday 2pm - 4pm 6pm - 8pm	Friday 29th	
	<u>Cream Teas</u> Anna Garner Fun with fabric	Monday to Thursday Margaret Paton Glass work	Monday to Thursday Gillian Ross Painting Pots	Monday to Thursday Norma and Mary Papercraft	<u>Jazz Night</u> 8pm - 11.30pm	
	<u>Pudding Club</u> Mixed Puddings 8.30pm - 11pm 'American Made' Entry £5	Monday to Thursday Anything Goes Baby Disco 9.45am - 11.30am With food Tickets £3	Monday to Thursday Puds by Dudes	Monday to Thursday Death by Chocolate	Tickets £12 Buy tickets at the :- Village Shop, Main St. Kinnesswood	
					Bar	
<u>Saturday 23rd</u> <u>Fit Festival Portmoak</u> Park Run for kids Laps of school pitch 9.30am						
<u>Kinnesswood Garden Trail</u> with refreshments in Michael Bruce Garden 2pm - 4pm						
<u>Sunday 24th</u> <u>Fit Festival Sunday</u> Inclusive trail run from school car park then coffee K/wood Main St. 8.15am - 9.15am	<u>Time capsule burial</u> Primary School 9.30am	<u>Junior Football Challenge</u> Portmoak Primary 6.30pm		<u>P7 Prom</u> Loch Leven Campus 6pm - 9pm	<u>Saturday 30th</u> <u>Family Fun Cricket Tournament.</u> Hosted by Kinross-shire Cricket club at Loch Leven's Larder. All ages welcome for a morning of fun family cricket. Starts 10am	<u>Joint Service</u> ORWELL Church 10.30am
<u>Folk Night</u> The Well Country Inn 8pm - 10pm	<u>Pub Quiz</u> The Well Country Inn 9pm		<u>Fit Festival Thursday</u> Inclusive trail run from school car park then coffee Bishop Terrace 9.15am - 10.15am			<u>Michael Bruce Commemoration Service</u> Portmoak Church 6.30pm

hall

Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife



Spring is officially here, or at least it should be, and people are making their way out into the countryside to enjoy the great outdoors. In Scotland, we are fortunate to be able to roam the countryside unhindered, but we should not forget our responsibilities, especially when walking your dog. In recent weeks there has been a spate of dog attacks on newborn lambs and in-lamb ewes. In Argyll, 12 sheep were put down as a result of horrific injuries sustained in an attack. Figures have shown that farmers are reporting more cases than ever before.

Despite this huge increase in reported cases, only 10% have resulted in conviction. Across Scotland, in 2016/17, there were 175 reported cases of sheep worrying, with only 19 convictions. In Perth and Kinross, the Police were called out on 14 occasions but none of these cases even made it to court. Farmers are rightfully frustrated and feel dog walkers have carte blanche to do what they want.

However, many dog walkers are unaware of the consequences of their pet's behaviour. Even if your dog does not attack, the simple presence of it in a field can cause in-lamb ewes to miscarry. Following one of the toughest winters on record, farmers are experiencing serious financial pressure and could do without dog attacks that cost the industry £1.7 million last year. Backing this up are figures from NFU Mutual which show insurance claims have quadrupled in the past two years as a result of livestock worrying. Clearly, more needs to be done to prevent this type of crime.

This view is shared by the National Farming Union who recently launched their "take the lead" campaign, which I was happy to support. The NFUS are calling on dog owners to keep their animals on the lead whilst in fields with sheep or newborn lambs.

Regardless of this campaign's effectiveness, farmers need more than public awareness to tackle sheep worrying. Ultimately, the police must take these crimes seriously, and that means more investigations and prosecutions. They could start by beefing up and enforcing the access code regulations under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act. However, the police can't do this on their own and need support from the Scottish Government.

Last week, police officer strength statistics revealed that there are 25 fewer officers patrolling the beat in Tayside since the single force came into operation in 2014. It's tough to point at exactly where these cuts have been made, but you can bet rural areas have been hit the hardest. After all, it was only last year when Police Scotland released a crime prevention strategy that made no mention of rural crime. Added to this was the centralisation of call centres and the removal of public counters from rural towns and villages. Whether it is sheep worrying or quad bike theft, more needs to be done to protect rural communities. A good place to start would be cracking down on livestock crime and I would encourage the Scottish Government to make improving safety in rural communities a priority.

Liz Smith MSP

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

Roseanna Cunningham MSP for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Broadband

Roseanna Cunningham MSP has welcomed the publication of new figures which show a huge boost to connectivity in Perth and Kinross thanks to Scottish Government investment in broadband.

Speaking on 4 May, she said: "It is really good news that 91.9% of properties in Perth & Kinross now receive fibre broadband and really telling that this compares to only 41.2% had improvements been left to commercial deployment."



Roseanna Cunningham MSP is supporting PROCESSIONS

Celebrating Votes for Women

Roseanna Cunningham MSP is supporting PROCESSIONS, a movement encouraging women and girls across the UK to walk together to celebrate the centenary of the first British women gaining the right to vote.

PROCESSIONS takes place in the four UK political capitals (Edinburgh, Belfast, Cardiff and London) in the afternoon of **Sunday 10 June**. To take part in this free event, people are encouraged to sign-up online at processions.co.uk

Defibrillator project goes nationwide

Pamela Hunter of Hunters of Kinross travelled the length and breadth of Scotland in April to promote the campaign 'Scottish Craft Butchers in the Heart of their Communities.'

Last year Hunters began a fund-raising campaign to install a public access defibrillator outside their shop. Several more defibrillators have been installed locally following this initiative. Pamela has also organised numerous CPR training courses for local people.

Along with the Save A Life For Scotland organisation, Pamela joined the road trip to encourage butcher's shops across Scotland to install defibrillators for their own communities and to be trained in CPR.

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Crook of Devon descendants appeal

A committee has been formed in Crook of Devon to commemorate the centenary of the ending of World War I. The committee would be interested to hear from anyone who is a relative of the war dead commemorated on the memorial in Crook of Devon. The names on the memorial are:

John Anderson, Thomas James Watters Blyth, John McCulloch Duncan, Donald Scott Ellis, Thomas Fullarton, Archibald MacDonald, Robert MacDonald, Alexander McGregor, William Marshall, James C McNaught, David M McNaught, James Miller, Lord Charles Mercer Nairne, Charles Nicol, William Scott-Moncrieff, William James Shearer, William Wilkie and James Wyness.

Anyone with a connection is asked to contact Councillor Mike Barnacle, telephone 01577 840516, email michaelabarnacle@gmail.com



The war memorial in Crook of Devon

Scottish convoy veterans remembered

Pamela Hunter of Hunters of Kinross visited Moscow in May as part of a group of relatives commemorating Arctic Convoy veterans.

The convoys transported vital supplies to Russia, an ally of the UK in World War II after Nazi Germany attacked Russia in June 1941.

Pamela's father, John Burns, of Edinburgh, was a gunner on HMS Marne and took part in four of the treacherous missions. He died in 2009 aged 87.

Before heading off to Russia with her niece, Pamela said: "We'll be marching proudly with a banner of John along with 100,000 people all paying tribute to family members who were involved in the war.

"We'll also be remembering all Scottish servicemen and women, especially the 3000 men who lost their lives in the Convoys.

"It's an absolute honour to be an invited guest at such an incredible event."

Strictly Star in Kinross

Natalie Lowe of BBC's Strictly Come Dancing will be giving a Fitsteps Masterclass and Dance Workshop in Kinross on Sunday 24 June.

Tickets (£20) are available from Hunters of Kinross, Matthew Dance Academy or Pamela Spowart.

For more information, see page 73.

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, June 1918

9th Germany launches a fourth offensive in the Battle of Matz.

Kinross-shire Roll of Honour, June 1918

30th Alexander R Kean

Alexander R Kean

Alexander Kean had been a postman between Kinross and Carnbo and, according to the Kinross-shire Advertiser, had "made many friends in our district owing to his amiable disposition and courteous manners".

The newspaper's edition dated 27 July 1918 said: "At the outbreak of hostilities in 1914 he joined up as a National Reserve man with the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and was drafted to France in July, 1915. After the battle of Loos he was invalided home having contracted frost-bite. Transferred to the Gordon Highlanders, he sailed for India in January, 1917, and a year afterwards was appointed to the Army Post Office in Mesopotamia."

Alexander Kean was a Sergeant in the Gordon Highlanders when he died on 30 June 1918 from malaria. He is buried at Basra War Cemetery. Aged 37, he left a widow and seven children.

Diverse CiTay Festival brings something for everyone

On Saturday 23 June, Perth will celebrate the Year of Young People 2018 in spectacular style with a day-long event putting young people aged 8 to 26 in the spotlight.

The day will feature an exciting mix of music, theatre, art, culture, sport, health and wellbeing as well as highlighting young entrepreneurs. Activities will take place between 12.30pm and 10pm at various locations around the city centre.

The programme will be colourful and innovative, highlighting the interests, ambitions, talents and skills of our young people. There will be something for everyone.

More information, including how to get involved, is available online at perthcity.co.uk.

New Chief Executive appointed

A new Chief Executive for Perth & Kinross Council has been appointed. Karen Reid, currently Chief Executive of the Care Inspectorate, will take over from Bernadette Malone.

Ms Malone, who has been in post for 15 years, retires on 1 July.



Crimes of Note

On 8 May, a **trailer** valued at £4000 was stolen from the RSPB at **Vane Farm** overnight.

Between 9 and 10 May, a large quantity of specialised **blasting equipment** was stolen from **South Kilduff Farm** area near to Balado.

Over the night of 15 May, **Kinross Golf Professional shop** was broken into and a large quantity of **expensive golf clubs** stolen.

Any information regarding these crimes or any incidents in the Kinross area, please get in touch on 101.

Police News

On 16 May, Road Police officers held a well-attended Older Driver Awareness Day hosted by Loch Leven's Larder. Officers gave advice to drivers, who also had the chance to try out a brake awareness test.

With the better weather upon us and school holidays approaching, PCs Spalding and Stapleton will be carrying out Hi-Visibility foot and cycle patrols in the area, including Youth Alcohol Patrols in and around the local hot spots, and engaging with the local youths. Any issues or areas that require patrolling, please get in touch.

Atholl was pleased to have the Swansacre Rising Fives pop up to the Police Office. They all enjoyed a visit to the Police Cells and a 'clamber' around the Police van and car. A good time was had by all and I was pleased to see the same group back the following week for a visit to the Fire station, hosted by Sandy White.

During the month of June, Dougie and Atholl have been kindly invited to an emergency Blue Light event at CHAS.

Police Scotland – local community

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Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PC Atholl Spalding and PC Douglas Stapleton.

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

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



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Community Watch

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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.

Old High School renovation “moving forward slower than expected”

Kinross CC has asked the Council for a review of the Freedom of Information response PKC provided in relation to the former Kinross High School site.

The CC had asked for confirmation of both the bidding price offered by Persimmon for the site and the end price. The Council provided those facts, which showed that the end price was £2.4million less than the original bid price. However, PKC had not provided copies of two relevant committee reports requested. One had been provided, but with much of the information 'redacted' or blanked out.

In the meantime, work on the retained building appears to have ground to a halt. The building fronting the High Street, which dates from Edwardian times, was supposed to have been converted to four dwellings by Persimmon before any of the new-build houses on site were sold. After Persimmon ignored this condition, the developer had to enter into a bond with PKC, promising to pay PKC a sum of money (up to £305,000) if the building is not renovated by a certain date.

The Newsletter asked the Council why work had stopped. A spokesperson said: “Perth & Kinross Council is aware that works on the former Kinross High School site are moving forward slower than expected. The contractors have advised additional work was needed to support the retained elements

of the existing High School building. We will continue to monitor the situation.”

The Newsletter also asked the Council for confirmation of the date by which the building is supposed to be completed, but no confirmation was given.

At Persimmon's recent AGM, a significant number of shareholders objected to the pay policy that would see senior managers receive huge bonuses. However, due to the number of abstentions, the policy was passed. Jeff Fairburn, Persimmon's Chief Executive, was due to receive bonus shares worth £110million but agreed to reduce this to £75million.

Persimmon sells many of its houses to purchasers using 'Help to Buy'. This Government scheme uses public funds to provide equity loans to some buyers. Earlier this year, James Moore of the Independent wrote: “The scheme is supposed to help people faced with the difficulty of saving for a deposit and obtaining a mortgage of sufficient loan to value to get on to the housing ladder, amid an overheated housing market.

“What it actually does is help housebuilders like Persimmon by increasing the number of people chasing a limited number of properties, and juicing the price of them as a result.”

He described Persimmon as “a state-subsidised business, with profits all but guaranteed and bonuses all but guaranteed”.

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 AGM and May Meeting

Present at the AGM and May meetings held on 2 May 2018 were: CCllrs B Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), M Blyth, J Bryson, D Colliar, D Cuthbert, B Davies, L McKay and D West; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves and R Watters; and seven members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs I Jack and T Stewart; P&K Cllr W Robertson and PCs A Spalding and D Stapleton.

Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report: Bill Freeman said it had been a busy year for the CC in regard to planning applications. We saw the return of a pelican crossing to the town and the new primary school is now open. There is work ongoing to the former town hall and lots of new houses being built. The chairman thanked the Kinross Newsletter for the funds that benefit local charities and groups. There is still a lot to do in Kinross. A review of the town centre and its safety is required. There have been many successful events by local groups of volunteers working hard to entertain and improve the appearance of the town. He would not attempt to name them all in case he missed any, but thanked them on behalf of the CC and wished them all the best for future events. Finally he thanked all members of the CC for their hard work and dedication over the past year and our four local P&K Councillors for their regular attendance and assistance, and to all members of the public for their attendance and questions; this is invaluable to the CC.

Annual Accounts: In the absence of the Treasurer Ian Jack, CCllr Colliar reported on the accounts.

Appointment of Office Bearers: The following nominations were made: Chair – Bill Freeman; Vice-Chair – Jonathan Bryson; Secretary – Eileen Thomas; Treasurer – Ian Jack; Planning – David Colliar. CCllr Thomas asked if anyone else would be willing to take on the office of Secretary but there were no volunteers. There being no other nominations, the above were elected to those offices.

Sub committees: The composition of these will be discussed at the June meeting.

Dates, Times and Venues of Forthcoming Meetings: It was agreed that the CC would meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm from June 2018 until May 2019 with the exception of January 2019 and the possible exception of July 2018. It will be decided at the June 2018 meeting if there will be a meeting in July 2018.

News from the May Meeting

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report: The community police officers had sent a report by email. Incidents of note were: Housebreaking to a garden shed; Vandalism to car tyres; Housebreaking to a residential property; Drink driver arrested; Stolen quad bike; Housebreaking to commercial property and theft of a motor vehicle; Theft of a purse from person within Sainsbury's.

Swansacre: No reply yet from PKC regarding request for a no right turn sign for drivers exiting the Learning Centre.

20mph signs: Cllr Purves has emailed Mr Haggart regarding the 20mph signs for the roundabout area at the town centre.

War memorial: CCllr Colliar awaits a reply from PKC regarding a meeting.

Website meeting: CCllr Cuthbert reported that three community councillors met with representatives of Kinross-shire Partnership to discuss the management of the jointly owned kinross.cc website. A joint sub committee is to be reinstated. It was agreed at a recent KCCNL charitable fund meeting to award a sum of £778 to Kinross-shire Partnership towards the running costs of the website, with conditions attached. CCllr Colliar is preparing a letter.

Recycling information: Cllr Purves had sent the CC an email with details of the quantity of PKC recycling waste that is exported. CCllr West wondered, however, if PKC actually knows what happens to the exported waste.

M90 electronic sign: CCllr West reported the missing sign via Twitter. He will pursue this via Twitter.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS): Cllr Barnacle had received a response from council officers which he will forward.

Action Partnership: The Secretary has now written to Mr McNamara about the Participatory Budget.

Path gritting route: Cllr Watters advised that this is available to view on the PKC website.

Green Park developer contribution: Cllr Purves confirmed that Persimmon did make a contribution of £45,000 towards the upgrade of the Green Park play area as part of their planning consent for the former High School site.

Bus stop signs: Cllr Purves had reported the lack of signs to the Public Transport Unit. Cllr Colliar said the signs are not missing, just faded. In any case, the PTU will be checking.

Wreaths: CCllr Freeman has not yet informed the cadets that they will need to pay for their 2018 wreath in advance.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration: Still no reply to email suggesting single-lane traffic at the former Town Hall during the redevelopment works. Cllr Barnacle has not received a reply regarding a review of the regeneration project. The Secretary will send a reminder to Mr Haggart.

A car transporter travelled down the High Street on 28 April while part of the street was closed for the Farmers' Market. The driver spent a considerable amount of time turning

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round at Burns Begg Street. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to BCA to emphasise that car transporters should use the Junction Road-Clashburn Way by-pass. Cllr Barnacle volunteered to do this.

New Planning Applications to be Considered: The CC made no comment on the applications below except application 18/00540/FLL.

18/00616/FLL Erection of a community broadband hub (in part retrospect), 5 Newton of Classloch, Kinross.

18/00599/FLL Siting of 24no. additional storage containers, Alligan House, 2 Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate.

18/00539/FLL Installation of replacement windows, first floor, 127 High Street, Kinross.

18/00508/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 34 Argyll Road, Kinross.

18/00503/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 30 Springfield Park, Kinross.

18/00540/FLL Formation of access road, turning head, soakaway, installation of LPG tanks and associated works, land 110m SE of Beaufield, Balado. Permission has already been granted for this site but it was thought that the proposals which currently have consent are undeliverable, hence this application. The members of the public present were from Balado. The residents informed the CC of their concerns in respect of the application. It was agreed that the CC would object to the planning proposal for the following reasons: it is contrary to policy on water environment and drainage, due to the inadequate distance of the proposed sewage soakaway from private water supplies; the site will not be within the settlement envelope in LDP2 (a material consideration); the access road will not be suitable to allow removal of refuse; and the settlement is unsuitable for several more houses as the main road has no pavements or lighting.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

18/00248/FLL Replacement garage, 29 Muirs. Approved.

18/00285/FLL Garage, workshop and carport at Oak Brae, Hatchbank. Approved.

18/00446/FLL Garage etc and vehicular access, Ardgairney Cottage, Kinross. Approved.

18/00402/CON and 18/00401/FLL Demolition of buildings, erection of 2no houses and 6no flats and associated works, former Kirklands Garage: Withdrawn.

Former Kinross High School site: The FOI response regarding sale price etc was received. Questions had been answered but only one committee report had been provided, and it was redacted. Two reports should have been provided. It was agreed that the Secretary should ask for a formal review, asking for both committee reports (unredacted), minutes of meetings and confirmation that Persimmon has paid for the site.

Disputed levels: A resident has had the levels of the Persimmon development professionally measured to support his contention that the development is higher than allowed by planning consent. Ward councillors have asked for a meeting with Nick Brian, PKC Interim Head of Planning to discuss the matter. Cllr Watters has a degree in Surveying and Mapping and would be happy to meet with the constituent's surveyor to ensure he is fully updated with the survey work prior to any meeting with Mr Brian.

Renovation work on the Edwardian building appears to have stopped. Cllr Purves will try to find out why.

Lochside House: A letter and drawings had been received

concerning revisions to plans for a vehicle hardstanding, relocation of core path and revised fencing proposals for BCA car auctions, Lochside House, Bridgend. The CC was invited to comment. The CC has no comment to make at this time.

Petition: Email from a steering group in Bishopbriggs objecting to a housing development. They have drawn up a general Scotland-wide petition called 'Reform of Scotland's Unjust Planning Laws' and invite the CC to sign. It was agreed this could be signed as individuals if desired but not as a CC.

Scrutiny Committee: Cllr Purves reported that a sub-committee is to be set up to identify planning issues to be brought to the committee. (See page 7.)

Street Naming: A name is required for a new street south of the GS Brown development at Levenfields. The streets in the GS Brown development have railway-themed names so it was suggested the same theme should continue and a railway word chosen. An alternative suggestion was to use the name of one of the local burns Myre, Queich and Clash, though several streets have these already. Cllr Barnacle has asked PKC to review its street naming and numbering policy.

KCCNL charitable fund: At the spring grants meeting, the following awards were made:

Kinross First Responders for equipment: £1,258.

Kinross Curling Club for 350th anniversary events: £1,000.

KLEO, towards design and print of festival brochure: £375.

Milnathort Nursery for trip to Vane Farm: £185.

Kinross-shire Partnership for kinross.cc website (with conditions): £778.

Miscellaneous Correspondence: Most emails had been circulated to community councillors and a summary provided. Items mentioned at the meeting were:

Winter Service letter: Cllrs should bring any comments to the next CC meeting.

Litter on M90: Email from resident. It was passed on to Cllr Robertson who kindly contacted BEAR Scotland.

Potholes: Email from member of the public about potholes on Sutherland Drive and other places. He has reported them via the PKC website but hopes that PKC will be held to account over the standard of repairs. Cllr Robertson has replied. Proper repairs at Sutherland Drive appear to have been carried out.

Tillyochie Road: Email from member of the public who had originally emailed the CC in 2012 with concerns regarding dangerous traffic. The 2012 email had been passed by D Cuthbert to council officers. At the time a speed limit could not be justified. It was agreed the recent email be sent on to PKC's Mr Gargart for comment.

CLOCK & WATCH REPAIRS

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

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Pavements: A member of the public had telephoned the Secretary to ask if anything can be done about the poor state of pavements. She uses a mobility scooter and finds the uneven and damaged pavements difficult to negotiate. The Secretary had checked that the member of the public was happy for her details to be passed to one of the ward councillors to get in touch with her. These were passed to Cllr Watters, as he had organised an accessibility audit recently. He said the Centre for Inclusive Living has produced its report.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Crossing: Cllr Purves reported that residents of Levenbridge Place would like a crossing on Junction Road to allow safer access to Sainsbury's. He has consulted with council officer Mr McKeown who indicated the request could be put on a secondary list. Cllr Cuthbert thought this had been on the roads list when he was a councillor.

Reserved Places: Cllr Purves reported that the number of reserved places at KHS has been increased. (See page 7.)

Traffic Survey: Cllr Watters reported that an internal evaluation of the survey will take place then another meeting will follow.

Potholes: Cllr Barnacle reported that PKC has over 2,000 potholes to deal with, at a cost of £100 per pothole. There is a significant contribution from the Scottish Government to assist with repairs.

A977 Mitigation Measures: Cllr Barnacle reported that the consultation has concluded. One proposal is traffic counters at Balado.

LDP2: Cllr Barnacle reported that this will go to full Council at the end of August.

CC Information: Cllr Barnacle recommended a leaflet that Portmoak CC had produced to inform the public of the work of Portmoak CC.

Changes at PKC: Cllr Barnacle reported that, at the last full Council, there was a move to remove an Independent councillor from two committees. This had not been notified in advance to the Independent group. He moved for deferral but this was refused. As a consequence, the three Independent councillors have left the administration group and have formed a group with the one Labour councillor. Cllr Barnacle has lost the convenorship of the Environment Committee. A meeting is due to take place with committee services on 3 May. The Independent councillors want a fair share of committee places based on the number of councillors elected. (See *Councillors' columns*, p. 10 and p.16.)

Other Business

Foul water at golf course: Cllr Davies raised this on behalf of a resident. There is a foul boggy area near the path along the golf course close to the Windlestrae Hotel. The resident had been told by PKC that it was not a health risk. Cllr Robertson is contacting SEPA.

Dog mess: Cllr McKay again raised the idea of highlighting dog mess with special paint. It was agreed to have a formal proposal to buy paint at the next meeting.

Kinross-shire Decides: Cllr Bryson reported that the Primary School Parent Council has still not received an update from Tracey Ramsay as to why their project was not shortlisted for the participatory budget event. He stressed the need for transparency in respect of the shortlisting process.

School Fair: Cllr Bryson reported that the School Fair will now take place in August. The Parent Council will have a presence at the BPTLF and will be holding a raffle.

Better Place to Live Fair: The Chair will confirm the stall booking.

Muir: Cllr Blyth reported that ponding is bad on the east side of the Muirs. Cllr Purves will look into it.

Premises for community: Cllr Cuthbert notes that several community groups require premises. Unfortunately PKC seems to have sold off most spare land or premises. He suggested that ward councillors look for a budget to buy land or premises. Cllr Colliar pointed out that there is a PKC-owned lock-up in Mill Street not being used.

Action Partnership: Cllr Freeman also raised this subject. Three vacancies were advertised a few months ago. Shona Fowler and Dr McCracken were appointed. Cllr Cuthbert applied but was rejected. Minutes of meetings are not made publicly available as regularly or promptly as they could be. Cllr Cuthbert has made a FOI request relating to the Action Partnership activities. In Cllr Barnacle's view, the officer-led Action Partnerships are undermining CCs. He reiterated his preference for an area committee for Kinross-shire to involve CCs and with significant funding. Cllr Watters believes it is appropriate to have different forums for different issues. All were agreed, however, that Action Partnerships need to be more democratically accountable. It was agreed to wait until the CC receives a reply from Mr McNamara before taking further action. Cllr Cuthbert's FOI response is also due soon.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Draft Agenda for the June Meeting

Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of Meeting of 2 May. Police Report. Matters Arising. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. Planning Matters. Licensing. CC Sub Committees. Review of Establishment of Community Councils in Perth & Kinross. Provision of Gritting and Snow Clearing Services by PKC. 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 AGM and May Meeting

In attendance at the meetings held on 10 May 2018 were: Cllrs C Williams (chair), C Flory (vice-chair), E Kirkham (treasurer), S McHardy, M Leach and C Lawson; P&K Cllrs C Purves, R Watters and W Robertson; minute-taker Elizabeth Rougvie and nine members of the public.

Chairman's remarks: The last year has seen Kevin Heneghan our Secretary leaving us which has left a big hole to fill. I also welcome Caroline Flory, Matthew Leach and Stuart McHardy, who by virtue of the recent election process, controlled by PKC, are duly elected to Milnathort CC as members. That of course in reality does not change the fact that we are short on numbers and I encourage those in the community who can enhance the CC with their skills – two new members would make a big difference.

Main planning issues of the year:

Pace Hill: This development despite much opposition from the public will go ahead.

Football Pavilion, Donaldson Park: This development again, with many differing views in the community, will go ahead.

The Holiday Park at Burleigh Sands has been put on the back burner and a close eye will be kept on this.

In general, most issues raised with PKC through our local P&K Councillors have been resolved successfully. We thank them for their efforts in these matters.

Our efforts in requesting Vehicle Activated Signage to a number of locations in Milnathort have been well received and will be monitored.

The defibrillator has been successfully installed at Stewart & Smart garage forecourt.

A Tree Preservation Order was successfully obtained for the woods to the east of The Pace Hill development.

I'm encouraged by the enthusiasm of the regular "weel kent" faces in their steadfast attendance at our monthly meetings. More attendees are always welcome. I must however emphasise that the community must raise issues with planning matters as early in the process as possible, in order that action can be taken.

Treasurer's report: Statement of accounts for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018:

Income: PKC Grant £596.07. Legacy from David Drysdale to MCC £5000. Kinross Colts - donation for defibrillator £1375. Total £6971.07.

Expenditure: Defibrillator £1375. Wix.com for MCC website £36.72. Town Hall room hire for Oct, Nov and Feb £67.50. Town hall room hire for May, Jun, Aug and Sep £90. Minute taker for Feb £35. Repairs to MCC noticeboard £17.50.

Website domain £16.10. Thistle Hotel room hire for Apr £30. Minute-taker for Mar £35, Apr £35. Total: £1737.82
Current balance: £5450.78. Minus legacy of £5000 Leaves: £450.78.

Date of next AGM: The next AGM will be held on Thursday 9 May 2019. The public are invited to attend.

News from the May Meeting

Police matters: No police were in attendance but the following incidents were raised:

An elderly lady driver was stopped in Kinross and asked for a lift to the health centre by a woman who appeared to have a bad leg. She obliged but en route the woman stole her handbag and purse and ran off. There has since been a second similar incident and the culprit has yet to be identified.

A house near Jessie's Park was broken into and the perpetrators have since been apprehended.

A trellis has been stolen from a garden and flowerpots overturned.

A drugs transaction was seen taking place in South Street and the police later attended.

There had been a near-miss involving a high school pupil crossing the road from Giacomazzi's to the campus. The P&K Cllrs will find out whether the traffic lights there are in fact operational.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the April meeting were proposed by Cllr Kirkham and seconded by Cllr Flory with the following amendment: 'Two out of the four vehicle-activated signs in the village still had not been activated.'

Zero Waste Challenge: PKCllr Purves confirmed that Sainsbury's had paid for the entire project, including the printing and distribution of leaflets.

Vehicle-activated signs: All four signs are now in operation. Cllr Purves advised that a report on the planned programme of works to be carried out throughout Perth & Kinross was to be presented to the Infrastructure, Enterprise and Environment Committee this month. A vehicle-activated sign in Stirling Road, which had been suggested by MCC, was included on the list but a sign in North Street was not. It was to be hoped this would be considered during the next round of funding. Cllr Leach would appreciate any feedback from the public as to the effectiveness, or otherwise, of the signs.

Green routes: Cllr Robertson has suggested to PKC that the green route from Milnathort to Glenfarg via Netherton be extended to alleviate the problem of speeding following the introduction of a national speed limit at Tillywhally. He will report back.

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Following concerns raised at the previous meeting about the impact on traffic in North Street by the Pace Hill development, Cllr Purves advised that he will raise the possibility of alternative access, either via Stirling Road or Hattonburn Road.

LDP2: Developers have submitted sites they believe should be included in the Local Development Plan. Councillors are to comment on the proposals before they are sent to the Scottish Government Reporter. Once councillors have had time to digest the information, they will report to MCC.

Core path at Burleigh: Cllr Purves has reported the flooding issue but awaits a response.

Road safety: Cllr Leach has asked for a meeting with PKC officials with regard to Stirling Road and the speed bumps in Bridgefauld Road, which are in a poor state. Cllr Purves will take this up also. After discussion, it was agreed to ask for a review of a speed bumps as it was felt that the safety of schoolchildren could be compromised due to the volume of traffic at certain times of the day.

Planning applications submitted:

Erection of a storage building and security fencing on land 40 metres north of Kingfisher House. Noted.

Erection of a house on land 30 metres south east of 30 Viewfar Road. Noted.

Planning applications approved:

Formation of vehicle access at Carleith Hill Wood.

Alterations to a house at 27 Old Perth Road.

Pace Hill: Cllr Lawson advised that he had written to PKC expressing his concerns about the apparent lack of traffic monitoring in relation to the development at Pace Hill.

New matters and correspondence:

There was no correspondence of note.

Meetings: Cllr Williams flagged up the idea of changing the frequency of MCC meetings to every two months. After discussion, the idea was rejected.

Church Street gate: Cllr McHardy reported that the gate into Donaldson Park from Church Street had been lifted off again, allowing vehicles to access the park. Cllr Robertson will ask PKC to repair the gate and ensure it cannot be opened again.

Football pitch: Cllr McHardy was concerned that two new trees planted in Donaldson Park were too close to the football pitch. Cllr Robertson will investigate.

Junction 7: There has been no progress on improvements to Junction 7 of the M90.

Potholes: The pothole in New Road has been repaired but there is still a huge backlog of repairs throughout Perth

& Kinross following the extreme weather in March. The Scottish Government has provided extra funding. Cllr Purves advised that a cross-party group had been set up to look at the methods and materials used in other areas.

Councillors' reports

Cllr Robertson:

MCC members are encouraged to claim **expenses** where appropriate.

With the help of two **litter pickers**, 10 bags of rubbish were collected from the water works at Burleigh.

The CC is encouraged to consider marking the 100th anniversary of the end of the **First World War** in November to honour those local people who lost their lives. This was agreed. The CC will also lay a wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Watters (see also page 10):

Local residents are encouraged to report incidents of **dog fouling and dumping of bags**. In the last year only five fixed penalties were issued in Kinross-shire, two of them recently at Portmoak Moss as a result of a visit by the dog warden.

Cllr Purves (see also page 7):

The number of **reserved places** at Kinross High School has been increased significantly in the light of the many new developments taking place. At present, 21% of pupils are either from Fife or Clackmannanshire. Cllr Purves will find out the exact number of places allocated to each year.

PKC's Scrutiny Committee has set up a sub-committee to look at issues raised frequently in terms of planning.

The next meeting of Milnathort Community Council will be held on Thursday 14 June 2018 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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Portmoak Community Council News from the AGM and May Meeting

In attendance at the meetings held on 8 May 2018 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood (Deputy Chairman and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), D Morris, A Muszynski and T Smith; and WCllrs C Purves, and R Watters; and PC A Spalding, Police Scotland; and seven members of the public.

Apologies: CCllr S Forde; and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson.

News from the AGM

Chairman's Annual Report [edited]: There have been three events this year of more than usual significance to the parish. The first is the change in administration PKC. Last year I expressed the hope that the new councillors could have some effect in changing the culture in PKC in dealing with the communities it is supposed to serve. There is some indication that there is a greater willingness on the part of the new administration to tackle this issue. The policy of the administration to focus more on the landward areas of PKC and less on Perth City is to be welcomed. We are dependent on our four ward councillor members for presenting our case to PKC officials and they have been diligent in doing so, with success in arranging meetings for us in particular in relation to roads. We are grateful to them for all their help and advice. Second is "the Beast from the East" and its successor. The Beast brought out the very best in the community with neighbours looking after each other, those who had the equipment doing their best to make sure everybody had access and the three shops going to special efforts to have basic supplies available for everybody. In that they were considerably more successful than the supermarkets, whose distant supply chains could not cope with the weather. I would like to thank all those involved again for everything they did. The episode showed us how important the shops are to us when the chips are down and I do hope that they will all be able to keep going; but that is dependent on us.

There were other lessons too. Your CC had already started to think of the preparation of a "resilience plan" for the parish to cope with emergencies and the Beast gave us a practical example to build on. All communities are being encouraged to have such a plan. An Emergency Resilience Centre and an address book of those able and willing to help are the essentials and we shall be working on these in the coming months. We shall be looking for volunteers!

The third event was the lodging of a planning application by A & J Stephen for the construction of a house on the north west side of Stephen's field, and for the rest of the field to be designated as public open space. Stephens were offering to transfer ownership of the rest of the field to your CC if they received permission for the house. Your CC decided that it did not need to hold a ballot of the whole community to ascertain its view of this proposition as the 65 objections lodged to the building of the house were a sufficient indication of the community's view, and they should therefore lodge their own objection. PKC subsequently refused the application. What will happen next we shall have to wait and see, but it is the policy of your CC to see the field transferred into community ownership.

The Stephen's application was one of the 26 we had to consider in the year. This is a significant reduction on the 40 we had to consider in 2016/7 and is perhaps a reflection

of the real state of consumer confidence. The fact that no buyer has emerged for the building site on the south side of Scotlandwell also says something about demand for housing. We objected to four of these applications, including Stephen's and the Westfield applications. We anticipate a further application from the owner of the Lomond Inn, where development has not yet started.

I referred last year to the in principle application for a development covering the whole of the Westfield site to which both we and PKC objected. The application has now been approved and although there are conditions relating to traffic and other matters of concern to us they are not as robust as we would have liked. So far there has been no full application for any part of the development but there has been an application for ten gas turbines for the generation of electricity on the part of the Westfield site nearest to our boundary. This was not something envisaged in the in principle application and gave rise to a number of objections from Fife. We have lodged one too. A decision on the application has been postponed on several occasions by Fife Council.

It would appear that the proposal for holiday chalets between Burleigh Castle and Loch Leven is not going to proceed, or at least has gone back to the drawing board.

Planning is not just about applications, and we have been active in making representations on the Local Development Plan, which should receive ministerial approval later in the year. It will be the foundation for planning decisions over the next ten years.

One of the effects of the new PKC policy is that there is more money available for roads. The flashing signs on the roads into Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell are one result of this. They are already having a beneficial effect. It is to be hoped that these new funds may also allow improvements, perhaps traffic lights, at the Wester Balgedie junction to be put on the PKC agenda, as lack of funds was the reason given by officials for not taking action. We are also aware that the state of our road surfaces after the Beast is at least as bad as that in the rest of the UK. The roads department is well aware of our concerns but we have to take our turn when other parts of PKC have the same issues. We understand that the resurfacing of the A911 between the golf club and Scotlandwell will take place later this year. We still await the promised action plan for the A911.

The other major roads issue is related to the school. There are two aspects to this. First is the question of cars being parked in such a way that access for school buses and large

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vehicles which may be needed in the case of an emergency is impeded. The PKC roads officials are looking again at how this problem might be resolved. Secondly there is the question of safe access for pupils on foot. The crossing point on Bruce Road/Bishop Terrace has no legal status and PKC officials are looking at the possibility of warning signs for motorists of children crossing. Of course a zebra crossing is the best answer. The crossing at Buchan Avenue is not ideal and the Headteacher is considering alternatives.

Progress on the acquisition of the car park site at Moss Road, Scotlandwell has been stymied by title problems but a possible solution is being considered.

A priority for your CC for some time has been the provision of a safe route for pedestrians and particularly schoolchildren linking Scotlandwell with the hall, whence it can link to the path from Kinnesswood. A meeting has been held on site with PKC officials and by the end of this year I hope that at least a route will have been decided upon and budgeted for. The paths group has carried out its usual, essential task of keeping clear existing paths and maintaining the Michael Bruce Way. Many thanks to Tom Smith for coordinating this, and to the Woodland Trust who assume responsibility for the part of the MBW on their ground. Loch Leven's Larder have recently obtained planning permission for a new circular path down to the Heritage Trail and back to the Larder.

At last a site has been found for a glass recycling point in Kinnesswood to replace the one lost at the Lomond Inn. So successful has it been that PKC are now looking at providing a further site with possible sites under discussion.

The possible site for an extension to the graveyard mentioned last year is not a possibility. Please let me know of any suggestions.

I am disappointed that the follow up I anticipated last year to meetings with the River Leven Trustees and SNH has not occurred. I shall be contacting both again.

Finally, broadband. Despite having fibre optic cable running along the A911 right through the parish, many of us have a very unsatisfactory service. I understand that Kinnesswood is in the process of being wired up for a proper service but many of us have little prospect of that from BT. Thanks to the initiative of Andrew Mitchell, a resident at Classlochie, there is an alternative. Broadband can be obtained via either radio or white space TV. This will take a bit of time to roll out, but there have been successful pilots in the area, and there is scope for it to help many parts of Portmoak when relay stations have been set up.

My fellow councillors have put in a power of work this year as we have had a number of extra meetings on particular issues and I thank them for that and for their help and support. I hope they will forgive me if I single out Robin Cairncross again for his crucial work as secretary in coordinating us and keeping the paperwork right. I regret that Alison Robertson has decided to retire at the end of this meeting; she has been full of stimulating ideas and her experience of the ways of councils and the NHS has been valuable. We shall miss the regular bulletins from the metropolis of Stornoway! That leaves a vacancy on the council and if anybody knows someone who would be interested in filling it they should contact the secretary.

M Strang Steel

In discussion, Ward Cllrs confirmed that any changes to the Kinnesswood settlement boundary which might be

included in the forthcoming Local Development Plan were thought unlikely. The CC would be consulted were they to be considered.

Treasurer's Annual Report. At the year-end 31 March 2018 there was: £284.80 in the General Account; and £1,192.48 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,477.28. In the No3 Holding account there was £1,500.00. The full Income and Expenditure of the CC's accounts can be found on the CC website.

Office Bearers for 2018-19: The following were appointed: Chairman: Cllr M Strang Steel. Secretary: Cllr R Cairncross. Treasurer: Cllr B Calderwood. Deputy Chairman: B Calderwood.

Calendar of Meeting Dates: Meeting dates for the Council through to September 2019 were confirmed.

Date of next AGM: 7.30pm on Tuesday 14 May 2019 at Portmoak Village Hall.

News from the May Meeting

School Access. At a site visit on 16 April Cllrs Morris and Cairncross met with Daryl McKeown (PKC Road Safety) to review: progress with arrangements to resolve problems of access to the school for large vehicles including emergency vehicles; and the safe passage for children approaching the school on foot and using the "red strip" crossings. Subject to discussion with the School, a Report would be shared with the CC before submission to PKC's Environment and Infrastructure Committee. Cllr Purves would monitor progress.

Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond.

At a site visit on 16 April CC members met PKC officers representing strategic planning, road safety and path access together with Cllrs Barnacle, Purves, Robertson and Watters for an initial examination of options for a 24/7 lit path. The CC would now undertake preliminary work on an option appraisal before further discussion with PKC on how to take the work forward.

RSPB Loch Leven: Underpass commissioning arrangements. Work had now commenced.

Resilience - being better prepared for risks. Community Emergency Plan. On 30 April CC members had had a preliminary and comprehensive discussion with John Handling (PKC Lead on Resilience) and Simon Byford (Chair of the Hall Committee) to explore what would be required to commission and sustain a Portmoak Resilience Plan. There was a wealth of information to assimilate and support available from a number of agencies. A practical plan tailored to local needs would be required. Led by Cllr Musynski, the CC would build its Resilience Plan over the coming months. The community would be consulted and involved as the Plan developed. In a preliminary step the CC would shortly apply for funding to SSE to provide a "hook-up" facility at the Hall and other basic material. This would support an emergency generator supply for what may become a "Resilience Hub" for the community.

Revised CC website. Members of the CC had reviewed the new website for the CC and approved its immediate introduction. They expressed their thanks to the webmaster, Gordon Vance. It was now easier to access both on PC and mobile platforms.

General Data Protection Regulations effective 25 May. Guidance for CCs was expected from PKC shortly. The CC would review its practice in respect of that Guidance.

Comfort Scheme. PKC offers a number of free to use public toilets through partnerships with local service providers such as hotels, pubs and public buildings. This service is known as the "Comfort Scheme." These facilities are available for public use at no cost, regardless of whether or not they are a customer. With increasing visitors to the Heritage Trail and to many businesses across Portmoak providing for tourism there was interest in participating in the scheme. Ward Cllrs undertook to find out if Portmoak businesses were eligible, what the advantages were and if indeed there were any already part of the Scheme.

Glass Recycling, Kinnesswood. The CC noted the popularity of the glass recycling facility behind the bus shelter and the request from PKC to consider an additional site either midway up Gamekeepers or at the school car park. A site at the school car park site was judged unsuitable. It could add to concerns about parking and child safety which were already the subject of a review. The Gamekeepers site was thought remote and may not be used. The CC advised that the existing site behind the bus shelter be evaluated to see if an expanded facility could be accommodated there. The CC would advise Kinnesswood in Bloom of their view and would write to PKC accordingly.

Police report: PC Spalding reported on two recent local crimes: theft of a rear light cluster from a white Ford Ranger in Scotlandwell; and the theft of a £4,000 trailer from RSPB Loch Leven. He reminded all of us to consider shed security where valuable equipment is often stored. Speeding remained a matter of concern and further checks can be anticipated. PC Spalding undertook to pursue whether accident records were duly relayed to PKC as such information was taken into account by PKC in setting priorities for road improvements. He would also raise the matter of accident reports being included in the Commander's Bulletin. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 11, 18 and 25 April and of 2 May were noted.

Treasurer: [See AGM for balance.]

New planning applications:

18/00397/FLL East Brackley Lodge, Kinross. Alterations and extensions to dwelling house. No comment.

18/00526/FLL Benarty, Wester Balgedie, Kinross. Alterations and extension to dwelling house. No comment.

Progress with Developments:

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

17/02227/FLL Levenmouth Scotlandwell: Erection of two houses. On 12 April the Chairman had written to Cllr Roz McCall, Convenor of the Planning and Development Management Committee, drawing to her attention that PKC did not process this application appropriately. The decision to grant consent was made by the planning officer. The Council's "Scheme of Delegation" for planning application decisions, approved by Scottish Ministers in October 2016, in Para 2 (d) states that "the Development Management Committee will determine all applications for local developments where - d) a similar application at the same site was previously determined by the Committee and the recommendation is contrary to the previous Committee decision." In the CC's view this decision should have been dealt with under that paragraph. To date there had been no acknowledgement of the letter.

Roads: CCllr Calderwood reported that limited progress had been made on outstanding road matters.

Paths: CCllr Smith presented an Action Plan setting out the Path Group's work for the year ahead. He thanked Path Group members Anne McIntyre and Andrew Wilson for their contribution to the Action Plan. There were three priority areas for action: 1. The Michael Bruce Way (MBW); 2. Dryside Way - the Core Path from Easter Balgedie to Glenlomond Road; and 3. Improvement of General Signposting of Paths throughout Portmoak. There was a detailed plan for each area. This year the intention was to take path work forward through targeted work groups. The CC noted that the Woodland Trust had assumed responsibility for maintaining the MBW when it crossed its land and thanked the Trust for the recent repairs to the steps opposite the Church. The Group planned to use a motorised flail mower to maintain the path at Peat Loan as it leaves the Moss. Cattle and weather contributed to the relatively high maintenance of the MBW where it passed above Stephen's Field and the golf course.

Perth & Kinross Council Ward Councillor Reports

Cllr Purves reported that: the new Vehicle Activated Speeding signs had been appreciated and that a further one would be erected at Easter Balgedie; and that the Council's Scrutiny Committee is likely to consider a review of planning services. It appeared likely that the Council's "Scheme of Delegation" could be included in the review. A Report on Child Protection provision across Scotland had identified Perth and Kinross as "Best in Scotland".

Cllr R Watters reported on a visit he had made with the Dog Warden to Portmoak Moss. [See page 10.]

Other Matters

Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils in Perth and Kinross. Not much was known about this Review but it had the potential to be significant. The CC would participate in the meetings PKC proposed. It also supported the suggestion of Ward Cllrs that a meeting of the Kinross Forum, with representatives from all Kinross-shire CCs, along with PKC representatives could be an effective way to proceed. Cllr Purves would try to set up such a meeting.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018 in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.

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Fossoway and District CC News from the AGM and May Meeting

In attendance at the meetings held on 8 May 2018 were: CCllrs C Brown, J Donachie, T Duffy, C Farquhar and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson; nine Members of the Public (MoP) at AGM and ten MoP at May meeting.

Apologies: CCllr A Cheape; P&K Cllrs C Purves and R Watters. (Cllrs Purves and Watters were attending another CC.)

News from the AGM

Chair's Report

The elected members of the CC are: Cameron Brown, Angus Cheape, Jennifer Donachie, Trudy Duffy, Carol Farquhar and Graham Pye. I would like to thank all for their support, and I would also like to thank the members of the public for their support and for keeping us on our toes.

The CC has had another very busy year with eleven scheduled meetings, additional meetings and a large volume of correspondence.

Police Service: Unfortunately visits from the community officers are rare. We get most of the relevant information from the Commander's Bulletin and from Perth and Kinross Community Watch.

Main Issues Report: We have consulted on the LDP2, in particular on the re-zoning of three sites, in Blairingone, Rumbling Bridge and Crook of Devon. The public consultation on the Main Issues Report of LDP2 finished March 2017.

Fossoway and District Community Benefit Fund: After extensive community consultation and hard work behind the scenes, for which I would like to thank John Wheatley and Jim Duffy, this fund is now operational and has in the past two weeks processed its first grant. There is a website (still a work in progress: www.fossowayfund.org.uk) where all the information can be found. We will also receive a large sum which originates from the unspent contingency fund of the Hydro Scheme that will be used to reinstate the bridge over the River Devon. We are currently in discussion with TRACKS about this.

A977 Mitigation Measures: The traffic, in particular the speed of the traffic, is an ongoing concern for our villages on the A977, but also on the A91 through Carnbo and the A823 through Rumbling Bridge. There have been two consultation events with PKC, in addition to a presentation during the January CC meeting and another presentation scheduled for this evening. This was to involve the community in deciding how to spend the money earmarked for the mitigation measures on the A977. The work is scheduled for 2018.

CC Members: There is an urgent requirement for more Community Councillors, especially from Rumbling Bridge, which has currently no representation in the CC. Our work relies on members of the community who have their ears to the ground.

Community Initiatives: The CC is taking part in a number of community initiatives: Kinross Sports Hub, Powmill in Bloom, Crook and Drum Growing Together. In the last few weeks plans have been hatched to resurrect the Fossoway Gathering. The nature of such a project makes it necessary for community organisations in our area to communicate with each other. Please consider becoming involved.

Blairingone Primary School: Although a final decision is still to be made, it is clear that the Primary School in Blairingone is under threat. Should it close, it would mean that Blairingone loses its only community asset. We have to try to prevent this loss. Blairingone has also been beleaguered by a series of planning applications, appeals, planning enforcement issues and Local Review Body appeals at the Lambhill site. John Anderson in particular needs to be commended for his eagle eye, while Frazer Barnes has worked on the communication side of the village's response.

Public Transport: We remain unhappy with the level of public transport service in our area; no regular bus service exists to connect commuters to the Park and Ride in Kinross.

Planning: There have again been slightly less planning applications in the past year.

Facebook and other communication: We try to keep Facebook up-to-date to inform people in the villages of events and developments. I still hear people complaining that they are not informed of one thing or another, but I would like to remind everybody it is also their own responsibility to keep informed: notice boards, Facebook and the Kinross Newsletter are the main sources of information.

Thank you to my fellow councillors for their support and for the very significant efforts they have made in dealing with their portfolios and attending external meetings. Many thanks also to our local Councillors Barnacle, Purves, Robertson and Watters for their significant support and assistance to the CC on numerous matters. As a CC we like to think that we can make a positive contribution to our community; but we can't do this without the help of the community and the elected members.

As I am a European citizen, there is some uncertainty about whether I will be able to continue being a Community Councillor after Brexit. If I lose the right to vote in local

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council elections, I would not be able to remain in the CC. However, the earliest that could come to pass is March 2019 so I will put myself forward for another term.

Treasurer's report

This year started well, receiving the Administrative Grant from PKC without any problems, topping the CC's funds back up to the maximum £700.00 allowed. Also, the online access to the CC's bank account has made paying the CC's bills much easier, with almost every transaction being paperless, most creditors sending us their invoices electronically as well.

The largest item of the CC expenditure is for rentals of Fossoway and Blairingone primary schools, Carnbo Village Hall and Moubray Hall in Powmill to hold our monthly meetings. A total of £278.40 was spent on hall rentals, slightly up from last year's £227, partly because I discovered that we hadn't paid for a couple of rentals to Moubray Hall in earlier years!

All Community Councillors are allowed to claim for any expenses they incur over the year for travelling to meetings, other than normal CC meetings, and any other incidentals – postage, stationery, etc. This year £157.64 has been claimed in expenses, a slight improvement over last year's total of just under £140. CC members attend a lot of meetings over the year, and should claim for all expenses incurred – I encourage them to do so.

The CC banks with the TSB, and the much publicised problems this bank has had recently coincided with the end of the CC's financial year making finalising the accounts a rather challenging task this year.

After all the transactions over the year have been tallied the CC has a closing balance at year end of £263.96 and I will be applying for this year's grant once this meeting has approved the accounts.

Office Bearers: The Office Bearers all resigned from their current posts and new holders are as follows: Trudy Duffy, Chair. Cameron Brown, Secretary. Graham Pye, Treasurer. Trudy Duffy, Data Controller. Graham Pye, Vice Chair.

The following posts are not formal offices, so were not covered at the AGM: J Donachie, Planning and Deputy Secretary. G Pye, Minutes Secretary. C Brown, Deputy Minutes Secretary.

Date of Next AGM: 7 May 2019.

News from the May Meeting

Declarations of Interest: None.

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

There was a recent RTA in Blairingone; a car travelling at speed hit a parked car and demolished bollards, narrowly avoiding crashing into a house. The owner of the house informed the meeting that the driver claimed that his brakes had failed while he was travelling at 60mph in a 30mph area. When later contacted, the local Police officer was unaware of the incident, possibly because it was reported to an officer in a different area. Cllr Robertson took an action to contact PKC to get the scene of the accident tidied up.

Cllr Barnacle observed that he has had previous experience where there was a problem with contacting the local officer by the normal channels, and he will follow this up.

A977 Mitigation: Lachlan MacLean from PKC presented the results of the Community Consultation. Overall, there was strong support for junction improvements, so the plan is to initially carry out the following works:

- A977 / School Road in Crook of Devon – Signalisation
- A977 / B9097 by Shell Garage – Realignment
- A977 / Saline Road in Blairingone – Signalisation

If there are sufficient funds available, then signalisation of the A977 / Drum Crossroads will also be done.

Some Vehicle Activated Speed signs (VAS) have already been upgraded to show current speed. Vehicle Activated Junction Warning Signs will be upgraded this financial year at Balado and Rumbling Bridge. Mr MacLean confirmed that the signs will all include a three year maintenance contract with the supplier. There were a number of comments from the floor requesting further VAS, for example on the Kinross side of Blairingone, so this will be investigated.

Existing road signs will be upgraded with ones having better reflectivity.

If funds permit, village entrance/exit gateway features will be constructed, with the co-operation of the local bloom groups. It is planned that school visits will be arranged to the works in progress, with the intention that this will be informative for both the children and the engineers!

Unfortunately there will be some temporary delays while the work is done, but this will be kept to a minimum.

A MoP asked if "solar studs" (flashing solar cell powered lighting devices used instead of cats-eyes) are planned to be installed. Mr MacLean answered that they may be used at major junctions if funds allow. John Anderson pointed out the contradiction between these measures to dissuade HGVs from using the A977, whilst PKC's planners are simultaneously allowing a large number of additional HGVs to service the Lambhill site. Cllr Robertson answered that the roads are all theoretically not at capacity, since that would

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mean a continuous stream of traffic 24 hours a day, but that doesn't mean that it's acceptable for HGVs to rumble through villages.

Conversely another MoP noted that everything that we consume is moved by HGVs and we shouldn't be conducting a campaign against them. Cllr Barnacle replied that although it's true that the A977 is an essential route for some journeys, other vehicles could be using the motorways instead.

A MoP asked if the A977 could be returned to trunk road status, but the Scottish Government has continued to refuse this.

Automatic traffic and pedestrian counters have been installed along the route, one between Powmill and Rumbling Bridge and the other between B918 and Turfhill, with a further vehicle counter on Balado straight. In response to comments from MoPs about the position of some of the counters, Mr MacLean said that they will be adjusted shortly.

Finally Mr MacLean concluded his presentation by offering to take further comments and questions via email to LMacLean@pkc.gov.uk. The CC thanked Mr MacLean for his efforts in this project.

Blairingone School Estate Transformation: The updated options appraisal will be presented to the Lifelong Learning Committee meeting on 16 May. The appraisal recommends that the school be closed; the current pupil numbers (four) are not sustainable and if the development for Blairingone proposed to be included in LDP2 happened it would still only produce two to three more pupils. Cllr Barnacle challenges this conclusion and intends to make that point to the Convenor of the meeting. Even if the committee decides on closure there must then be further public consultation over a long period.

Lambhill: Application 17/02015/FLL for the static caravan having been refused by the planners has now been appealed by the applicant and sent to the LRB for review. The CC wrote to the LRB confirming our previous objections.

Hydro Scheme Fund: Cllr Duffy notes that the first grant will shortly be made. Cllr Robertson reported that the TRACKS Committee agreed that they were prepared to be involved in the replacement of the Rumbling Bridge Gorge Bridge. Consequently a site visit was held on 28 April attended by five TRACKS Committee members, a TRACKS Project Officer and TRACKS bridge expert Alastair Smith. It was suggested that a similar design to the existing bridge west of the Scout Field would be appropriate, and a site about 75m west of the old bridge location was proposed as a possible location, requiring a span of approximately 18 metres. Full details and

costings will be produced in time for the next meeting of this CC to review. A representative of the CC will temporarily join the TRACKS committee for the duration of the project to share the decision making. Cllr Brown asked if it would save money to use the base of the old bridge, but Cllr Robertson said that funders will want to be sure that it's not going to be washed away again from the old location.

MoP added that there are still some outstanding issues from the hydro scheme construction that need to be addressed.

Crook and Drum Growing Together: Cllr Duffy told the meeting that their Spring Fair held on 28 April made £300. The group are also acquiring two very large planters from Edinburgh that were surplus to requirements.

Powmill in Bloom: Cllr Farquhar reported on the group's activities: They anticipate a problem with the large amount of verges to be maintained in their area, so they have decided to buy a mower to do interim cuts themselves between the ones that are done by PKC twice a year.

LDP2: Cllr Barnacle has received a briefing on responses to LDP2; the proposed plans for our villages will go ahead as they are. There will be a full council meeting on 29 August to review whether LDP2 goes to the Reporter as it is or with changes. The plan will likely not be completed until early 2019.

Crook Moss Travellers Site: Cllr Barnacle notes that the latest Enforcement Report will be delivered to the Planning and Development Committee meeting on 9 May. Cllr Barnacle will be presenting photographs to show what enforcement action is needed. A MoP asked what's happening about the site's proposed sewage connection; Cllr Barnacle replied that the residents have applied to Scottish Water, but works must be done at the site before a connection can be made, but the residents can't afford to pay for them. Cllr Robertson said that PKC's Housing department has a budget to help with this sort of issue; however Cllr Barnacle remarked that it seems unfair that a private site should be helped with public money.

Matters Arising With No Update Since Last Meeting: Ivy Cottage Powmill, Blairingone War Memorial and Fossoway Area Transport.

Fossoway Gathering: There will be a meeting on 10 May to try and get this going for 2019. A lot of people are needed both on the day and to do the planning in advance. The first question to be answered is where to hold the Gathering.

P&K Councillors' Reports

Cllr Robertson: Local Councillors will be meeting with PKC's Roads Department on 11 May to look at spending plans for Kinross-shire over the next 12 months and give their input.



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There appear to be some promising plans for our area. Cllr Barnacle adds that there are 2,000 potholes in Perth and Kinross costing £100 each to fix, and there is a programme in place to fix them using some money from the Scottish Government.

Cllr Barnacle: Two more road adoptions are being considered: Drummond Park and The Old Station in Rumbling Bridge.

Cllr Barnacle has always been in favour of devolving power to the community, but he does not believe that Action Partnerships are the way forward.

Three Independent and one Labour Councillor have left the administration, although they have not joined the opposition, as a protest against changes to committees, which they found undemocratic. (See pages 10 and 16.)

November 2018 is (of course) the anniversary of the end of WW1. A local resident has carried out extensive research into the history of some of the names on the Crook of Devon War memorial. There will be a meeting on 9 May to discuss the details of November's commemoration.

Planning Matters – New Applications:

18/00524/FLL Erection of ancillary accommodation at The Meadows, Vicars Bridge Road, Blairingone. Comments were due by 26 April. The CC did not comment.

18/00473/FLL Erection of a wind turbine and associated works at land south east of Wharlawhill Farm, Carnbo. Comments were due by 27 April. The CC objected on the grounds of visual impact. The application was refused by planners on 4 May.

18/00568/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and garage with ancillary accommodation (revised design) at land 40m north west of Dunollie, Fossoway. No CC Comment.

18/00478/FLL Change of use, alterations and extensions to dwelling house to form four holiday accommodation units. Gardeners Cottage and Outbuildings at Fossoway Estate. No CC Comment.

18/00649/FLL Erection of a biomass boiler and fuel store and installation of a flue at Balhousie, Rumbling Bridge Care Home, Rumbling Bridge. No CC Comment.

18/00702/FLL Erection of 2no. dwelling houses at land 40m NE of Ochil Cottage, Carnbo. Comments by 25 May; will be discussed by email after meeting.

18/00704/FLL Realignment of vehicular access at Blairingone Church, Main Street, Blairingone. Comments by 25 May; will be discussed by email after meeting.

Decided Applications:

18/00364/FLL Erection of a house at land 50m north of Mellock House, Fossoway. Approved. CC did not comment.

18/00343/FLL Erection of a house and alterations to existing house to form a workshop/store and ancillary accommodation unit. Craigton Bungalow, Rumbling Bridge.

Refused. CC did not comment.

18/00589/PNA Erection of an agricultural building on land 400m north of Rivendell, Blairingone. Withdrawn.

Correspondence: All the correspondence was available for viewing. PKC have asked for comments on the performance of Winter Services (gritting and snow clearance.) MoPs observed that Arndean Road (and other minor roads) were not cleared until after the latest snowfall had melted. Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle encouraged local farmers to apply for the Farmer's Assistance Scheme whereby PKC supplies snow ploughs to be used with their own vehicles to clear their own roads and specified public roads. Stuart D'All would be the contact point. Cllr Barnacle noted that there was a lack of clearing and gritting on village footpaths, but Cllr Robertson said that routes to school should be cleared.

Other Business

Muckhart CC have kindly passed on the information that Scottish Water were planning works on A823 that would have resulted in the road being closed for a week. However this work has now been postponed pending consultation with local residents to reduce the impact of the closure. CCllr Duffy has contacted Gavin Steel of Scottish Water to be added to the information list.

SEPA have opened a consultation on Potentially Vulnerable Areas for flooding. Comments are welcome until 31 July, via the website: <https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/evidence-and-flooding/pvas2018/>

A MoP asked for the road between Crook of Devon and Powmill to be litter picked. Cllr Robertson undertook to arrange this. Another MoP noted that litter caught on fences does not seem to be included when other litter is cleared.

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, Fossoway Gathering.

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

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 June 2018 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All welcome.

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website
www.fossoway.org

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

Cleish & Blairadam CC

Cleish & Blairadam CC meets every second month. The next meeting is due to take place on **Monday 11 June 2018** at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinross & District Rotary Club

Better Place to Live Fair

We will have a stand at the rescheduled fair on **Saturday 9 June**. We'd love to meet you and get a chance to tell you what Rotary does for communities both locally and globally.



Recent speakers

We were delighted to be treated to an enthusiastic, informative and entertaining talk by **Sam Dick** about **Kinross-shire FM**. This project aims to start a community radio service for Kinross.

Although it only launched in February, already the radio is set up and it will be providing a 24/7 service by the summer. The project is aimed at providing social benefits to our community. Thirty-five volunteers are already signed up to help! The service is using the sound technology department in the High School and this provides pupils there with the opportunity to get practical experience in broadcasting. Working relationships are being established with local businesses and sponsorship and advertising is being sought to financially support the station.

Sam is also keen to talk to people who would like to be involved with programme and content creation. Although the name is Kinross-shire FM, the decision is still to be made whether to provide it as a digital service.



Sam Dick, Kinross-shire FM

Malcolm Crawford of **Taylor Wimpey** spoke to us about the housebuilding industry in the east of Scotland. Malcolm works from the Dunfermline office where 150 colleagues are also based.

Taylor Wimpey is a very large company with £3.96 billion in revenue in 2017, generating profits of £550 million, most of which was returned to its shareholders.

Malcolm's talk was wide-ranging with a host of topics and statistics. He spoke about the challenges of meeting the Scottish Government's affordable housing target of 25% of all new house builds; a challenge shared by all in the building trade. He spoke of the reduction in housebuilding and the reasons behind it. He gave fascinating insights into the complex socio-economic analysis that companies like his do, before deciding what and where to build. Then, when they have made the decision to build in an area, how they acquire and use the land.

Particularly insightful was an explanation that the key to successful housebuilding today is standardisation. His own company builds just 30 different house types and only four types of apartments. These properties must also be sold no later than 30 days after completion; there's no concept of 'on-the-shelf stocking' in this business. It was an intellectually stimulating talk by someone who really knew his business.

Kinross Colts AFC (Saturday Amateur football team): The team was formed last season and consists of Portmoak Amateurs and Kinross Colts under 19s, with the majority of the team coming from Kinross or surrounding areas.

As the team was newly formed, it had to start in the bottom tier of the Fife Saturday Amateur League. The first season saw the lads build a great togetherness and enjoyed many good social events after the games as well as great work ethic on the pitch. There were some fantastic results throughout the season and they managed a respectable fifth place finish in the league.

In the second season we have seen the team improve, with some good runs in the cup competitions and a fantastic third place finish in the league. This actually might be enough to see the guys promoted to the Championship league!

The team home games are at Kinross Campus on Saturdays, with kick off at 2pm. We have seen an increase in crowds over the last two years and would always like to see more people there to cheer on the Colts.

Upcoming Speakers

We look forward to welcoming **George Sutherland** on **Monday 11 June** when he will talk about 'Extreme Travels'.

At the breakfast meeting on **Tuesday 19 June** **Leigh Smith** will explain all about baking cakes.

Join Us!

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

Contact and information

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

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Kinross & District Men's Shed

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It's been a really busy month at the Shed!

We had a change of office bearers at our first AGM. Glen Douglas remained as chairman, Roy Gilmour moved from treasurer to secretary and Lewis Gardner took on the role of treasurer. We had a very good turnout on the day and reports from the office bearers are available on our website.

We are still looking for permanent premises. If anyone out there knows of a place around Kinross where we could put down roots, please get in touch.

We gave a talk to the Probus Club on how our Shed operates. (We think they had heard of our famous bacon rolls!)

We also had a visit from Abbie, an Asda representative. She gave us a plaque after a successful bid for funding for some IT equipment. This will enable us to show the shedders how to use computers and access the internet in a more informal environment. Thank you, Asda.

We have agreed to make wooden poppies of various sizes for this year's centenary. Linda from Spotless Oven Services will be donating the expensive special paint needed to paint them. Watch out for them appearing nearer the time.

Our various projects have been continuing. More old damaged bicycles have been brought back to working order and sent out to start a new life. We also had an interesting Saturday involving some drone flying. It's quite a fascinating hobby to have.

Scott Marshall Joinery came along and gave the shedders a most informative demonstration on the safe use and operation of table and hand held router work.

We are a growing band of guys but would like to see more people coming along to see us. We have various projects you may wish to take part in, or you can start your own project as one new shedder has done with his stained glass. If you don't want to do anything, that's fine too. Feel free to hang out in the social area where you can choose from tea, coffee, biscuits, bacon rolls and enjoy the banter, which is mandatory!

Kinross Centre

What a joy it is to get outside for a few hours now that the days are getting warmer at last. As I write this, some of our service-users are enjoying a warm sunny day with the Seagull Trust volunteers on the barge at Ratho. This is our second trip this year. We go most months so that everyone has the chance to go.

We have also had trips to Dobbies in Dunfermline and to Aberdour beach, where the friendly café can always serve ice cream whatever the weather.

We must celebrate the staff at all the places we visit; nothing is too much trouble and we always get service with a smile wherever we go. There are a lot of helpful people out there; it's not all bad news as we sometimes read in the papers.

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

For the Kinross Centre weekly programme, see p. 106.

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

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

The next meeting is on **Thursday 7 June** when our speaker is Ms J Sutherland on garden flowers, growing and arranging.



Away Days

28 June Aberfoyle. (Bring your own picnic.)

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

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

Friday Walkers

1 June Wormit to Balmerino Circular.

15 June Loch Ordie from Dowally.

29 June An Arbroath circular walk.

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

Hill Walkers

8 June Brae Fordie, Comrie Jock 9am

22 June Little Glen Shee Bill 9am

Contact Pauline Watson, telephone 01577 862685.

Activities

Keep Fit, Craft Group, Fly Tyers and Carpet Bowls have finished for the summer. These activities continue:

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.

Circle Dancing

At the time of writing this, circle dancing is in full swing and we are fast approaching the end of term, when we will break for the summer.

Our favourite dance this month is May Blossom. Our theme for the next few weeks will be summer, holidays, flowers and so on.

If you have never tried circle dancing, please do come and join us. We will be meeting every Tuesday until the end of June in the Millbridge Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm and also every Wednesday at the dance studio in Junction Road, Kinross. Taster sessions are free and no experience is necessary. For more details, please phone Lynne on 01259 742173.

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Kinross Camera Club

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The club's main syllabus drew to a close with a very enjoyable dinner and prize-winners' presentation at the Golf Club. We are now in the middle of our summer season.

We meet on Thursday nights for informal, free evening 'classes' which are photo outings to locations throughout central Scotland. We meet at 6.30pm on The Muirs outside the Green Hotel, Kinross, and drive to the appointed location. Help with getting the most out of your camera and learning photographic technique is provided by experienced club members.

Full details of the dates and venues are available on the syllabus page of our website. Alternatively, please email secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk for details. We look forward to welcoming all photographers who wish to come along.

'Crocuses at Cambo'
by Gerry Leeper

On **Saturday 9 June** the club will have a stand at the Better Place to Live Fair at the Community Campus where we will be showcasing members' work. Please come along to meet us and

find out more about what the club does. You will also be able to enter our raffle to win a mounted print of your choice!



Kinross Garden Group

In May the group had an outing to Peebles for lunch then spent the afternoon at Dawyck Botanic Garden, which was enjoyed by all.

Our next outing is to Glenarn Gardens near Helensburgh on **Thursday 14 June**. Please contact Mrs Rodger on 01577 863785.



Scotlandwell in Bloom

Plant & Bake Sale

The Scotlandwell in Bloom team would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported their Plant & Bake Sale on 12 May at the Well Country Inn and for helping to make it such a success; we raised over £1,000 for in-bloom funds. It was a beautiful morning and the plants lined up outside were looking their best! Inside, the tables were laden with home-made preserves and home-baking; thank you to everyone who donated. The tombola stall was a huge success, with some great prizes to be won; so again, thank you to those who contributed, and of course to everyone who bought from any (or all!) of the stalls. There was a lovely, friendly atmosphere to the whole event and tea, coffee and cake were enjoyed by those who were able to stay a little longer to enjoy the refreshments and catch up with friends.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the tremendous support of the Well Country Inn, so a huge thank you to Ronnie and Tanya for hosting and supporting the Sale, and to all the staff who helped make the event such a success.

Although we won't be entering any competitions this year, the team will still be keeping the village looking its best, and we are investigating some new ideas on how best to spend our funds – watch this space!



Milnathort in Bloom

Sorry that this is our first update this year; we have been very busy behind the scenes planning projects, sorting out colour schemes and planting and growing on plants.

We hope you've noticed the spring displays in the village, especially at the Cross area. We think it's provided some much needed colour in what has been an extremely long winter.

We're getting the community more involved this year. We've started a window box scheme along Back Loan and New Road. If this is successful we will be rolling it out to other areas in future years.

A lovely group of volunteers from Orwell Church are also involved this year and are working hard to brighten up the church area.

Milnathort Primary School are also growing around 300 sunflowers, so we're looking forward to seeing the results of their labours.

We have more ideas on how to further get the community involved in making Milnathort beautiful so watch this space. The Community Orchard in South Street is a great community resource with bee friendly planting and lots of native fruit trees. There is an information board detailing the trees. There is a bench in there at the moment, so please feel free to go and use it. We're also hoping that the orchard will be one of our project areas next year so keep an eye out for what will be happening there.

Back in December we held our second 'Carols at the Cross' event. It was extremely well attended and we raised £140 for Broke not Broken. Many, many thanks to all who attended and donated to this great cause.

That's all for now, but, if you see us in the village, please feel free to stop and say hello and let us know what you think.



Kinross Museum

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In May a Museum Newsletter was distributed to the Friends of Kinross Museum with news of events and other developments. There was also a reminder that Friends annual subscriptions are now due.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help man the Museum Study Room on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would like to find out more, do look at our website or drop by and visit us. We will be taking part in the Better Place to Live Fair in the Loch Leven Community Campus on Saturday 9 June.

A recent acquisition which came to us from Mrs Anne Lawson Dandie.

It is a rare early Scottish Gliding Union (SGU) badge made by one of the members



Kinross Bridge Club

Another very enjoyable season has come to an end. The number of members playing regularly has continued to rise, which is very encouraging.

At the end of season party the Peter Stirling trophy for the best average score over the year was presented to Jessie Mitchell, with Liz Pottie as runner up.

The winners on the night were as follows:

	North South	East West
1st	Jan Hill and Alison Houston	Gloria Wilson and Colin Wilson
2nd	Susie Ballantyne and Linda Bayne	Liz Pottie and Betty Wilson

The next season will start in mid September. New members will be most welcome.

Portmoak Hall

100 Club April Draw

1st	No 45	Huw Phillips, Wester Balgedie
2nd	No 99	Evelyn Hampson, Kilmagadwood
3rd	No 91	Harry McLennan, Kinnesswood

Portmoak Hall Ceilidh

A good night was had by both young and old at the Portmoak Hall Annual Ceilidh. Music was by the Glenfarg Ceilidh Band. A sum of £1100 was raised to help with the running costs of the hall.

Thanks to all who attended and to every one who donated food and raffle prizes. We hope to see you all again next year.

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We all know that sunshine brings a smile to our faces but it wasn't just the good weather that did so. Our celebration coffee morning in Maureen Eadie's memory brought in many old friends who, along with volunteers, enjoyed an uplifting time recalling happier days.

Cameron and her family kindly donated some of her artwork to raise money for our funds and they, and other valued pieces bought by volunteers over the years, were on display. The final total will be reported next month but, along with the funeral collection of £150 and £93.05 from the coffee morning, our funds have received a very healthy uplift. Sincere thanks to Cameron and family for their generosity as well as to all who supported our event.

Equally generous was our loyal friend George Crawford whose penny jar added £163.75 to funds. This brings his magnificent total to date to £1150.30. We send our warm gratitude to all who remember us with their small change pots. It is amazing how it all adds up!

Preparations are now underway for our stall at the Better Place to Live Fair on Saturday 9 June and our project lunch later in the month. We hope you will put both in the diary! Finally, a little plea for your consideration; with summer holidays approaching we are working at full stretch and would really appreciate any offers of help. Most of our volunteers are 'floaters' which means they only do a shift as and when it suits them. In return for any contribution made, we can promise a sincere welcome and a rewarding, satisfying time. Our contact details are below so don't hesitate, just do it!

Project: Our project for June is 500 Miles. The charity was founded in 2008 to support the development and delivery of prosthetic and orthotic services, firstly in Zambia, and now also in Zanzibar and Malawi. People born with deformities and those who have lost limbs through accident, disease or poverty often find themselves without a livelihood, home or family. The most vulnerable even die. The charity is working to give them back their lives by making prosthetic and orthotic services accessible and as affordable as possible, not just today but on a long-term and sustainable basis.

Project lunch: We are delighted that Olivia Giles from the charity 500 Miles is making a return visit as our guest speaker on **Wednesday 20 June** at 12 noon in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

Olivia's talk will be followed by a lunch of home-made soup, bread, tray bakes and Fairtrade tea and coffee. Everyone is welcome to come along.

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.

Club Correspondents

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

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Scottish Gliding Centre Air Experience flight

Royal Highland Show - two tickets

Knockhill Motorsport Event family tickets x 2

Kisa's, Cafe Kisa's, Le Jardin Cafe £50 voucher

Kinross Golf Club 4 ball

Active Kids family day pass

Cairnie Fruit Farm family day pass

The Scottish Deer Centre family day pass

Kinross Show family pass

Kirkland's two course lunch for two

Courthouse pizza dinner for two

Esther Kent framed artwork

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Jill Peters Stella & Dot £20 voucher

Sheena Robb Stella & Dot pouch bag

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Angel Cakes tea or coffee and cake for two

Loch Leven's Larder £10 voucher

Nando's voucher for two combo meals

Jura Scottish Single Malt Whisky

Bottle of prosecco

Thank you to all who kindly donated prizes!

Fossoway and District Community Benefit Fund

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First Grant from New Fossoway and District Community Benefit Fund

The Fossoway and District Community Benefit Fund is a small grant-giving fund, managed by Fossoway and District Community Council. The money, to be applied to community benefit within the Community Council area, is derived as a direct benefit from the Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro Scheme.

The Fund has recently awarded its first grant to support Penney's Wood, a community woodland scheme in Drum / Back Crook. The grant is a contribution to a £2,500 project to enhance the woodland infrastructure, adding a pond area, bridges and seating, improving signage and access to this young woodland amenity.

A community survey was undertaken prior to the launch of the Fund. Responses were received from 22% of all households across the villages and hinterlands of Blairingone, Carnbo, Crook of Devon, Drum, Powmill and Rumbling Bridge and have helped determine grant terms and priorities. The survey also identified a strong desire for a number of key amenity and environmental improvements and actions to strengthen community cohesion. The Community Council is seeking to respond positively. Watch this space!

More information on the fund and how to apply for a grant can be found at the fund website (see heading) or get in touch with us on fossowayhydro@gmail.com



Trudy Duffy (Chair of Fossoway & District CC), John Wheatley (Community Benefit Fund Committee) and Hugh Wallace (Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro Scheme) present Trustees of the Fossoway Access & Amenity Group with a cheque for £1,200 at Penney's Wood
Photo: Duncan Pritchard



Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Get out for a regular walk and enjoy the (hopefully) good Spring weather. Explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you're new or returning to walking, or an experienced walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join our friendly and relaxed group. We would particularly like to have some new walkers join us on our weekend walks and can guarantee you a warm welcome. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

Weekend Walks

Friday 1 - Sunday 3 June.

Walking weekend based in Aberfoyle. Now fully booked.

Saturday 9 June: Glen Tarken, 8 miles.

Circular walk through Glen Tarken. Steep climb up forestry road at start, then on tracks up one side of the glen and return on other side.

Sunday 24 June: Tayport to Newport Circular, 9 miles.

A fairly level walk on good tracks, footpaths and coastal path. From Tayport towards Newport, inland to Morton Loch, on round edge of Tentsmuir and back to the coast.

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, or 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, 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.

Tuesday 5 June: The Magical Horses.

From Falkirk Stadium, past the lagoon, through the wetlands and walk up the canal to say 'hello' to the Kelpies. Twisty path to Langlee Community Woodland, past a couple of intriguing outdoor artworks, then returning along the canal.

Tuesday 19 June: Along the Hillfoots.

From golf course at Stirling end of Tillicoultry, a fairly gentle incline leading to woodland park. Walk down to outskirts of Alva with good views towards the Forth. Return on lower path through farmland and over the golf course.

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

Milnathort & Kinross Allotments Association



Despite a very late spring, we had a good range of plants to sell at the April farmers' market. It was a good day and we sold most of what we had produced.

In answer to the many, many queries we had about sweet peas; yes, we have a good amount in the polytunnel. They will be ready for sale at the May market, along with tomatoes, cucumber, marrows, courgettes, runner beans and French beans. By the end of May we should be well past the chance of a late frost, so come along and see what we have.

Thanks must go to the dedicated team of volunteers who have been looking after the seedlings despite rain, snow and frost, as well as a couple of glorious days, since February. Thanks also to the volunteers who manned the stall, transported the plants, put up the gazebo and lots of other tasks to help us make a success of the day. Funds raised are used to keep rents low at the allotments and to provide improvements to the community garden, which we are very proud of.

All plots are taken and we now have no waiting list, so if you are interested why not come along to one of our monthly meetings? Details are posted on the notice board by the gate of the allotments, at the back of Dobbies car park. We look forward to meeting you.

Walk for Parkinson's – Loch Leven

We're inviting people of all ages, abilities and fitness levels to Walk for Parkinson's on **Sunday 26 August 2018**.


By joining Walk for Parkinson's you'll be uniting with thousands of people across the UK to find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's.

We'll be setting off from Loch Leven's Larder at 11am on a walk that lets you experience the natural, historic and cultural heritage around Loch Leven, a national nature reserve with links to Mary Queen of Scots. You can choose from a gentle **2-mile** walk down to Loch Leven or a **6-mile** where views open up towards the West Lomond and Bishop Hill.

For more information or to sign up, visit Parkinsons.org.uk/walklochleven or call 0344 2259857.



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Kinross and District Art Club

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Painting took a pause for a few moments in May while club President Gillian Ross presented long-standing member Cathie Clark with a cake for her 90th birthday. Cathie and her husband Victor, who sadly has since passed away, joined the club in 1969, just two years after the club was founded. Cathie has attended the club regularly over all these years, participating annually at our September Exhibition in the Parish Church. There are now three members of the club who have reached their 90th birthday and are still painting enthusiastically!



President Gillian Ross presents Cathie Clark with a cake for her 90th birthday

The club is now in summer recess and will resume again on **Tuesday 21 August** and **Friday 24 August**. In the meantime, we will have a stand at the Better Place to Live Fair on **Saturday 9 June**. Our Outdoor Painting days will take place on **Tuesday 3 July** in Falkland and on **Friday 22 July** at Aldie Castle.

During the next few weeks we will also be getting our paintings ready for the **annual exhibition** in the Parish Church, which takes place **5 to 8 September**. This year we plan to feature a calendar of members' art work.

If you are interested in joining the club, please contact us through our website.

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The Committee of the Crook of Devon Village Hall, together with Fossoway and District CC, have recently taken the first steps to resurrect the Fossoway Gathering. For those of you who are new to the area; it used to be a brilliant day where the Fossoway community would come together, meet and play. Those of you who remember the Gathering; you'll need no explanation.

At a recent meeting, ten people turned up and a few more have expressed willingness to be involved in the organisation of this event, which is provisionally scheduled for **Saturday 22 June 2019**. We need more people to come forward to help organise this in the coming year, but also people who will commit to helping on the day. If you can spare some time, please come to the next meeting on **Thursday 14 June** at 7.30pm in the Stables, the Inn, Crook of Devon. You can also get in touch with us at fossowaygathering@gmail.com

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



Preparations for this summer's visit to our twin town of Gacé in Normandy are well underway, although there are a few spaces left for any last minute travellers.

The twinning group will leave Kinross on **Saturday 28 July** and travel to Portsmouth for the early Sunday morning crossing to Caen. They will be hosted by families in and around Gacé and enjoy a week of cultural and tourist visits. They will return to Caen on **Sunday 5 August** for the overnight crossing to Portsmouth, arriving back in Kinross late on the Monday afternoon.

Come and see us at the 'Better Place to Live' fair in the Campus on **Saturday 9 June** where you can find out more about our twinning association and our link with Gacé over the past 43 years.

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Aero Space Kinross

www.aerospacekinross.com

Build-A-Plane Project

The dynamic young Build-A-Plane team at Kinross High School, led by a team of aviation experts, is getting closer to take-off this summer as they work on the final stages of the Eurofox kit plane bought by Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust (ASSET).

The kit plane was delivered last November following a fund-raising campaign. The project is giving local Kinross High School pupils an exciting after-school opportunity to help assemble a real aeroplane from a full-size kit and encourage their interest in pursuing STEM subjects and forming strong and vitally important community links.

The plane will also be on show for the first time at the **East Fortune Air Show** on **Saturday 28 July** where visitors will

be able to see the plane first hand.

Headteacher Sarah Brown said; 'This initiative is a terrific STEM project for the school and we are delighted to be the first school to take part. It will be a very proud moment for us all when the plane takes off.'

In addition, Air Service Training Ltd, Perth College, University of the Highlands and Islands are involved in providing pupils with workshops covering hands on engineering skills development, health and safety briefings, a hangar visit and aeronautics theory.

The project has been made possible with financial support from Rural Perth and Kinross LEADER Programme 2014-2020. A grant of £30,000 for the project has been offered to match the ASSET crowdfunding amount.

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

Starry Nights Success

Cosmos Planetarium recently presented an evening of fun family star-gazing at Loch Leven's Larder. 200 keen astronomers and star-gazers of all ages enjoying the 'virtual' dark skies over Loch Leven.

The event formed part of Aero Space Kinross' outreach campaign with Cosmos Planetarium, as they encourage new membership and raise awareness of the proposed aviation, astronomy and space flight family visitor centre, tourist attraction for Kinross. The event was a sell-out success!

Expert astronomers Steven Gray and James Green led the evening's events with their fully immersive 3D planetarium, taking their audiences on a voyage of cosmic discovery with the 'We are Aliens' show for children and 'Phantoms of the Universe – search for dark matter' for adults. As well as the planetarium show, astronomy enthusiasts could try out VR Headsets, telescope demonstrations and a chance to try to virtually land the Mars Rover on Mars.

The Loch Leven's Larder team themed the event for the cosmic adventurers who were invited to the Greenhouse Café after the planetarium show for a mug of hot chocolate and a chance to try out their range of delicious space-themed food including beef meatball asteroids, galactic guacamole and cosmic coleslaw.



Image of how the final plane will look

Kinross & District Probus Club

The Eyemouth Fishing Disaster

by Robert Oliver

Bert's presentation was the tragic story of the Eyemouth Fishing Disaster, which happened on 14 October 1881, still called 'Black Friday' to this day by many locals.

Fishing was an essential part of the local economy in Eyemouth; the men went fishing and the women supported them by baiting the lines and repairing nets.

The sudden windstorm in October 1881 blew up while the fishing boats were out at sea and caused the deaths of 189 fishermen, of whom 129 were from Eyemouth itself.

The day began with the barometer at its lowest level ever recorded and an eerie feeling fell over the village. The fleet left the safety of the harbour and, with no wind, they had to row for miles heading out to the fishing grounds.

The storm, when it hit, came with such force and speed it caught everyone off guard. Boats capsized and disappeared under huge waves and others were wrecked on the rocky



coastline of Hurkar Rocks. Forty-one boats were lost that day. There was an occasional miraculous story of survival against all the odds: the fishing boat, the Ariel Gazelle, arrived back in Eyemouth harbour two days after the storm, having survived, but largely the stories were of death, destruction and loss.

After the event, with every family in the village having suffered loss, there were calls for the orphaned children to be taken away and given new homes. However, the village community resisted on the basis that the children were the future and must remain. A support fund was set up to help the stricken families and quickly £50,000 was raised; equivalent to almost £4.5 million in today's money.

It's hard to imagine the scale of this disaster and the impact it must have had on this small community. However, Eyemouth did recover and, although the fishing fleets of old have long gone, 14 October 1881 will never be forgotten.

A vote of thanks was given by Peter Reeve and the meeting was followed by the AGM.

The club can be contacted via the Secretary at ajadh@aol.com

Kinnesswood in Bloom

www.kinnesswoodinbloom.org

We hope to have appointed contractors to the Benarty View project by next month. Once appointed, things should move on quickly and residents should see a big difference to this rather neglected area. The 40 mph sign has already gone, improving the view further. The school art project for this year is almost complete and it will be a very colourful show of children's work. For more information, please see the report on the Portmoak Festival. This year the under fives are joining in by producing art work and planting a tub.

As part of the festival there will be a chance for visitors to take a self-guided tour of the Kinnesswood gardens and possibly some private ones as well. There will be refreshments in the Michael Bruce garden and a village map available. Look at our Facebook page for further information.

Talking of gardens, five of the Kinnesswood ladies will be attending the 'Take a Pride in Perthshire' garden party at Scone racecourse. We were invited to decorate hats using ingenuity and innovation. Let's just say that the birds and bees from last year have been recycled. Pictures of our splendid hats, modelled by the lovely ladies, will follow next month.

Work parties have been going well in the last few weeks. We have received our recycling bins from PKC and placed them in suitable places. Rory and John have installed the solar listening post in the Michael Bruce garden. It now has music installed and poetry will soon be available by pushing the appropriate button.



The new listening post and information board at the Michael Bruce Garden

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The school gardening has also gone well. All the raised beds are now full of onions, oats, strawberries, peas and beans. The children have been bringing on flowers in the greenhouse.

At the end of May we hosted a group of secondary pupils from Kinross High who helped repaint all the woodwork, clear the pond, weed and cut back. A special job was to dress one of our figures as a suffragette!

The Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom letters have been posted through the letter boxes of local residents. This is our main fund-raiser of the year and we really appreciate the support we get, especially the kind comments. We also appreciate a couple of generous donations received recently. They will go towards the Benarty View project as part of the local funding.

By the end of June we hope the village will be in tip top condition, ready for the Portmoak Festival and the subsequent judging season.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 7 June** in the Well Inn, Scotlandwell. All are welcome at our meetings and also our Saturday work parties.

Recipe



supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Strawberry Ice Cream

Ice cream is a bit time-consuming to make but, if you have a glut of strawberries, it's worth the effort to make this creamy dessert.

Ingredients

- 450g ripe strawberries
- 3 egg yolks
- 150g caster sugar
- 150ml milk
- 150ml double cream

Method

Put the egg yolks and sugar into a bowl and whisk together until the mixture becomes light and pale.

Heat the milk and cream to just below boiling point. Then pour in a thin stream into the egg and sugar mixture, beating all the time.

Transfer to a double boiler or bowl on top of a pan of hot water and thicken on a gentle heat. Stir from time to time until you have a thick custard that smoothly coats the back of a spoon. Stand until it becomes cool.

Puree the hulled strawberries in a food processor then fold into the cool custard. Transfer to an ice cream mixture or freezer tray and freeze. Blend once or twice as it sets to prevent large ice crystals.

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Boys Brigade

The Company's Annual Display and Presentation of Awards was held in Kinross Church Centre on Friday 18 May. Mr Ian Finnie and Mrs Hilda Finnie were the inspecting officers.

There was a good turnout of parents and friends. Everyone enjoyed a varied programme which highlighted the talents of the boys and girls within the company.

The following awards were presented:

Anchor Section

Promotion Certificates: William Constable, Zara Webster.

Best Squad: Zara Webster, Murray Reilly, Max Ross, Bailey Eadie, Lewis Robinson, Molly Cruickshanks and Andrew Tindal.

Best Anchor: *Best Recruit:* 3rd, Molly Cruickshanks and Samuel McKay; 2nd, Bailey Eadie and Catherine Savage; 1st, **Lewis Robinson and Andrew Tindal**. *Best 2nd Year:* 4th, Georgia Hodge and Max Ross; 3rd, Benjamin Gibb; 2nd, Murray Reilly; 1st, **Andrew Thomson**. *Best 3rd Year:* 2nd, Zara Webster; 1st, **William Constable**. *Best Anchor Overall:* **Andrew Thomson**.

Junior Section

Promotion Certificates: Martha Harvey, Elizabeth Savage, Murray Gill.

Battalion Awards: *Bible Quiz Trophy:* Martha Harvey, Elizabeth Savage and Alysia Ross.

Ritchie Memorial Shield (Swimming Gala Overall Winner): Ben Halkett and Angus Ewen.



John A McGregor Swimming Shield (Best Swimmer): Alysia Ross and Andrew Robertson.

Junior Section Awards

Best Squad: Squad 2, Murray Gill, Luke Reilly, Clare Cassells and Angus Ewen.

Best Junior: *Best Recruit:* 3rd, Ross Fletcher and Luke Reilly (504); 2nd, Alysia Ross (547); 1st, **Ben Halkett** (597). *Best 2nd Year:* 3rd, Harry Bland (439); 2nd, Matthew Bell (496.5); 1st, **Angus Ewan** (497). *Best 3rd Year:* 3rd, Murray Gill (382); 2nd, Elizabeth Savage (390); 1st, **Martha Harvey** (415). *Best Junior Overall:* **Ben Halkett**.

Company Section

Battalion Awards

Battalion 125 Badge Design: Chris Cassells. *Senior Drill Medal:* Callum Jack. *Scripture Search, Target Medal:* David Savage. *Scripture Search, Senior Medal:* Chris Cassells.

Company Section Awards

Ten Pin Bowling winner: George Milne. *Ten Pin Bowling winner (Officers):* Paul Coulthard. *Most improved Volleyballer:* Callum Jack. *Best Youngster at Camp:* Rebekah Roe. *Junior Drill Award:* Oliver Dunn.

Best Squad: 2nd, Squad 2 (1985 points). 1st, **Squad 1** (2288 points); Chris Cassells, Rebekah Roe, Zoe Webster, Jack Bland and David Savage.

Promotion to Staff Sergeant: Chris Cassells.

Neale Trophy (Citizenship): **Rebekah Roe**. *Best Recruit:* **David Savage**. *Best member (Melville Trophy):* 3rd, Chris Cassells and Rebekah Roe (2496); 2nd, Zoe Webster (2779); 1st, **George Milne** (3090).



The Savage Family has one member in each of the three sections: (l to r) Catherine Savage, Elizabeth Savage and David Savage (Target Scripture Search Medal)



Ralston Drill Competition Winners Medal - Callum Jack.



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Kinross-shire Community Radio



'Kinross-shire Community Radio' launches this July

It's all go for Kinross-shire's radio project. The station will be launched online for a one month trial.

The station will be based in the heart of Kinross, broadcasting from the Kinross Business Centre.

It will be an exciting month, with content reflecting Kinross-shire's vibrant community. From features showcasing local businesses and organisations, to interviewing artists passing through the area, the station will have content for all ages and interests.

See next month's Newsletter for the full schedule and see what's on!

There's always space for more volunteers: if you're interested in any aspect of the project, we'd love to hear from you!

Visit www.kinrossshireradio.com for all the latest news.

Contact sam@kinrossshirefm.co.uk



Crook and Drum Growing Together



After a slow start, the plants in the village are starting to look lovely, with the pink cherry blossom on the Green, and bulbs in the wildlife bed there, and the new daffodils along the verges between the villages. We will be adding summer flowering plants to the barrels and tubs in early June.

We have been given two tall planters from Essential Edinburgh. These have three tiers, and will make a big difference to the floral displays at either end of the village. Many thanks to Louise and Alan for helping to bring these back from Edinburgh. We are planning a planting scheme of red, white and blue for the centre of Crook of Devon this year, with more natural marigolds and nasturtiums in the more rural spots.

Our **Spring Fair** at the end of April was a true community effort, between ourselves, our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, and reps from the PTA, with a lovely art exhibition from Fossoy School, and various stall holders, including the RSPB, and local beekeepers. Some delicious baking was donated by local ladies, and our local Community Police Officers, Dougie and Atholl, also called in for a cuppa and a chat. We are grateful to the local businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the raffle. We raised a total of £350 for our funds.

We are entering three **competitions** this summer, with judging from early July onwards, and we would welcome efforts by local residents, particularly along the main street, to keep their front garden areas tidy and blooming to help with this. If you would like any advice, or physical help with this, **please contact Amanda as below**. Also if you could help the group in any way, e.g. just looking after one planter near where you live, or have any other talents to share, please get in touch.

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Monday*	10am-1pm
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* Monday 10am-1pm and Saturday 1pm-4pm: Limited service, provided by volunteers (FOLLCL, see this page).

Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

- **Bookbug Rhymetimes:** Saturdays 10.30am-11am and Wednesdays 2pm-2.30pm.
- **Pre-school Story Time:** Tuesdays 10.15am-10.45am. Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.
- **Stay and Play:** Wednesdays 2.30pm-3.30pm. Saturdays 11am-12 noon. Pop into the library where you can meet other parents, have a coffee, chat, read a magazine or just relax while your child plays. Toys provided. Family-friendly. These sessions are suitable for pre-school children and their parents or guardians.

IT Help Sessions

Free monthly sessions, but booking essential. The next session is on **Thursday 21 June**, 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 is **Saturday 2 June**.

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.

Event: Make A Noise in Libraries fortnight (MANIL)

This runs from 4 to 17 June and is a campaign to bring blind and partially sighted people together to improve access and to raise awareness to books and information.

Loch Leven Library will be hosting a **cello recital** by Kinross High School music department on **13 June** at 1pm, and a performance on **7 June** at 7pm by **Leven Voices**. All welcome. Complimentary teas and coffee.

There will be other pop up musical performances throughout the fortnight. Please contact the library for further details.

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Your suggestions wanted

Perth Museum has a display case in the library and we are asking for suggestions from members of the public for displays they would like to see in the future. In the past we have had Camera and Photography display, a Rural History display, a Wildlife around Loch Leven and a Fossil display to name a few.

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Friends of Loch Leven Community Library (FOLLCL)

Better Place to Live Fair

We will be at the Better Place to Live Fair at
Loch Leven Community Campus on **Saturday**

9 June between 10am and 2pm. The event is free and a great opportunity to find out what's going on in the community with the chance to discover new activities, clubs to join and places to go. We will be delighted to see you all at our stall – why not stop by and have a chat with us? We will also be opening the library as usual on that Saturday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) so please drop in to see us there too!

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



Dobbies Community Champion

After a long winter, plants and flowers are now starting to grow really quickly. The bees are busy, and birds are nesting, and it is a lovely time to be outside.

The Little Seedlings Club at 11am on **Sunday 3 June** will be celebrating **National Children's gardening week**, and growing lettuce in the shape of their initials. We will meet at the allotments behind the Dobbies store, where we have our own growing bed, and will be planting out some other seedlings which we sowed in pots last month. If you would like to join us, please wear sun cream and a hat, and bring an adult with you, and register at www.dobbies.com under Events and Kinross. The July meeting will be on **1 July**, at 11am, about scented plants.

I have also been busy making some donations of plants and other gardening items to local groups, under our programme '**Help your Community Grow**'. These have been to **Kinross**

Primary School, for children from the Willow Tree Group to grow sensory plants and herbs and easy edible plants in planters in their central courtyard, and also to **Benore Care Home** in Lochore, to encourage the older residents to spend time in the garden, and 'grow their own' in special raised table beds.

I will be donating easy gardening books to **Milnathort Primary School** as



Competition winner: a sheep made from plant pots!

prizes for their sunflower competition, and also gave prizes to **Glenfarg and Duncricvie in Bloom** for their **flower pot person competition**. I spent a lovely afternoon judging the flower pot figures, with original ideas from residents, the Sunday School and Cubs and Beavers, and at Arngask Primary School. The photo shows a sheep from the winning home entry, of a shepherd, with sheep, chickens, and even a sheep dog! Congratulations to all involved.

There will be a special **Little Seedlings activity area** at the **Highland Show** at the end of June, with children's growing activities, so do come and see us there. Throughout this year all Dobbies stores will be fundraising for the **Teenage Cancer Trust**. Please let us know if you have any good ideas or would like to help with any activities at the store for this very good cause.

For further information about community activities at Dobbies, please contact Amanda James, Community Champion, at the store 01577 863327, or at community.kinross@dobbies.com

P&K Fairtrade Anniversary

A ceremony took place recently at the city chambers in Perth to celebrate the first anniversary of Perth and Kinross being recognised as a Fairtrade Zone.

The Perth and Kinross Fairtrade Group is chaired by Milnathort resident Karena Jarvie. Kinross-shire is an important component of the Fairtrade Zone. Kinross-shire was the first Fairtrade County in Scotland and the group based at Kinross Parish Church sold the largest amount of Traidcraft goods in Scotland last year.

Many businesses around the county, including many of the cafés, sell or use Fairtrade goods and the Fairtrade Group encourages local residents to support them.



Provost Dennis Melloy and Karena Jarvie, chair of the Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Group, at the recent event to mark the first anniversary of the Perth & Kinross as a Fairtrade Zone

Volunteering with Guiding Groups

Our volunteering opportunities can fit around your skills, commitments and interests. You don't need to have been involved in guiding before to make a big difference and find a role that's perfect for you.

Whether leading a unit, or helping out more casually, you'll run activities, games, projects and events that give girls the opportunity to discover their potential and the world around them.

- *want to join or start a unit* • *can support girls on a weekly basis - giving you the opportunity to see them grow and develop* • *are happy to get stuck in - you'll be helping girls with a range of exciting, adventurous and often messy activities* • *seek a highly rewarding role where you'll develop great relationships with your team and your girls.*

If you aren't able to volunteer on a regular basis, you can still make an impact in a supporting role. No commitment is too small - every role is vital to running our charity. These roles are perfect for you if you are:

- not able to give time every week
- only able to help out casually
- keen to share a specialist skill such as photography, administration or managing a shop.

Roles include: secretary, treasurer, photographer, volunteer shop manager.

Volunteer and make a difference

Work with young people, gain voluntary experience and develop skills from first aid to fundraising. It's time to get involved with Girlguiding.

Local contact: Alison 07764 750212.

Networking Breakfast touches down at Loch Leven's Larder



The eager local entrepreneurs who landed at Loch Leven's Larder at 7.15am on 2 May for the Kinross-shire Partnership's Networking Breakfast may have been one day late for washing their faces in the early morning dew, but at least instead they enjoyed a full Scottish breakfast – not to mention having ample opportunity to network with other like-minded business people. Richard Scott, of the Cleaning Intelligence Agency, welcomed the gallant band of breakfasters to the Larder's lovely new café area, and invited each of them to make a 60-second 'elevator pitch' to introduce themselves and their business to everyone present.

The products and services described ranged from state-of-the art hair colouring to counselling to put the bounce back into your life, and from professional carpet cleaning to video production services or innovative software that helps companies recruit staff more effectively. The breadth of offerings from businesses in and around Kinross-shire is as impressive as it is diverse.

Regular attendee Uwe Stoneman from the RSPB was delighted to reveal that

the long-awaited underpass project at Vane Farm – which will allow wheelchair access direct from the visitor centre car park to the Heritage Trail – had begun earlier in the week. Meanwhile, another local destination which also had exciting news to share was Tullibole Castle, which will be the venue for "Wildhood" – a new outdoors event for under 12s – over the weekend of 9/10 June. Boasting around twenty different entertainers and experiences, "Wildhood" looks set to draw large numbers of visitors to the area.

Once all the business presentations were complete, Kinross-shire Partnership Chairman Alisdair Stewart introduced the speaker for the May breakfast: Andy Martin from Mission Aviation Fellowship, a charity which provides and flies aeroplanes to help vulnerable people around the globe, by flying in essential supplies and even evacuating those in danger.

It would be impossible not to have been moved by the stories that Andy told about the plight of children and adults in South Sudan, Ethiopia, Tanzania and other troubled, sensitive areas of the world. He described how MAF's brave pilots regularly land planes in seemingly

impossible places, often on hillsides or in small forest clearings, in order to get assistance – in the form of food and medicines – to people in desperate need.

Video footage of these missions including interviews with one of MAF's pilots – and with Cathy Groenendijk, executive director of the organisation "Confident Children out of Conflict", with whom MAF have worked on several missions – was truly inspiring. Andy's passion for his work with MAF radiated from him during his entire presentation, and the entire MAF team is to be commended for the impressive results they have achieved during their 75-year existence. If any local organisations in Kinross-shire would like to learn more about MAF's invaluable and fascinating work, please contact Alisdair Stewart.

The Kinross-shire Partnership's June Networking Breakfast will take place on **Wednesday 6 June**. [See p. 99 for details.] We look forward very much to seeing you there, but please email mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to book your place in advance so we can let Loch Leven's Larder know how much bacon to cook!

Rosemount Nursery

Down on the Farm at Hilton of Aldie

Spending the day with Farmer Colin & Di at Dawes Farm, the children and their parents set about with the important jobs of feeding the lambs, kid goats, and the Alpacas, Mac and Nimbus!

We learnt much about farm life and practical farming and spent a wonderful morning in the countryside.



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Kinross Farmers' Market

The next Farmers' Market is **Saturday 23 June** from 10am until 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.



Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

It has been great to see so many different instruments attending the Kinross Kacophony Orchestra... flutes, clarinets,



Come and play a tune with the Kinross Kacophony Orchestra!

saxophones, violins, cellos, tuba, oboe, bassoon, double bass, trombone, trumpet, French horn and a recorder! We have even been able to make quite a tuneful noise with conductor Dougie Flower! It has been great fun.

If you would like to join in with your instrument, please come along on a Wednesday evening. 7pm-9pm, at Loch Leven Community Campus. All abilities welcome! Fee is £5. If interested, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk or call Bouwien on 01577 863107 and let me know what kind of instrument you are intending to bring along.

Leven Voices

On 17 April tutor Alice Marra and Leven Voices organised a wonderful concert at Kinross Parish Church, which was very well attended. We raised £387.69 and one Leven Voices member added the extra £12.31 to make it to a whopping £400 to be split between two local charities, the Kinross Day Centre and Broke Not Broken. Well done, everyone!

We have now started the next block of sessions, which runs until 26 June with Horsecross Arts tutor Irene Railley. All sessions take place on Tuesdays, 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, see our website or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub

Cycling Without Age

Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub's Cycling Without Age project is nearing its fundraising target with £12000 secured to date out of £15,000 needed for two trishaws.

A meeting was held recently and a small management group has been formed to get the project operational and our first trishaw purchased. We are at the point of asking those who have expressed an interest in cycling to get in touch with Kirsteen Ross at KRoss@liveactive.co.uk or 01738 472245 as we will shortly be 'signing up' pilots and arranging pilot training as we hope our first trishaw will arrive in 6-8 weeks. Those who came to the recent meeting enjoyed a turn on the trishaws provided by Cycling Without Age Scotland.



Kinross in Bloom



Due to a bit of a mix-up, our summer plant plugs duly arrived at the beginning of May, some three weeks behind schedule. However, the committee set to, and, by 7 May, some 3500 plugs had been transplanted into larger cells, filling our polytunnel to overflowing.

With our solar-powered watering system in operation, all we pray for now is some good weather, enabling the plants to be ready for planting into hanging baskets by the end of May. We look forward to an excellent and colourful display this year.

Our **200 Club winners** for May are: (1) No 36, Mr & Mrs M Lowry; (2) No 74, Mrs E Thomas; (3) No 52, Mrs J Miller; (4) No 80, Mrs Y Wardrope. Congratulations to our winners.

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Annual General Meeting

The Trust held a very successful AGM at Cleish Hall on 23 April, attended by some 30 members.

The Chairman gave his report and started by saying that the Trust's principal activity was to do with planning matters. The Trust receives the weekly list of Planning Application from PKC and holds monthly meetings to discuss the applications in Kinross-shire and, if it feels necessary, responding to them. The Trust always responds on planning grounds which reflect the policy statements contained in the current Local Development Plan.

The Trust's main concerns in the past year have been involved with the Persimmon developments at the old High School site and Lathro Farm. Of special concern had been the lack of progress with the restoration of the old building into four houses and the design of the new houses, especially those in the Kinross Conservation Area. The Trust attempted to prevent the felling of 13 mature oak trees at Lathro Farm, sadly without success, and queries PKC's handling of that development.

The Trust has responded to the Draft LDP2, their main concerns being with the definition of Special Local Areas, the amendment to the Settlement Boundary Policy and the promotion of Milnathort as a Conservation Area.

The Awards Committee had a

successful year, with the Best Kept Village Competition again being well supported. The Chairman thanked Patrick Milne Home, who is retiring this year as the Awards Chairman, for his success in the past five years as chairman and welcomed David Hill as the new chairman.

For the future, the Trust is looking to visits to Cowden Japanese Gardens and the possibility of Kinross House.

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts which were accepted by the Trust and David Hill gave a presentation on the new proposals for the coming year's Best Kept Village Competition.

After the AGM the meeting was given an excellent talk by Brian Cunningham, head gardener of Scone Palace.

Brian began by giving a brief history of the site. There is evidence of a Roman encampment north of the palace. The Picts had a capital at the site and later Moot Hill in the palace grounds became the crowning place of Kings of Scotland. The grounds are visited by around 10,000 people between April and October. The palace has been in the Murray family for 400 years.

Brian showed photographs of some of the buildings in the palace grounds, including an old parish church. This dates from the time when the village of Scone was located here. The whole village was moved two miles away to allow for landscaping of the grounds

after the medieval house was rebuilt as a palace in 1803.

Brian showed several historic photographs and modern equivalents to show different approaches to planting and design. A large kitchen garden has been reinstated to grow vegetables to use in the palace café. Maintenance regimes have changed due to the lower numbers of staff now compared to, say, 100 years ago.

Brian described various plants and explained why they were suited to the location. He also explained the important links between the famous plantsman David Douglas and Scone Palace.

There are five full-time gardeners at the palace and lots of volunteers. The volunteers are essential to the continued maintenance of and improvement to the gardens.

Brian answered lots of questions.

His talk was greatly enjoyed by the members present.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cunningham for his excellent talk which he was sure would encourage members to visit the gardens.

Better Place to Live Fair

The Trust will have a stall at this event on **Saturday 9 June** at the campus. Please stop by to have a chat and find out more about the work of the Trust.



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Kinross High School

Scottish Space School 2018

Fifth year pupil, Freddie Bull, has been selected to participate in an exciting outreach programme organised by the Faculty of Engineering at Strathclyde University; the Scottish Space School.

Every summer 100 successful S5 Scottish school pupils attend a week-long residential summer school comprising lectures, labs and workshops on a space theme. This is delivered by academics and researchers from the faculty, as well as visiting NASA representatives.

Following the week, 10 of the students are chosen for a once in a lifetime visit to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for Freddie. We wish him the very best of luck and look forward to hearing all about his experiences.

Skills Development Scotland

Fifth year pupil Jack Johnson is preparing for the world of work by undertaking a Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services at Perth College UHI, with the hope of picking up some skills, knowledge and experience that will set him up for a successful career in the future.

Foundation Apprenticeships are open to pupils in the senior phase of secondary school. As well as gaining the expert knowledge that will help him flourish in the workplace, Jack says that his apprenticeship is also helping him grow in confidence.

Performing Arts Faculty News

This has been a busy term in the Performing Arts Faculty. Pupils have enjoyed trips to see several theatre performances. S2 and S3 pupils are looking forward to a trip to London during challenge week and senior pupils will be visiting the Edinburgh Fringe in August.

As mentioned last month, the school had much success at Perform in Perth, the Perthshire Music Festival.

The Spring Concert was a huge success and included songs from musicals, film music, jazz and contemporary music. We said farewell to some of our senior pupils who will be leaving school this year.

We are currently rehearsing for our school show, 'Little Shop of Horrors'. (See page 99)

We have been successful in our application to be part of the development work for Perth Theatre's 'Big Data Show' and S3 to 6 Drama Pupils will take part later in the year.

S6 Leavers' Day

To mark the final day of our sixth year at Kinross High, we decided to make the most of the last few hours of school we had together. We wanted our last day to be positive and memorable. The day started with a breakfast for the whole year. We then rushed into the hall where we all sat down with our friends and listened to goodbye speeches from Mrs Brown and our house heads. After we said a few words, the yearbook and our leavers' hoodies were handed out while we watched a video of our best (and embarrassing!) moments over the last six years.

After break it was time for the main event of the day; a trip to St. Andrews beach. We made our way to the beach reading and laughing at the yearbook and listening to our favourite summer anthems. We piled out of the buses and were immediately hit by the glaring sun and warm air. The energy



was high and everyone was excited, as well as a little sad.

Whilst the teachers set up a BBQ, we were listening to music, playing volleyball, walking in the sand, taking photos and enjoying being together as a year for the last time. As a day, it really is a lovely memory and one which we are sure we will revisit often as we set off on our future paths.

Fraser and Amy (Head Boy and Girl)

Duke of Edinburgh

Achieving this award is a passport to a brighter future, highly valued by employers and universities.

Our effort is off to a flying start and we have many expeditions planned in preparation for assessments at all levels. We will be going to places including the Cairngorms, Balmoral, Braemar and the Cuillin of Skye!

This would not be possible without the commitment of our fabulous team at school.



Duke of Edinburgh bronze award practice expedition, April 2018

Events and Fundraising Team 10K

A very successful 10K run was held on Thursday 26 April. Almost 200 runners took part. Thanks go to everyone who made the event possible, especially Kinross Road Runners.

We are the 'social' side of the Parent Council. However, there are no parent/carers members at the moment and we only have three members of staff. This makes it virtually impossible for future fundraising events to take place! The team normally meets twice a year.

Our **AGM** this year will be held on **Wednesday 22 August at 6pm** in the Conference Room in the campus. If you think you would be interested in joining the team, or if you would like any further information about our work, please e-mail SusanneMcClaren@pkc.gov.uk

French Exchange

Thirty-two pupils and four members of staff will shortly be heading off for the annual trip to Normandy. We are all very much looking forward to the activities and improving our linguistic skills. Vive l'Échange!

Active Schools

Thirteen pupils from Kinross High School have taken part in the School Sport Coaching Project this school year. This project allows pupils to attend coaching/officiating courses during the school holidays free of charge. In return, they provide coaching within the school or community. Pupils also travel to the primary clusters to deliver lunchtime and after-school clubs which creates a link between the primary and secondary pupils and the wider community.

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Digital Schools Award

Mrs Mossom and the digital leaders received a glowing report from Digital Schools Scotland. This is part of the accreditation process to mark our school as a digital school. There are now approximately 80 schools in the whole of Scotland who have achieved this status. The three schools who have completed this in Perth and Kinross are all from the Kinross cluster. This is very pleasing as our cluster development focus this year has been 'digital'.

You can read the full press release about this exciting award on our school website.

Take Your Child to Work Day

A number of pupils across primary six and seven participated in this. Our children spent the day in a range of work environments, including car garages, schools, police stations, offices and CHAS's Rachel House. Some pupils were gardeners, builders, handymen, engineers, joiners and removal men.

Back at school, the children shared what they had done with the rest of their class and talked about what they had learned.

The P6/7 pupils who remained at school used the website 'My World of Work' to consider their skills and careers which interested them. They were able to research potential jobs and discover the skills and qualifications required.

The children, whether in or out of school, spoke very positively about their experiences and enjoyed thinking ahead to their own futures.



Portmoak Primary has been recognised for integrating digital technology into learning and teaching

Kinross-shire Kwik Cricket Festival

Three teams from our school attended the Kinross-shire Kwik Cricket Festival on 18 May, organised by Kinross Cricket Club in conjunction with Live Active Leisure.

It was a glorious day and the children thoroughly enjoyed participating. All of the children were a real credit to the school and showed good sportsmanship, teamwork and enthusiasm. We are very pleased to announce that our teams placed first, second and third on the day. Our winning team will now be heading to the next round in Perth on 5 June. Many thanks to our volunteer coach Mr Surtees and to Kinross Cricket Club for all their support and hard work.

Ardroy

The Primary 6s returned from Ardroy

Outdoor Activity Centre on Monday 14 May. One of the main purposes of this four-day residential trip was for the children to achieve their John Muir Award. The aim of this is to 'discover, explore, and conserve' a wild area, then share experiences with others. Their days were busy and full of challenges and fun. One group was even lucky enough to spot a Golden Eagle on their walk! It is safe to say that the children all learned something about themselves and the beautiful country we live in. The award will be completed with a walk to Kilmagad Wood to complete more of the 'conserve' aspect of the award.

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



Members of the teams that achieved success in the Kinross-shire Kwik Cricket Festival

Sports News

Kinross Golf Club

www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk

Mixed Open Greensomes

The Bruce course was stunning. The weather was kind and the results are as follows: 1st Handicap Lesley Balfour, Kinross, and Phil Bates, Harrogate 66.2; 2nd Handicap Audrey Thomson, Kinross, and Jim Marshall, Kinross, 66.4; 3rd Handicap Rena Duncan, Kinross, and Peter Jackson, Kinross, 67.4; 4th Handicap Gaylor and Mike Hoskins, Kinross 69.8; 5th Handicap Louise and Mike Reid, Pitfirrane, 70.6; 1st Scratch Lyn Murray, Kinross, and Tom Bruce, Kinross, 75; 2nd Scratch Lorna and Jamie Arthur, Kinross, 78.

Robin Caldwell had a **hole-in-one** on the 16th and was presented with a bottle of Mary Queen of Scots whisky for his excellent achievement.



Robin with his wife and Greensomes partner, Elspeth

£170 was raised from the raffle with the proceeds being donated to TCCL (Tayside Children with Cancer and Leukemia). Thanks to Trish Anderson

who organised the raffle and to all who donated prizes and bought tickets.

Junior Golfers

The club continues its support of Junior Golfers. Tuesday Fun Days are now taking place throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings from 4pm.

If your children are interested in taking up the sport, why not come along and join in or just to find out more? Membership is free to all juniors and our summer coaching programme will be for 8 years old and over.

We currently have a crop of around half a dozen juniors aged 10, 11 and 12 years old. They are all keen to learn the game and play in the Tuesday Fun Day. They are all improving week on week and we might be able to give most a playing handicap in the near future and encourage more competitiveness amongst the group.

Annodata Matchplay

The Ladies Annodata team played away to Muckhart on 13 April. They achieved an excellent, if tight, result. Heather Gough secured the win after a second extra hole. Well done to Lenore Kyle, Alexis Crawford, Audrey Thomson, Lorna Arthur and Heather.

On 12 May, Kinross Ladies played their second round Annodata match against Dundas Park at home on our Montgomery Course. An excellent win of 3.5-1.5 was secured by Jennifer Simpson, Alexis Crawford, Anne Moore, Lorna Arthur and Ann Smith.

After a walkover in the first round, the Gents Annodata team played their second round match against Strathtay and had a good 4 -1 win. Well done to S Hynd, A Morrison, J G Smith, G I Smith and A Jackson and thanks to Strathtay for a good game.

Ladies Coronation Foursomes Stableford

Ann Smith and Heather Gough won the recent local qualifier and will represent

Kinross at a regional qualifier at Ratho Park later this year. Well done to Ann and Heather and good luck in the next round.

Randa 9 hole Championship

This qualifier was won by Lorna and Gordon Arthur. The duo will go forward to represent Kinross in the National Final which is being played at Milnathort on 14 and 15 June. Well done to Lorna and Gordon and good luck in the next round.

Ladies Invitational Greensomes

Fourteen ladies and their partners took part in this on the Montgomery course, played in lovely sunny weather.

After tasty meals in the dining room, vice captain Linda presented the Bell Trophies and prizes to the winners. They were Rena and Jean Duncan with an excellent score of 74.2. Second handicap went to Audrey Thomson and Linda Watson. First scratch was won by Ann Smith and Kathleen McConnell with a gross 91, closely followed by Lyn Murray and Joyce Smith. Well done to all taking part.

Charity Quiz

The annual charity quiz on 21 April was attended by 14 teams. The winners were Les Quizerables, who nominated the Kinross Centre to receive the £426 raised on the night. Thanks to everyone who came along and donated a prize for the raffle. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Ladies Night

This has been arranged for **Friday 20 July**. It will take place in the clubhouse with the Jersey Notes; Scotland's number one tribute to the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Tickets are now on sale from the bar.

Further information

More details about all golfing and social events are available on our website, Facebook, Twitter and in the clubhouse.

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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Since we opened on 15 April we have played three friendly games; two at home and one away. One game was cancelled by Lundin. This resulted in one loss and two wins and, once again, we have retained the Quaich against Maitland, Edinburgh.

Match results are as follows: Saturday 21 April, home to Perth West End, Orwell 63, Perth West End 65; Sunday 29 April home to Strathmiglo, Orwell 51, Strathmiglo 44; Saturday 12 May, away to Maitland, Orwell 96, Maitland 69.

We have had excellent bowling weather and club competitions are progressing.

The ladies Scottish games have already started and the senior rink are through to the semi-final.

The County and East of Scotland games start in June.

The gents' competitions haven't started yet but the senior gents have played four games in the county senior league. This has resulted in two wins and two losses plus 13 shots. The entries are starting to come in for the open pairs; see our website or Facebook for information.

If you are interested in bowling, please get in touch for information. This year we are offering half price membership and coaching for beginners.

Kinross Cavaliers Basketball

Basketball for Girls and Boys aged 9 to 14, no previous experience required.



We are delighted to welcome a steady inflow of new members to our Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club held on a Tuesday at Loch Leven Campus from 6pm to 8pm. Any new members will be very welcome to join us.

We have had another very successful year with two of our current members, Ailsa Reith and Lily Miller, along with a number of former Kinross Cavaliers members, Nicole Docherty, Holly McIntyre, Becky Jackson, Millie Smith and Ella Docherty (Assistant Coach) being part of the Scottish Cup Final Winning Team of Under 14s Girls Scottish Basketball Championships held in March this year at Oriam, Edinburgh. Well done, girls!

For more information, please contact kinrosscavaliers@gmail.com



The U14 Girls Scottish Basketball Champions

Kinross Road Runners

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We have been enjoying the lovely weather

– great for our club sessions in the evenings

– but maybe a bit hot for our Loch Leven Half

Marathon runners on 12 May! The event was a sell out and went well on the day, despite the heat and the flies! Our next club event is the **Milnathort Dash on Thursday 28 June** and entries are now open for this ever popular short hilly run.



The Loch Leven Half Marathon

Our training schedule for June is listed below. Tuesday nights focus on speed work, 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.

The Parkrun movement continues apace with the Loch Leven Junior Parkrun every Sunday morning at 9.30am for a 2km circuit round Kirkgate Park for those aged 4 to 14. Work is now well underway at Loch Leven's Larder to build a 2.5km circuit to host the eagerly awaited Senior Parkrun. Don't miss the inaugural run, which we hope will be sometime soon. New members are always welcomed, no matter what your running ability, and you are sure to benefit from the encouragement and camaraderie of being part of a like-minded group, so just come along to one of our sessions to give it a go or make contact via the website or Facebook page.

Programme for June

Sun 3	Informal run	Sun 17	Informal run
Tue 5	Two-mile Time Trial followed by hot chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage	Tue 19	Pyramid reps at Kirkgate Park
Wed 6	Hill of Tarvit Race (off-road championship)	Wed 20	Craigmead Hill Run
Sun 10	Informal run	Sun 24	Informal run
Tue 12	8 x 400m	Tue 26	5 x 1k at Kirkgate Park
Wed 13	Glen Lomond	Wed 27	Vicar's Bridge
		Thu 28	Milnathort Dash
		Sun 1	Informal run
		July	

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Kinross-shire Cricket Club

Juniors

Our junior summer started with the under 11 and under 13 teams participating in the prestigious Glenalmond sixes tournament at the beginning of May. What turned into a gloriously sunny day was full of fun and endeavour for the players.

Kinross-shire were the only club side to be invited; all the others represented private school teams from across the country as well as the North of England. Our players were up against many of the top age group players in Scotland. Despite not winning, the players gave a very good account of themselves and should feel proud of their contributions. The under 13s had three very competitive matches. Henry Daniels was the team's top run scorer. He was well supported by his younger brother Peter and Lewis Gallagher who scored 20 in the final game, as well as delivering an excellent bowling spell.

Angus Forbes chipped in with some useful runs and also produced a penetrative bowling spell in the first game. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect was the top-quality fielding performance delivered by the whole team.

Lewis Dall, the wicketkeeper, spearheaded this with an almost faultless display and this was backed up by all his teammates, capped by a fantastic diving catch on the boundary by Callum Porter, who also bowled well. It must have been the catch of the tournament!

The under 11s also played three matches and, although they didn't manage to get their first win on the board, they all played with great enthusiasm and showed real promise for the future.

This is the second year the club has delivered the UK wide 'All Stars' programme aimed at 5 to 8 year olds, giving them an introduction to cricket. The emphasis of the programme is very much one of fun. It must deliver this, as many of last year's players have returned. They have been augmented by many new faces and 33 people had joined by week two! It's a real pleasure to watch them run around with big smiles on their faces.

It's an action-packed hour with several competitive games - all the more competitive when parents join in. These are very much family sessions and thanks go to the parents for helping make this fun and participative.

Cricket is no longer the domain of mostly boys and it's great to have so many girls join in. The club puts great efforts into being very inclusive and positively welcomes players of any ability. The only criterion is to have fun!

Seniors

The new season has seen a significant increase in players returning to the game after many years on the sidelines due to work and family needs.

Our Sunday squad now has 24 regular players looking for matches. Some players want to play every week and others play the occasional match that fits in with their availability. This means that there is a very fluid team structure which does tend to make for

very exciting and challenging games. With three games gone, the club is still to register its first league win but we have also had to face the three strongest team in the division, so we hope to break our duck soon.

As this article is written we have 11 players and their families getting ready for the much-anticipated Vienna Tour. The schedule will see the team take in two days of sightseeing as well as matches against Lords Vienna CC, Vienna CC and Budapest CC. It is over 15 years since the last club tour to Somerset so this is a big adventure for all. There will be a full report in next month's Newsletter.

Primary School Kwik Cricket Tournament

The club was delighted to support this annual primary school tournament. Teams from Kinross, Milnathort, Fossoway, Cleish, Portmoak and Arngask took part with a fantastic show of batting, bowling and fielding skills. All the children put in lots of effort and displayed great sportsmanship.

The winners were the Portmoak Bears who will go onto the regional finals held in Perth in a few weeks' time. Thanks to the teachers, parents and club coaches for their support.

See Club News page 72 for a photograph of the Portmoak teams.

Further information

Current information on club events and activities can be found on the club Facebook page.



Teams at the Glenalmond sixes

Kinross Rugby Club

Minis Section

This season 91 children took part in training and matches. Under the watchful eye of the amazing parent coaches and helpers, they had a fun-packed, full-on season and played teams from other clubs across the country. Latterly the children went to Howe of Fife RFC, followed by Perthshire RFC, where the Primary 3s won best team and the Primary 4s won the Fair Play award. The season culminated with our annual end of season family BBQ and awards day on Saturday 19 May. The sun was shining on the 70 plus children who took part in a series of rugby-themed team games.

This was followed by the prize-giving with guest of honour, former Kinross RFC Mini Wallace Nelson, now part of the Scottish Rugby development programme. There was then time for more 'rugby' with the traditional Kids v Parents matches.

However the highlight of the day was the visit of the Calcutta Cup from the SRU. It was a great honour to host it at our wonderful friendly club and for children and parents to have their photos taken with such an iconic piece of rugby history. On behalf of Kinross Rugby Club, a massive thanks goes out to all the children and parents who have made this such a great season.

Awards recipients were: *P3 Player of the Year*: James Taylor. *P3 Most Improved Players*: Eli Kirkham and Tom Gillespie. *P3 Outstanding Contribution*: Kyle Paterson. *P4 Player of the Year*: Adam Melville. *P4 Most Improved Player*: Murray Spalding. *P4 Clubman of the Year*: Ruairidh Barnett. *P4 Outstanding Contribution*: Jake and Stuart Rogers. *P5 Players of the Year*: Gus Clark and Fergus Bain. *P5 Most Improved Players*: Oliver Jackson and Myles Chumley. *P6 Players of the Year*: Tom Smith and Christie Alexander. *P6 Most Improved Player*: Mitch Smith. *P6 Outstanding Contribution*: Lee Scott. *P7 Award for Dedication, Commitment and Effort*: Niamh Chumley, Kerri Borthwick, Cameron Scott, Alexander McDonald-Menzie and Angus Bain.

Midis Section

The U14 boys completed their season with the inaugural Kinross Sevens on Sunday 20 May. Five clubs took part, namely Kinross, Dunfermline, Glenrothes, Penicuik and West of Scotland. A sixth Barbarians team was made up from all those clubs after another club had to withdraw.

The games were officiated by referees Ian Clark and Martin Bell. It was a fantastic day, with over 60 boys taking part in a fierce competition and spectators enjoying the ongoing fair weather with a BBQ and homebaking.



In the end, Kinross RFC finished as runners up, with the winners - by a large margin - being Dunfermline RFC. It was a great success and we look forward to it being a regular fixture.



Runners up Kinross RFC (in purple) with their coaches Rab Allan, Matt Warder, Ian Clark, Kevin Borthwick and match official Martin Bell

The annual Midis awards dinner took place on Friday 18 May at Kinross RFC clubhouse. Players were treated to a meal and speeches in the presence of 1st XV Captain Aaron Purvis and outgoing Club President and long-time supporter of the Midis Section, Martin Bell. Thanks were given to the coaches for their efforts and the boys were praised for their ongoing dedication to the club.

Awards recipients for season 2017/2018 were: *Player of the Year*: Andrew Clark. *Best Newcomer*: Euan Thomas. *Most Improved Player*: David Weir. *Players' Player*: David Weir. *Donkey of the Year*: Sam Prescott. *For commitment to Kinross RFC*: Elliot Wilkins.



Above: The awards recipients with 1st XV Captain Aaron Purvis and Lead Coach Ian Clark



Left: The Minis children with the Calcutta Cup in front of the Scottish Rugby vehicle sponsored by Fife Mitsubishi

Kinross Cycling Club

www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk

After the eternal winter of 2018, we are finally seeing some pleasant weather. This means longer days and more opportunities for cycling. It has even been warm enough for shorts on a few days, and we have hope for a decent summer.

Kinross Sportive

This took place on Saturday 28 April. The weather brought four seasons in ten minutes at times, with hail and rain showers interspersed with some sunshine.

Over 700 cyclists from near and far turned out on the day. Thanks to Jeff Wall and the Sportive committee for their slick organisation of this year's event.

We had a record entry this year, enabling us to make a charitable donation of nearly £8000 to our charity partner CHAS.



Club chair Jane Timperley presenting a cheque for £7800 to Hannah Gell from CHAS

Velodrome Session

We organised a second trip to the Chris Hoy Velodrome on 29 April. Twenty members travelled to Glasgow for a two-hour coached session on the track. The experience was unanimously enjoyed.

Spring training camp in Mallorca

A record number of club members went to Majorca for a week in April and made the most of the varied terrain and pleasant climate to get in a significant number of early season training miles.

Thursday evening Time Trial Series

The Grand Prix series of club Time Trials is now under way and the first 5-mile TT and Hill Climb events have already taken place. There are still ten events left and all club members are welcome to take part in the series. Details are on the website.

Club Rides

Details of our rides are on our website. Two rides leave from the Community Campus at 9.30am on Saturday mornings. The Saturday Social covers around 25 miles with a café stop and is aimed at people relatively new to cycling, returning to fitness after time out, or for people who only have the morning to spare. The Bun Run covers around 35 to 45 miles at a slightly brisker pace, with café stop. Both rides emphasise group riding and nobody will be left behind. Sunday club runs leave from the campus at 9.00am and may cover 45 to 60 miles. Generally, there is no café stop, so bring something to eat in your back pocket. Depending on who turns out on the day, the ride may split into two or more groups who ride together. Nobody is dropped.

Membership

Our membership year begins in March, so there is still plenty of time to get value for money from the £10 membership fee if you are thinking of joining our friendly club. We try to provide a broad range of rides and cycling activities and are particularly proud of our large female membership.

Details of all events and rides can be found on our website.

Kinross Colts

Donations Wanted

Kinross Colts JFC are hosting their annual **Funday** at The Myre on **Saturday 16 June**. The 2009s will be running a **'Pop-Up Shop'** selling second-hand boots, trainers, replica jerseys and computer games. All money raised will go to club funds. **Please check your cupboards for any good quality items you'd be happy to donate to the Colts.** Donations can be left at 32 Gallowhill Road, Kinross, KY13 8RA or with any Colts official. Kinross Colts offers football, fun, fitness and friendship for hundreds of local kids (and a few adults!) every week.

We have 33 players in the squad. The kids are split into three teams: Cowboys, Revolution and United, who play seven-a-side football in Dunfermline every Saturday morning. We all train together at Kinross High on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Please support the Colts. Thank you.



The 2009 squad are running a Pop-Up Shop and would be grateful for donations

Kinross Otters

We are looking forward to a more relaxed vibe at training sessions after a few weeks of gala mayhem!

All squads have participated in several galas, achieving lots of fabulous PBs, medal places and pennants.

Our Dundee City Aquatics Mini meet saw a total of 59 swims, 52 of which garnered PBs for swimmers across all age groups and strokes. Particularly of note was Ailsa Reith's 37.55 second PB in the 200 IM!

Emily Cumming was the sole Otter who qualified for the SNAGs (Scottish National Age Groups) competition. At this prestigious, large meet she took three PBs, a club record and two county and district records too! A fantastic first outing at this level for Emily and a great pay-off for her hard work and dedication at training.

A small team attended the Stirling Spring Open Meet at the fantastic Peak facility. With five top three finishes, and Emily again making not only PBs but also District and County records, it was a successful meet for all.

The Menzieshill Whitehall Meet was

another highlight for Otters, with some huge personal bests including a whopping 31 seconds for Katie Fraser in her 200m freestyle. With a brace of top six finishes across the board, several swimmers were competing in longer distances like 100 and 200 metres for the first time and did a fantastic job.

The League events, too, paint a rosy picture with our 2nd Division squad coming first overall and all but six of the swims garnering personal best times.

Not such a high finish for our Premier squad who, despite some great, hard-fought swims, finished further down the table. We fielded a full team at this event, which is difficult in the older age category given that we are in the middle of exam time. This may have been down to our Head Coach, Simon Metcalfe, taking one for the team and competing for the 14 and overs!

This demonstrates fully Simon's commitment to Kinross Otters and we will be very sad to see him go this month when he leaves us. We have seen the club strengthen under his guidance and we wish him all the very best.

Swimathon is the world's largest annual

fundraising swim. Originally devised to promote swimming for fitness, it is now a major fundraising event which has raised over £48 million for a range of charities.

This year's event has raised almost £2million and swimmers took part in a range of challenges from 400m to 5k with several Otters, Otter parents and former Otters helping to reach the mind boggling nationwide total of 31, 634, 370 metres swum! Well done to everyone who took part!

Some news on other sports now. Otter Sarah Coutts, who also competes for Scotland in Tetrathlon, was a finalist in the Young Sports Personality of the Year at the Perth and Kinross Sports Awards last month.

Struan Bennet from our platinum squad won the Scottish Schools Aquathlon on 21 April. It was a closely contested event and, despite his unlucky swim lane, he still managed the 4th fastest 300m swim of the day, eventually winning the event with 2.5 seconds to spare!

Well done to Struan and Sarah, we are all very proud!



Emily Cumming readying herself for the SNAGS competition



The Premier Division squad at the Monifieth League Gala

Kinross Swimmers

Apologies for being absent for a month or two;

I must have been too busy swimming! There have been a few new faces popping along this year who have become regular attendees.

That's super but it would be great to see some more of the older faces popping back; you are still welcome.

It's always harder to make club nights when the better weather arrives and a million and one other things get in the way but the evening session does supply an ideal way to round off your day.

We will have had our AGM by the time you read this and I hope to have a full update in next month's Newsletter.

For those of you who want to improve your all round fitness and those who just want to swim, we look forward to seeing



you in the pool. You can be assured of a varied and sometimes challenging swim.

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

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

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

www.kinrosshockey.org

It has been a busy month for the Kobras. Six teams played in a tournament in Dunfermline at the end of April. All clubs taking part had strong teams and there were some very competitive games. There were wins at all age groups and everyone got some good experience.

A girls' development team has also kicked off under the guidance of Kirsty Dunn. It has held some training sessions and played its first match against Grove Menzieshill.

This development team is designed to give older Kobras some experience of full pitch hockey games in preparation for district level competitions and adult hockey.



Other games against local clubs are planned over the coming weeks.

It has also been a busy month for Ross Telfer, who was selected to play for the Midland District U14 team. The team will play in the Scottish Hockey Inter District Tournament at the end of May and has been training hard for this over recent weeks.

Training continues through to the end of June then takes a few weeks off before starting again in August.

There will be monthly tournaments over the summer. The next one will be held in Dundee at the end of May followed closely by one held at Peffermill in Edinburgh at the start of June. For more information about the club, have a look at our website.



U10 (left) and U14 (right) players at the Dunfermline tournament

Volleyball

We have been blessed with good weather of late, which has resulted in outdoor volleyball taking place on the grass area at the rear of the campus on all but one Monday so far.

These outdoor sessions are free of charge and open to anyone who fancies trying volleyball. You can also try out volleyball at the Better Place to Live Fair in the large games hall from 10am to 12 noon on 9 June.

Adult teams are preparing for this year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch. It takes place over the last weekend of May with 108 teams registered to play on 36 outdoor courts.

The Kinross club is also preparing for the De Haan (Belgium) tournament in mid-August. This involves a six-day trip, including an overnight ferry to De Haan.

School coaching continues at Kinross High School on Wednesdays. Games are held at lunchtime and coaching sessions are from 3.40pm to 6pm.

There are now a few primary seven pupils from local schools attending the after school coaching sessions in preparation for entering S1 after the summer holidays.

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Kinross Netball Club

We are a friendly bunch of ladies who get together every Friday from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Community Campus.

If you have never tried netball, but always fancied giving it a go, or maybe you haven't played for years and want to start again, come along and join us and reignite your passion for the sport. It's a fun way of keeping fit without feeling like too much hard work!



Teambuilding can be fun!

In addition to our weekly sessions, we've been out and about this month. We provided volunteers to Kinross Cycling Club to help with their sportive. A few also had some teambuilding fun participating in Gung Ho Edinburgh. This shows that Netball is great for making new friends as well as keeping fit!

Check out our Facebook page for more information on our club and what we've been up to.

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

This year we managed to have a snow-free (but chilly) Open Day on 31 March and the tennis season is now in full swing.

With summer nearly upon us, including the Wimbledon Championships, what better way to emulate your tennis heroes than to come along for a game of tennis?

Junior Coaching

Junior summer term coaching started on 17 April and will end 8 June. There are various sessions, days and times depending on age.

Thereafter, we have a summer camp from **Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August**.

All junior bookings and enquiries should be made to our coach Daniel Reed at dartennis@gmx.co.uk.

Adult Coaching

Adult coaching for members and non-members started on Tuesday 17 April running for eight weeks. The first session at 7.30pm is aimed at league players with a second session at 8.30pm aimed at beginners and intermediate players.

These blocks are flexible depending on demand so, if you are interested, please contact us on kinrosstennis@gmail.com.

Tennis Tots

This year we started 'Tennis for Tots' sessions led by our coach Siobhan McLeod. These are going fantastically well with nearly 20 pre-schoolers on the tennis courts every week. Tuesday sessions at 9.15am to 10am and 2pm to 2.45pm will continue until the end of term. Our new Saturday morning session from 9.30am to 10.15am will continue right through the holidays. There is still no need to book; you can just pay £4 on the day (£2 for siblings). The session are suitable from ages 2 to 5 with a participating adult.

The club are also excited to be starting Tots sessions with Rosemount Nursery. It's great to be able to welcome so many youngsters on court!

For any information on these sessions you can contact us via our Facebook page or by email at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Other News

Adult league matches commenced at the end of April with both Gents and Ladies hoping to have another successful season.

The Ladies team are performing well, but not without challenges, in a very demanding and competitive division 1. So far, the Gents team have won all their matches in the men 4 competition.

Social tennis for adult members is continuing on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm and Sunday mornings at 10.30am. New members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our Secretary, Margaret Hamblin. Please email kinrosstennis@gmail.com or visit our website for additional contact information.

Visitor keys remain available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



Kinross Vaulting Group

kinrossvaultinggroup.co.uk

Our vaulters have had a busy and successful start to the competition season. We began with a large number of vaulters and horses competing at SNEC in March, all happy to be out after a long, cold winter.

For one of our horses, Ulisco de Montsec, this was his first competition, having been retrained as a vaulting horse over the winter season by the club. He behaved impeccably and brought home several rosettes.

This was followed by a trip to Saumur in France by two of our senior vaulters, who had a wonderful experience.

On Saturday 19 May seven horses and over twenty vaulters will compete at Highfield Equestrian at Howe and, the following weekend, a small team are heading to Warwickshire to compete.

Finally, the third Scottish Spring Competition takes place on **Saturday 16 June**, again at Highfield Equestrian at Howe and we'd be delighted to see you there. Entry is free for spectators. Vaulting is an exhilarating sport, both to watch and to take part in.

On that note, we are holding a **Taster Session** at Kinross Vaulting Group at Carnbo, Kinross, on **Sunday 18 August, 2pm-4pm**. The cost is £17 and it is open to all, although the minimum age for vaulters is five years old. Please contact Liz Mackay at lizmacward@hotmail.com to find out more or to reserve a place.



The club's newest horse, Ulisco de Montsec (stable name Talisker) in training recently

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MILNATHORT – At the April meeting, President Jean Paterson introduced Corrine McRae from craft shop 'Light up my Heart' in Milnathort. Corrine explained that, after giving up nursing, she was able to open the shop and, along with her own crafting, encourage local craftspeople to display and sell their items.

We were then taken through a process of decorating a tealight holder. We were able to choose our own decorative motif, some of which were much easier to apply than others! There was lots of quiet concentration mixed with chatting and laughter. The members were able to take home their finished product, complete with scented tealight. Jean thanked Corrine for giving us such a fun evening and wished her well with her business.

Competitions: Greeting Card, Denise Stephenson. Flower of the Month, Helen Galletly.

President Jean Paterson welcomed members and Sheila and Ann, our tellers from Carnbo SWI, to our AGM. Cathie Cochrane, Treasurer, gave an update on our finances. Ann Reid, Secretary, reported on our successful year, with a very varied programme of speakers and demonstrators. The President thanked everyone for attending the meetings, especially over the long winter months, and for entering our competitions.

Denise Stephenson won the cup for most points gained in the competitions, with Kathleen King as best trier. Nan Paterson won the Flower of the Month cup.

Aileen Hunter will join the committee for 2018-2019.

Jean then read out some humorous anecdotes from her book collection, to everyone's amusement.

We had a surprise Japanese Geisha arrive (aka Jessica Munro), who delighted us all by producing a table full of Japanese food, partly home-prepared: Teriyaki chicken with noodles, sushi, pastry dish with pickled cucumber strips, a delicious cheesecake made with green tea and, finally, a very good ginger-flavoured drink. Jessica was assisted by sous chef Jean. The food on the table quickly disappeared and was appreciated by all. Jean thanked Jessica for a very entertaining interlude.

During the official refreshment break, Vi entertained members with various tunes on her accordion, which were much appreciated.

Competitions: Jar of Lemon Curd: Denise Stephenson. Member's Photo and Flower of the Month: Nan Paterson.

Our speaker on 21 June will give us the history of Giacomazzi's.

BISHOPSHIRE – Jeanette McLellan welcomed members to the AGM. Members voted for the new committee: President, Joanne Cowan; Vice President, Sylvia Herrington; Treasurer, Mary Nisbett; Secretary, Margo Waddell; Committee Members, Avril Martin and Janette Gardiner.

Thanks to Jay Hutchison and Jessica Munro for being tellers for the vote.

Prizes were given to: Margaret Paton, most points and Curtis Quaich; points runners up, Norma Smith and Janette Gardiner; best trier, Joanne Cowan; Flower of the Month trophy, Jane Martin.

Competition: Knitted Teddy: 1st Margaret Paton, 2nd Norma Smith, 3rd Joanne Cowan. All teddies to be donated to Teddies for Tragedy charity.

POWMILL – President Sharon Buchanan welcomed members to the AGM and extended a warm welcome to Moira Cousar and Joyce Petrie, our tellers for the evening. Various reports were given. Entries and stewards for the Kinross Show were discussed. The President then presented the following trophies:

Points, Mary Wilson; Jessie Gibson Clock (points runner up), Tricia Greer; Pat Reay Trophy (handicrafts), Mary Wilson; President's Prize, Ella Shand.

Moira and Joyce judged the monthly competitions: Eileen White Trophy (Individual Dessert in a Wine Glass), and Garden Gem, Mary Wilson. Knitted Square, Janie Buchanan. A delicious supper was served by Mary Wilson and Fiona Harley, followed by a Show and Tell session which was most enjoyable.

The following members were voted on to the Committee: Fiona Buchanan, Sharon Buchanan, Tricia Greer, Anne McKay, Fiona Black Wilma Sim and Maz Thorn, with Gillian Taylor as reserve.

BLAIRINGONE held its AGM and Buffet Supper Evening, when a resumé was given of all our past year's events. The Points Trophy was won by Mary Ramsay and was presented by our retiring President, Joyce Petrie.

Each member brought along an item which gave a clue as to their identity and the members were asked to judge which item related to which individual. However, it turned out that the members didn't know the individuals as well as they thought they did!

The buffet supper was enjoyed by the ladies but a few of us will be hanging our heads in shame when presenting ourselves at our next visit to Slimming World!

CARNBO – President Jay Hutchison welcomed 27 members and two members from Bishopshire SWI who acted as tellers to our AGM and May meeting. The meeting opened with a minute's silence in memory of our member and dear friend, Mrs Beth Stirling, who had passed away suddenly. She will be sadly missed.

Jay presented the Daniel Vase to Mrs Josephine Paterson and the Paterson Rose Bowl to Mrs Cath Mearns. Both members were congratulated on their success.

The entertainment was "All about Bees". Grace Paterson presented a humorous, fun quiz about everything bee, Susan Malcolm gave a brief talk about beeswax and everyone made a beeswax candle. Sheila Reid and Jay Hutchison then caused much mirth with their "dance of the bumble bee" challenge. A beautiful supper was served and the raffle was drawn. Jay gave a vote of thanks to the tea hostesses and also to the visiting members from Bishopshire. The evening drew to a close with a presentation of lovely plants as thank you gifts. Competition: Flower of the Month, Christine Dawson.

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Out & About

Loch Leven NNR



At last we've enjoyed a spell of better weather. Fingers crossed it remains like this because we've not had a good summer in a long time.

Unfortunately we did not win the Natura 2000 award but it was a privilege to be nominated. We shall continue to maintain the reserve to high standard and a quality place for wildlife to thrive while being enjoyed by the public.

Pretty much all of our migrant spring birds have returned to breed. There are lots of duck nests out on St Serf's and we've started to see lots of Mallard broods too. There have been many flies hatching for these hungry mouths to feed on.

In the last week of May we counted the gull colony out on St Serf's. We do this every other year. This year our data is part of a wider survey throughout the UK counting all of the seabirds. At Loch Leven we don't count every single nest, we map the colony tightly and split it into 25 metre quadrats and will count 10 to 15% of the colony. We take out a gang of our volunteers to help give us a hand.

We have a record count of 31 Heron nests out on Castle Island. This is good news because many other colonies are declining. The herons are very late hatching young this year because of the winter storms.

We have also started to cut the verges of the path. We don't just cut everything down. I like to leave areas where there are interesting plants and leave clumps of clover for the bees. Some parts of the path we'll only cut half the path. Our new machine that mulches up the cuttings is working very well.

The improvements to Mary's Knowe are continuing. Now the trees have been removed, we have already started planting. We have now put up a deer fence and will be planting more trees in here in the winter. We have already planted Hazel and Alder in the area with a hedge planted along the front.

As part of the Scottish Government programme of themed years, 2018 is the **Year of Young People**. Due to the nature of the site, the Loch Leven Heritage Trail is a perfect location for young people to explore and connect with nature. As part of the Young Scot rewards scheme, we have arranged a guided wildlife walk where the young person can gain reward points that can equate into money vouchers which will hopefully result in them getting outdoors and being active. The first guided walk was on 19 May but there will be another event for **Young Scot card holders** on **Saturday 9 June** where you can sign up via rewards.youngscot.org/rewards

Many thanks to everybody who made it to Discovery Day at Kirkgate Park. It was the first of a few events this year. We have **Botany Walks** on **20 and 21 June** at Findatie and Burleigh respectively from 6pm until 8pm. Liz and Steve are helping out with this again.

The blog is regularly updated. Please keep an eye on it with lots of photographs of wildlife we are seeing.

Jeremy Squire

Reserve Officer, Scottish Natural Heritage

See page 100 for a list of Reserve events.

Gardens Open in June

Enjoy the peace, tranquillity and inspiration that these lovely local gardens offer, whilst helping to raise money for many worthwhile charities.



Muckhart Village Gardens. Seven lovely private gardens plus the village school are opening together on **Sunday 10 June**, 12-5pm. Admission £6, children free. Group tickets and map available at Coronation Hall, Muckhart.

Bradystone House, Murthly, PH1 4EW. An enchanting cottage garden well worth visiting. Thursdays only, 11am-4pm. Admission £5. Mrs James Lumsden, tel 01738 710308, email pclumsden@me.com

Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart, Dollar, FK14 7JW, by arrangement. Liz & Peter Wyatt, tel 0797 3374687, email elizwyatt@aol.com

Pitcurran House, Abernethy, PH2 9LH by arrangement. Mrs Noel-Paton, tel 01738 850933, email patricia@pitcurran.com

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The territorial fights and flights are in full swing at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven as the breeding season advances apace. Twenty-seven lapwing nests have been counted on the reserve so far and the chicks are already out and about in the Bumblebee Meadow. Venture too close and you may be startled by the parents rising suddenly to the sky, piercing the air with their cries and trying to distract you from the chicks with their aerobatics. And so begins their annual battle with the crows, gulls and anything else that threatens their eggs and chicks – including humans!

From the Carden Hide there is a great cacophony of black-headed gulls to be seen on the floating island this month. On high alert for predators, these small gulls are able to fend off adult mute swans approaching too close to their nests. The gulls are quick to dive-bomb any perceived threats and persistent enough to drive them away. Appropriately named *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* (laughing colour head), the black-headed gulls are the noisiest of the wetlands birds on the reserve and can be observed bringing additional nesting materials to the island – dried grasses and such like – to enhance their nests.

Many species have separated into pairs; couples of mallards, tufted ducks and shelducks can be clearly watched from



There is plenty to see and hear at RSPB Loch Leven this month

the Carden Hide. Two pairs of shoveler have been spotted vigorously harassing a persistent lone male, eventually seeing him off – with a great kerfuffle – first across the water and then into the air. The paired males are leaving nothing to chance!

If the black-headed gulls were to win the prize for noisiest wetland bird, then equally noisy, but more melodious, are

the willow warblers to be heard on the Woodland Walk, where the leaves of the rowan and silver birch have just opened. With leaves to hide behind, this tiny warbler is almost impossible to spot but not impossible to hear. Perhaps the nightingale of the north?

And, of course, always a joy to see, the swallows are back and nesting in the courtyard, which means that summer has finally arrived.

Work has now started on our new underpass which will create an accessible link between the RSPB Scotland Loch Leven reserve and the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and Fife Core Path Network. The underpass will make a huge difference to many visitors and will put the whole area at the front of disabled access in Scotland. During the works the reserve will be open as usual for business.

The Crowdfunder project to help raise £19,000 for our new underpass project is now underway. [See article on page 5.] There are some fantastic rewards for donations. You can find out more, donate, or watch the video on the project and the crowdfunding campaign at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/loch-leven-underpass. All donations appreciated, no matter how large or small!

Anita John

Loch Leven writer in residence



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Mon 7.15pm - 8.00pm



Wed 7.15pm - 8.00pm

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Weather



April Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	81.7mm = 3.26ins
Heaviest rainfall	19.4mm (3rd) includes snow melt
Total sunshine for the month	123.9 hours
Sunniest day	10.4 hours (21st)
Minimum temperature average	1.03°C
Lowest temperature	-5.4°C (1st)
Maximum temperature average	14.4°C
Highest temperature	18.1°C (21st)
Recorded for the last 15 days of the month.	

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Farming

There has been a very welcome improvement in the weather in recent weeks, so the sodden wet land has been drying out nicely and the temperature has been rising.

The ewes have a good supply of grass so they should be producing plenty of milk for the lambs. I have cut back on the supplementary feed the ewes are getting and they won't be getting any more by the time you are reading this. They have eaten quite a lot this spring as I was being more generous than usual to help balance out the effects of the bad weather during the late winter period. We had a few more problems than usual with lambs in their first week of life and some tests suggested that the most likely cause was the ewes' colostrum (milk in the first day or two) not being as nutritious as it could be. This was surprising as our ewes have free access to specially formulated mineral feed tubs in the weeks prior to lambing to help boost their milk quality. However, such was the stress they were under with the weather so late in their pregnancy, the extra feed wasn't enough to do its usual job. Undoubtedly

if they hadn't been getting the extra supplement, the situation would have been much worse.

On the cereal front, things might not be quite as backward as usual here at Backward Farm this year. We got our barley drilled in just as good conditions as I have seen (although, things being as they are, conditions are sometimes not all that great on this particular farm) and the sowing date would certainly be latest ever, but relative to the proper arable farms of the district, we actually weren't that far behind. It is usually the case that a lot of spring cereals are sown a good month before we eventually manage to get the job done. This year, however, it was too cold and wet for the early farms to get started so instead of being perhaps a month behind, this year it's only about a couple of weeks. The later sowing dates for the earlier farms could well impact on the yields at harvest time and it could make harvest slightly later, but the weather in July and August will have a greater effect on the harvest date than the sowing date.

Most of our cattle have gone out to grass at last so they should get off to a

good start for the summer. We didn't need to push them out too quickly as we had enough silage to keep them going. Our spring calving cows have got off to a slow start but we have a few calves now and hopefully they will mostly calf soon. The number of pigs on the farm has risen again after Ian's sow, Sophie, had a litter of piglets recently. She and her brood are doing well and I think piglets grow even faster than lambs. It is amazing how the pig paddocks have dried out over the past few weeks going from wall to wall 'glaur' to almost complete 'stoor'. We are even having to make water filled wallows for them to cool down in – something that seemed unlikely just a week or so ago.

It will soon be time to start making silage for next winter, starting off the yearly cycle of events. The grass was slow to grow earlier in the spring, but it usually evens out over the course of a season. For many farmers, a good growing season will be vital to help recover from the harsh winter just passed.

John

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 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.

Looking for Contact Details?

For listings of local clubs, businesses, public services and more, visit www.kinross.cc

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.

Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Key available Wed to Sun from nearby Berryfields Tearoom all year and from Museum of Abernethy afternoons only, May to Sept.

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Church office and church open: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.
Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570
Contact the church office if you are interested in leasing rooms in the church or church centre.
Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
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Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
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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

June

Sun 3 10.30am Quarterly Communion.
6.30pm Evening Communion.
Retiral collections for Harbour Counselling Perth (SC039942).
Mon 4 8am: Silent Meditation.
Tue 5 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
4pm: Service at The Sycamores.
Sat 16 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).
Thu 21 7pm All Friends Together.
9pm: late evening service of Compline.
Sun 24 10.30am Prizegiving Sunday – all-age service marking the end of the Junior Church year.
Tue 26 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

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Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org



Sunday Services 11.15am

June

Sun 3 11.15am **Morning Worship and Junior Church** followed by refreshments in the Village Hall served by Guild members in aid of Guild funds. Traidcraft Stall.
Mon 4 3.15pm **Messy Church** in the Village Hall. Open to all children and their carers.
Sun 10 11.15am **Morning Worship** followed by a Congregational Lunch in the Village Hall.
Sun 17 11.15am **Morning Worship***
Sun 24 11.15am **Morning Worship***
Tue 26 Kirk Session meet
Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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

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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.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross
Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

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

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

Family Week: TEAMBUILDERS Monday 30 July – Friday 3 August

Registration forms available on Kinross Parish Church website or from the church office

Call in or email: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Planning a Community Event?

Check the Diary on 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

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

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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.

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.

The Newsletter on Facebook

We use our Facebook page to announce:

- our deadline and publication dates
- what's in the next issue
- reminders of some local events
- occasional breaking news

'Like' our page to be kept informed. Search for 'Kinross Newsletter' or go to:

www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter



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1st Mondays

10am Pastoral Care group (Side chapel).

Tuesdays

11am Informal Holy Communion (celebrated in the Church Office).

Wednesdays

8am Morning Prayer (said quietly in the Side Chapel).

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

June

Sun 3 Pentecost 3 (Proper 9)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 10 World Day of Prayer (devised by Christians from Suriname, *deferred from March*).

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Lay-led Liturgy of the Word and Sung Eucharist.

Sun 17 Pentecost 5 (Proper 11)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

Fri 22 FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT!

7.30pm in the Meeting Room. Six rounds of ten questions, entry £3 per head.

Soft refreshments available, donations welcome.

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Sun 24 THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

5.30pm Said Evensong with hymns.

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Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during the services.

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

Prayer Meeting held 30 mins before each service.

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

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Dates and events for your diary

3 June Joint all-age service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am.
No service at Orwell Church.

1 July Joint all-age service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.
No morning service at Portmoak Church.
Michael Bruce Commemoration Service in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm.

Everyone welcome

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

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

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

Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

www.fossowaychurch.org.uk

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

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

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

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

Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

June

Sun 3 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 10 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 17 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 24 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Café Refresh

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

messychurch@fossoway

House Group

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

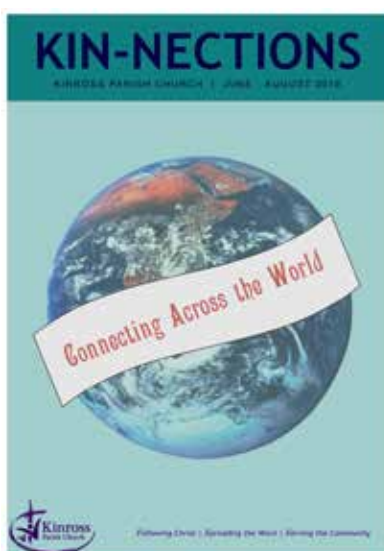
Film Evening

On **Friday 1 June** we will be showing "Victoria and Abdul" at 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Church Hall. *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.*

Kinross Parish Church

Connecting Across The World

The June-August issue of Kin-nections, the magazine of Kinross Parish Church, is now available from the church office, church centre and the library. Please pick one up for an insight in to the life of the congregation and the wider church.



The Kin-nections name is very apt this issue, with groups from the church visiting Hungary, Malawi and Tanzania over the summer, together with articles about the church's mission partners in the Czech Republic and the Tearfund East Africa Crisis Appeal supported by the congregation in 2017.

See page 93 for full contact details of Kinross Parish Church

A Haven in Kinross

Entertaining visitors to Kinross this summer? Why not direct them to Kinross Parish Church at 10 Station Road? The church is open to visitors Monday to Friday, 10am until 12 noon, all through the summer. There are leaflets about the history of the church, its graveyard and the other churches in the town. If you are a local, feel free to visit for the history or the peace and quiet or take advantage of the kirk's garden for a break.



Visitors are welcome to Kinross Parish Church
Photo: Dave Cuthbert, courtesy kinross.cc photo library

Obituary

Gavin Verden-Anderson

Award-winning photographer

Born: 17 December 17 1964.

Died: 11 April 2018.

Gavin Verden-Anderson, of Gavin Anderson Photography in Milnathort, has died aged 53 as the result of a tragic accident while diving on a shipwreck in the Firth of Clyde. He was a talented freelance photographer and photojournalist with a passion for nature and adventure.

Born into a family that for five generations has owned Smith Anderson, a world leader in the manufacture of paper and paper bags in Fife, Gavin was educated at Cargilfield near Edinburgh and Strathallan in Perthshire. While at Strathallan he showed a special aptitude for skiing and was a member of the school team that won the British Schools Skiing Championship.

On leaving school in 1986 he set out to explore the world, spending time in Zimbabwe working on the tobacco farm of his uncle, Simon Faed, who was descended from a family of distinguished Scottish artists. This episode, which afforded him the chance to explore national parks in Africa, stimulated his desire to become a wildlife photographer and on returning to Scotland he developed a particular interest in marine biology while setting up fish tanks for an adventure farm being established at Silverburn on the Fife coast near Leven.

In 1987 Gavin was persuaded to join the family firm in Leslie as a management trainee responsible for purchasing raw materials to make paper and for setting up a waste collection system. This not only provided him with a regular income and good management experience, it gave him a chance to develop his diving



and photographic skills during vacation time.

It was during one of these vacations in 1988 that he made the first of many expeditions to explore the waters of the Red Sea. These visits would ultimately lead him to help develop an image library for the Lonely Planet guides, one of which, *Diving and Snorkelling Red Sea*, he co-authored.

After ten years with the family firm, Gavin decided to break loose in 1997 to follow his passion for underwater photography. As a freelance photojournalist he undertook many commissions to write and take photographs for a wide range of newspapers and travel and dive magazines.

Additional contract work came his way in providing content for Tourist Board travel brochures promoting exotic maritime locations including The Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago.

A master of underwater photography, Gavin captured images of wildlife such as Great White Sharks, Leafy Sea Dragons and Fur Seals with an artistry that combined technical skill with a keen eye for his subject.

His easy style of writing, combining geography, history, wildlife and a wealth of photographic experience, endeared

him to aspiring armchair travellers as well as to professional divers with interests ranging from conservation to underwater archaeology.

In just over 30 years he notched up an impressive 5,000 hours creating unique underwater images taken in over 40 countries.

Keen to develop his photographic skills and expand his business, Gavin decided in 1999 to set up a top-of-the-range photographic studio at his home in Milnathort. Operating as Gavin Anderson Photography, he widened his enterprise to include portrait and commercial product work with a view to establishing a sustainable customer base beyond his underwater photojournalism interests.

In addition to photographic work for top companies such as PWC, Wood Mackenzie, Barrs and Stagecoach, Gavin was the official photographer for the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. His skill in taking photographs at royal events was in working the room to capture the best of images without being intrusive, a facility he had developed as a nature photographer. It was skills like this that earned him some of the top photographic awards, including the best UK Underwater Newcomer Trophy in 1993 and the MPA Master of Excellence Award in March 2012.

While Gavin Verden-Anderson was a highly motivated person, enjoying travel and living life to the full, he was also a caring family man with many friends. He was a committed Christian, always adopting a warm, relaxed and friendly approach when working with adults, children and animals. He is survived by his wife Jenny and his son Josh by his first wife Eileen.

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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
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.

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

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

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

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Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,
debileighs@hotmail.com

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

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
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or find us on Facebook

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

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

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

Private Nurseries and Childcare

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

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

Notices



Glenfarg Village Folk Club

The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",

Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays

Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm

For more info, see: www.glenfargfolkclub.com

4 June: AGM. Always the most important club event of the year. All members are encouraged to attend to vote for the new committee and express views and suggestions on the general management of the club.

11 June: Martyn Wyndham-Read. A long time favourite of Glenfarg audiences, WMR has an instantly recognisable and beautiful voice and a broad repertoire, ranging from Aussie shearing songs to the widely known songs of Graeme Miles, and everything in between. Door entry TBC following AGM.

18 June: Singaround. The theme is "Parents and Parenthood". Door entry TBC following AGM.

25 June: Gaberlunzie. No need for too much introduction for local favourites Robin and Gordon. Great songs and chorus singing on offer. It would be great to welcome them with a full house! Door entry TBC following AGM.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 13 June

The AGM of the group will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 June 2018 at the Church Centre.

Anyone interested is very welcome to come along. The business part of the meeting will be followed by a short presentation by Mr Bob Ballard from the Scottish Air Ambulance Service and then there will be the opportunity to chat over tea and cakes.



REFRESH!

in association with Light & Life

Thursday 7 June

7.30pm – 9pm

Angel Cakes Cake Shop and Tearoom

157 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DA

This is the first of a series of events organised by the team who previously ran Healing Rooms in Milnathort. We are now working with Light & Life who have events throughout Scotland.

'Refresh' is an opportunity for you to relax in a friendly environment, enjoy Angela's delicious cakes, tea or coffee and also experience some relaxing therapies such as hand massage, encouraging words, healing prayer and prophetic art. There will also be uplifting live music to enjoy and opportunity, if you wish, to have a chat with some of our trained volunteers.

There is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be on sale.



Kinross Potager Garden

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care

Saturday 16 June

10.30am – 12 noon

Refreshments (by donation), Raffle, Plant Sales and Flamingo Paperie (formerly Phoenix Cards)

All welcome

Bowton Road, Kinross





Networking Breakfast Wednesday 6 June

Loch Leven's Larder, 7.15am-9am

The Kinross-shire Partnership has a double-act for its business speaker slot at the next Networking Breakfast – **Iain and Pamela Hunter from Hunters of Kinross**.

Hunters of Kinross, finalists in the UK Butcher Shop of The Year Awards 2017, was established by Iain Hunter in 2008 and is located in Kinross High Street. Iain has over 35 years' experience within the industry, and has worked in and managed some of Scotland's finest butchery businesses. He is a highly respected Master Craft Butcher, with a flair for meat presentation and production. He's also known across the airwaves as 'The Singing Butcher', performing in the Edinburgh Jazz Festival and at company events across the country. Pamela has a colourful retail background, working for Visit Scotland in Edinburgh, and even managed to scoop the job of Bar Manager at the Famous Balmoral Hotel – having never pulled a pint!

The couple's skills, positive drive, love of music, and the 'let's do this' attitude, continually attracts projects that involve them on a national level. Hunters has been used as the face of High Street Butchers on many occasions, helping to promote their industry with Quality Meat Scotland.

The couple have also been involved on the international stage, with projects and events as far afield as Australia and Las Vegas. As this goes to press, Pamela is in Moscow as a guest of the Russian Ambassador on another mission... Iain is holding the fort, hoping she'll be back in time for the breakfast D-Day!

Hear them tell us what drives them and their desire to maintain the highest levels of customer care, community involvement, apprenticeships and keeping the High Street and High Street butchers alive.

We welcome local businesses, individuals and groups to come and network, find out about each other's organisations and get to know one another – as well as listening to inspirational local speakers. Whether you're new to Kinross-shire and looking to find out what services or businesses are in the Shire, or you'd like to make new contacts in the area, we'd love to meet you. If you've been to the Networking Breakfast before, why not encourage a friend, colleague or fellow Kinross-shire dweller to come along with you?

To book your place, please email Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk. You can choose whether to pay online in advance or in cash on the day. Full details are available when you book. The meeting cost, including a full cooked breakfast, is £10 per person.

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk www.facebook.com/visitlochleven
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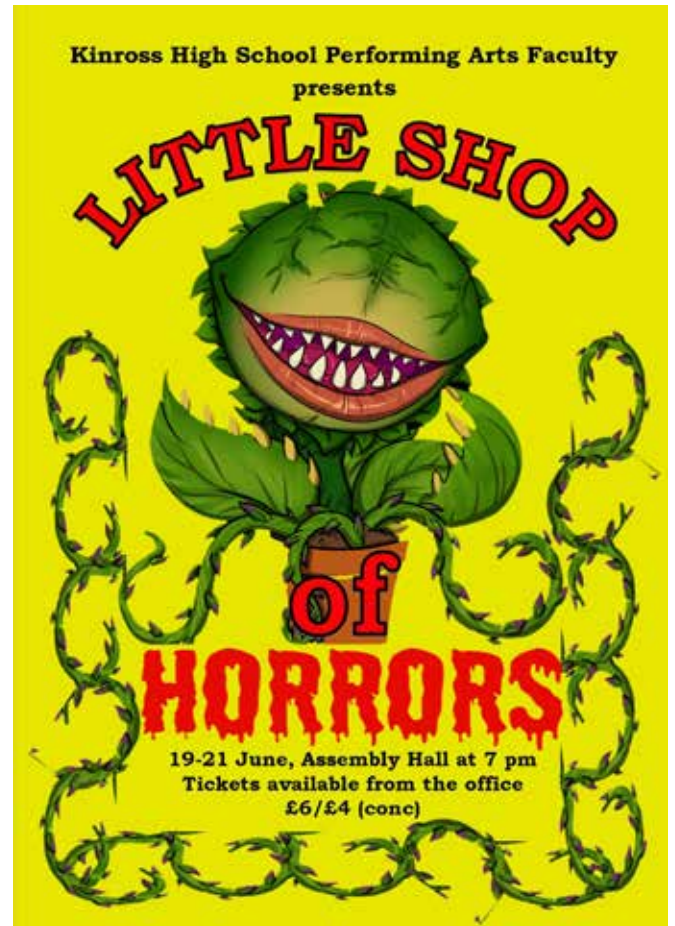
Kinross Colts JFC Annual Funday Saturday 16 June

POP-UP SHOP selling second-hand boots, trainers, replica jerseys and computer games. **DONATIONS WELCOME.**
See page 81 for more information.

The Gaelic Society of Perth

The Society will hold its annual Gaelic Service on **Sunday 17 June at 3pm** at the Congregational Church, Kinnoull Street, Perth. The Rev Doctor Angus Morrison of Orwell and Portmoak Church will lead the service. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589, on our website gaelicsocietyofperth.com or like us on Facebook - we are **Gaelic Society of Perth**.



QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 7 July

7pm

Milnathort Town Hall

In aid of Bethany's Year in India
teaching English at the Living Hope School

Teams of 4 £20 a team

BYOB and nibbles

Phone 01577 863633 to book your team
or pay at the door on the night

Michael Bruce Trust

The annual **Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration** will be held at 6.30pm on **Sunday 1 July** in Portmoak Parish Church.

The Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison will conduct the service and the special guest speaker will be the Rev David Fergusson, Professor of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh and Principal of New College.

All are welcome and tea and coffee will be served after the laying of the wreath on the poet's grave by trust chairman Dr David Munro.

Founded in 1905, the Michael Bruce Trust exists to keep alive the memory of the 18th-century poet Michael Bruce (1746-67). This is achieved by maintaining the poet's birthplace in Kinnesswood as a museum and by holding a series of annual events including the Service of Commemoration and an autumn illustrated talk, which this year will be held on Thursday 1 November in Portmoak Village Hall.



Scarecrow Competition



FREE COMPETITION
Prizes for the best scarecrow!

Bring your scarecrow to Kinross Showfield, RSPB Loch Leven, by Loch Leven, Kinross, KY13 9LX by 11.00am, 11th August. Please remove by 5.00pm on show day.

Scarecrows must be able to be tied to a post for judging.



1 x Free adult show admission ticket per entry.

Age 14 years and under.

Enter by Monday 6th August:
kinrossshow@aol.com



Kinross Show



Saturday 11th August 2018 RSPB Loch Leven

Can you...
sing?
dance?
play an instrument?
do magic?
do stand-up?
show your talent?

Then we need YOU!

NEW for 2018! Entertainment Stage!

CONTACT: kinrossshow@aol.com
JANE: 07836 764183




Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2018



Sat 9 June	Young Scot Wildlife Walk, 10am-4pm, The Pier, SNH Office
Wed 20 June	Botany Walk at Findatie, 6pm-8pm, Findatie car park
Wed 21 June	Botany Walk at Burleigh, 6pm-8pm, Burleigh Sands car park
Sat 4 August	Young Scot Wildlife Cycle The Pier, SNH Office
Sat 11 August	Kinross Show, 10am-4pm, RSPB Loch Leven
TBC	Bat Walk
18, 22 & 31 Aug (TBC)	Osprey Walk, Burleigh Sands car park
Sun 29 September	Fungi Foray, 2pm-4pm, Levenmouth
Sun 4 November	Goose Walk, 6.45am, Burleigh Sands car park

All dates and times are subject to change. All our events are free and booking is essential. To book your place on any of the above events, please email: LOCHLEVEN_NNR@snh.gov.uk

Kinross Primary New School Fair

Saturday 18th August
12.00 - 2.30pm



BBQ & refreshments
Football target
Face painting
Tombola
Soak the teacher
Inflatables

Pocket money stall
Home Baking
Nerf battle stall
Toy Stall
Splat the rat
Squirt the duck

Plus tours of the new school!

And lots more!!
Everyone welcome.
Free entry. No pets please.



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

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

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

11th June 2018

Carers week
Heart & Soul Holistic Centre
(Taster sessions)

Dig for dementia
(Amanda James)

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



PKAVS
Enhancing Lives,
Connecting Communities

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



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

(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.)

Befriending Kinross

Are you new to the Area?
Would you like someone to talk to?
Someone to have a coffee with?
Help to feel less socially isolated?

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com t: 07747 018 550



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 if you have anything we can use.

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

Website: 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.

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 or telephone 01577 862945.

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.

Please contact the shop for more details: 01577 208107.

120 High Street, Kinross.

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.

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.

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.

17 Jun	Alan Small	21 Oct	Scott Band
22 Jul	Steven Carcary	25 Nov	Liam Stewart
19 Aug	Liam Hope	16 Dec	Ian McCallum

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

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



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

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

Homes for Cats Wanted

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

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

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

**Forever homes needed
 for rescued Greyhounds**

**Greyhounds are very gentle creatures
 that require very little walking!**

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

Kinross Recovery and Conversation Café

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

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

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

For more information, contact:

Shona Fowler: 07896 280843, shonafowler@nhs.net

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



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

Broke Not Broken

Drop off donations at:

**Sainsbury's, Kinross
 Glenfarg Village Shop
 Co-operative, Kinross**



Open to clients:

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm

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

Contact: Tel: 07518 913107

Email: admin@brokenotbroken.org



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Kinross Community Council

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

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

Mindspace Recovery College

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



Newsletter Deadlines

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

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

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
July	Friday 15 June	Saturday 30 June
August	Friday 13 July	Saturday 1 September



THE TALKING DONKEY

Every Friday 11am – 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring
07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is **FREE!**

 Soups 

 Snacks 

 Hot Drinks 

 Cold Drinks 

 Home-cooked lunches 

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need



Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland

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



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.lil-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

The 2018-19 school year begins for pupils on
Tuesday 14 August 2018

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

The next visits are: **12 & 26 June**

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

Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580.

Appointment line 01738 450581.

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

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

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

Debt and Money Advice Service

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

Blythswood Care collection in Perth

Blythswood Care collects second hand items to help with "Christian care for body and soul". The uplift is in Perth, at Asda on Dunkeld Road, on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.15pm:

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

We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076

Empowering Lives, Improving Health



Community Councils

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Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel, 01592 840459
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Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
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David West	30 Muirs	07824 313974

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Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

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Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 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 5 & 19 June

Glenfarg	Main Street	1200-1300
Forgandenny	Rossie Place	1545-1615

Visiting on Wednesdays 13 & 27 June

Kinnesswood	Opposite shop	0930-1000
Portmoak	Hall	1005-1020
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1025-1050
Portmoak	Hall	1125-1140
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
Levenmouth Farm		1100-1120
Hatchbank Road	Gairneybank	1140-1200
Powmill	Mill Gardens	1320-1340
Cleish	Phone Box	1400-1415
Crook of Devon	Village Inn	1345-1430
Carnbo	Pitcairnie Lane	1440-1500
Causeway Court	Kinross	1515-1535
Whyte Court	Kinross	1540-1610

For more information, see: www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries 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

Greyhound Rescue Fife at Balfree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, need volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Girlguiding. Volunteers wanted for the Senior Section. The Senior Section is for all young women aged 14 to 25. Travel the world, learn to lead, raise your voice and build an incredible CV. Whatever you want to do, The Senior Section offers a range of unique opportunities. With a programme designed around your personal development, The Senior Section is all about gaining valuable, transferable skills and standing up for what you believe in. If you're off to college or uni, joining The Senior Section is a brilliant way to expand your student experience, have fun and give something back to your community. Whether you're already a member, or are just starting out, Guiding will give you a host of opportunities to gain leadership skills, build a network of friends in your area and enhance your professional development. **Reach your full potential.** Become part of The Senior Section. There is a group near you in Milnathort. Contact Alison 07764 750212.

Children's Hospices Across Scotland: Can you spare a few hours of your time? We are looking to fill the following volunteer vacancies:



Complementary Therapists, Nursing Support, Housekeeping, Garden, Reception.

Volunteering with CHAS is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and to make a huge difference to the lives of the families who use our services. For further information please visit our website www.chas.org.uk.

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

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

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts. Bikes are refurbished by qualified expert mechanics and sold on to the public at affordable prices with a three-month warranty.



Donated bikes and parts are collected from all Perth & Kinross Recycling Centres, including the Kinross centre at the Bridgend Industrial Estate.

Bike sales are held at The Bike Station, 284 High Street, Perth, PH1 5QS, Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm.

The Bike Station also offers a Repair Service, a Fix Your Own Bike facility and a Dr Bike mobile service.

Tel: 01738 444430. Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

The Perth Bike Station is an accredited Revolve organisation.

Visiting Kinross-shire?

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

www.visitlochleven.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

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

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Scrabble, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	"Stride for Life" Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Carpet Curling	11am		
	Relaxation Class	1.15pm		
	Games	1.15pm		
	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm	(except 26th)	
Wednesday	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm (except 20th)
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	2pm	(except 20th)	
Thursday	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		
Friday	Balance & Strength Exercise Class	11am - 12pm		
	Dominoes, Games or music	1.30pm		
	Bingo	1.30pm		



Additional Events for June

Tai Chi	Wednesday	13th, 27th	1.30pm - 2pm
Chiropody	Thursday	7th, 21st	9.45am - 1pm (phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Hearing Loss Support and Advice	Monday	4th	11am - 12pm
Barge Trip	Tuesday	19th	11am - 3.30pm
Afternoon of fun and games at the seaside	Tuesday	26th	1.30 - 3.30pm
Concert by fantastic local group 'The Sabres'	Wednesday	20th	1.30 - 3.30pm
Library Visit	Thursday	28th	1.30pm
Day trips to be arranged...			



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

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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 6 August 2018.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

Kinross-shire is a Fairtrade County

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.

Piano £650 ono

Lovely polished mahogany Neumann piano. Fully functional and in very good condition. Used very little since bought new in 1999.

Seller Details:

Annette Eadie 07988 657735
annette_eadie@hotmail.com

Stompa High Sleeper bed Free

Bed, sofa/bed, desk, ideal for teenager's room. Buyer to uplift.

Seller Details:

Ruth Lauener 01577 864242
ruth.lauener@btinternet.com

Rebounder trampoline £30

Fitness Mad Studio Pro rebounder trampoline. Apart from a small tear on the surround, in very good condition.

Two Flower girl/bridesmaid Dresses £25 each

Lovely John Lewis dresses in excellent condition. Both age 9, ivory colour, beading detail around neckline, flower detail on waistband sash which ties at the back. Happy to email photo if interested.

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Jane 07859 403911

Isabella Awning £500 ono

Size 953cm. To fit a Bailey Seville caravan. Includes ground cover, curtains and metal pegs. Also comes with a porch awning to match. All in excellent condition. Please contact seller to view. All reasonable offers considered.

Seller Details:

Sandra Turnbull 01577 861957

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bras, bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non-recyclable (general) waste.

Bikes and bike parts will be recycled. (See separate Bike Station notice.)

Collection point for Perth College WEEE project: IT equipment will be refurbished and sold on at an affordable price or recycled for parts. Items accepted include: desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones (without the sim card), tablets, keyboards, mouse controls, cables, DVD players, video players, portable music players, games consoles, new or empty printer cartridges, projectors and flat screen working monitors. The project cannot accept Cathode Ray Tube or broken monitors.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.foundationscotland.org.uk

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to see fuller details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Stove Fitter, Kinross Stove and Cooker Centre

Training will be available for the right candidate. We seek a competent tradesperson who aims for high standards and is willing to learn new skills. You will work with our HETAS qualified fitters initially and, if your ability is proved, a HETAS course will follow. Rates of pay commensurate with your experience and skill level.

Send your CV and covering letter/email outlining your experience and any other relevant information to corinne@kinrossstovecentre.co.uk.

Job Vacancy

Editor – Kinross Newsletter

A vacancy has arisen 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:

- 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.

In addition there are some administrative/managerial duties.

The majority of the work is carried out over an eleven-day period around Newsletter deadlines and is estimated to take an average of 55 hours per Newsletter issue.

Remuneration is negotiable.

The position is available on a self-employed basis, with the successful applicant working from their own home or office.

Further details of the position, including how to apply, are available on the Newsletter website. Please see: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

The closing date for applications is Sunday 10 June 2018.

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

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