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# Editor's Page

#### Editor's welcome

Readers of this particular part of the Newsletter will know that, in May, I said I would like to "hang up my red pen" and retire as editor. I am now able to let you know that a successor has been found. I am delighted to welcome Hannah Phillips to the Newsletter. Hannah has worked for several Scottish publishing houses over the last 19 years. She has been involved in producing this issue and will take an increasing role over the next two issues before becoming editor with effect from the November issue.

It is quite a light issue of the Newsletter this month, with many organisations taking a break, including most of the county's community councils. Nevertheless, we're sure readers will find plenty of interest. Special congratulations to Kinross High School for making it to the national final of Rock Challenge and picking up various awards. (See pages 15 and 56.)

Don't forget the main community events this month: the Kinross Show (pages 8-10) and the Mary, Queen of Scots 'Great Escape' Boat Race (page 4). Two great days out!

Eileen, editor

#### **Note to Contributors**

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

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

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#### Congratulations



Congratulations to AILSA MORRIS who graduated as a doctor (MBChB) at the University of Dundee on 22 June 2018. Ailsa will be taking up a post as a junior doctor at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, in August.

Congratulations to ROY MUNRO and EMILY WILLIS who were married on Saturday 14 July 2018 at Tyninghame Bay.

Building and renovation specialist THCL, family-run builders based in Kinross, have been shortlisted for a Structural Timber Award in the Custom and Self Build Category. They were shortlisted for their work on a turnkey property on the outskirts of Inchture through their sub-group SIPs Scotland, working with structured insulated panels. Director Malcolm Thomson is delighted and his team look forward to the awards ceremony at the NCC in Birmingham in October.

#### Thanks





Charity Summer Buffet: A huge thank you to all my class members and clients who attended the summer buffet on 15 June in the lovely setting of the new Greenhouse

Café area at Loch Leven's Larder. What a fantastic venue! We enjoyed great company with superb food and wonderful service from events manager Jay and his staff.

Your generous contributions towards the chosen charities, Cancer Research UK and Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH), raised a total of £950 to be split between the

From my heart, I thank you all for your generosity, kindness and compassion.

Val Oswald.

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#### Scottish Women's Institutes

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# **News & Articles**

# Retirement bungalows proposed for Windlestrae site

McCarthy & Stone are proposing to build a new retirement development for older people in Kinross at the site of the Windlestrae Hotel.

The proposals include sheltered housing made up of 36 bungalows and cottages with private parking, landscaped gardens, communal function area and a house manager's office. The proposals also include eight affordable housing units with two-storey flats.

This would be McCarthy & Stone's first development in Scotland containing bungalows, which have proved hugely popular with customers in England and Wales.

McCarthy & Stone already have a presence in Kinross, having built the retirement flats at The Sycamores, just across the road from the Windlestrae Hotel.

Before submitting a planning application for the Windlestrae site to the Council, McCarthy & Stone are holding a public exhibition to give local people an opportunity to view the proposals and to provide feedback.

The public exhibition will take place at The Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU on Wednesday 15 August from 2pm until 7pm.

Members of the development team will be available to answer questions.

A spokesperson for McCarthy & Stone said, "McCarthy and Stone believe that people in their leisure years should have access to a wide range of housing options and that downsizing to a new home should be a positive experience, not a compromise.

"Our homes are specifically designed to meet the needs of people in later life, helping them maintain an active, independent lifestyle in a safe and secure environment. Our Retirement Living (Sheltered) developments are restricted to occupation by people over the age of 60, with the average age of our homeowners in Scotland being 75. "Homeowners have their own front

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Anyone requiring further information about the consultation or proposals may call freephone 0800 088 4322 or email mccarthyandstone@pagodapr.com Information about McCarthy & Stone may be found on their website www.mccarthyandstone.co.uk or via Twitter and Facebook.



The McCarthy & Stone proposals include sheltered housing made up of 36 bungalows and cottages with private parking, landscaped gardens, and a communal function area Indicative plan, may be subject to amendments following feedback

#### **Councillor Robertson**

#### **Gallowhill Road**

The order to improve the crossing point on Gallowhill Road has now been placed. The unsightly railings will be replaced, the pavement widened and the crossing point

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moved to improve the sight lines. This should make crossing the road here much safer for pedestrians and also greatly improve the appearance of the area.



Gallowhill Road Crossing

#### Millbridge Hall car park

The works to expand the Millbridge Hall car park are programmed for September this year. With parking at a premium in parts of Kinross, the additional spaces which are going to be created will be welcome.

#### **Green Routes**

Kinross-shire is now one of the most cycle friendly parts of Scotland thanks to facilities like the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and our many cycle paths. Most of our rural side roads have been turned into Green Routes – cycling and walking friendly roads. I have asked the Council to consider creating more cycling/walking friendly roads west of Milnathort and Glenfarg. Currently the following roads are being considered: Milnathort to Path of Condie via Tillywhally and Craigow; the loop road from Milnathort around by Dalquiech and Ledlanet; the Glenfarg to Forgandenny road via Rossieochil; the Newhill Farm to Path of Condie road. If adopted as Green Routes, the legal speed limit on these roads will drop from 60mph to 40mph which makes them much safer for cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders.

#### **Summer safety**

With the excellent summer weather we have been enjoying, it is important that people don't go swimming in dangerous areas, especially flooded quarries. Ponds and quarries often have hidden debris which can entangle swimmers. If you are planning to cool off with a dip, please make sure the area you or your children have chosen is a safe one.

#### **Double yellow lines**

There are a number of outstanding requests for additional double yellow lines in parts of Kinross such as in the High Street and the entrance to Gallowhill Road. I have been chasing these up and have been told that the orders to put them in place will go to the relevant Council committee in November.

#### **Hedges**

Now is the time to cut back your hedge if it borders a pavement or walkway. Thank you to the householders on the north side of Gallowhill Road who have cut their hedges back making the pavement much wider – well done to them!

Councillor Willie Robertson



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

The Tay Cities Deal has been continuing to progress with both tiers of Government: Edinburgh and Westminster developing plans and discussing funding. I have been holding regular meetings with the local Perth



& Kinross councillors, including Council leader Murray Lyle and Strathearn Councillor, Roz McCall, who are driving projects at the Council. I have also been holding meetings with Treasury ministers to champion the projects being proposed in our area and to ensure South Perthshire and Kinross-shire are not forgotten in the final funding settlement. I remain hopeful that the Tay Cities Deal will have its Heads of Terms signed off by September.

My team and I have also been distributing my 'Broadband Progress Report' around the constituency. The report not only explains the actions I have been taking to improve mobile and broadband coverage in the constituency, it also provides a number of sources of government funds available to you and your business to help improve broadband if providers are failing to do so. If you have not received your copy of the report yet, we will be continuing to deliver them over the coming summer recess, during which time I will also be holding a 'Summer Surgery Tour' (25 July and 17 August) hosting 45 surgeries right across Ochil and South Perthshire. Please keep an eye out for the announcement online and in the press to find out when I will be holding a surgery near you. Many of these surgeries will be street surgeries, where my team and I will be knocking on your door to find out which issues are of greatest concern.

Earlier this month I attended the SRUC (Scottish Rural College) policy briefing, hosted by Scottish Office Minister, Lord Duncan, which sought to address the key issues facing agriculture and rural communities in Scotland. At the meeting we discussed the need for flexibility in the support framework and how best to take into account the common and differing challenges and opportunities in different parts of the UK. I will continue to work to ensure Ochil and South Perthshire's voice is heard at the heart of government during the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

What is becoming more and more clear is that the needs of our rural communities cannot be forgotten in large national debates. I will be continuing to work over the summer to ensure local issues and concerns are heard by government and no matter whether the debate is about the direction of Brexit or the future funding to be agreed in the autumn budget, I will be fighting to ensure Kinross-shire is not left behind.

#### Luke Graham MP

As always, if you have any issues or concerns please contact me at my office on 2 Comrie Street, Crieff, by telephone on 01259 680384 or by email to: luke.grahamoffice@parliament.uk

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#### **Councillor Watters**

#### **Democracy**

The uncertainty of the Brexit process is endangering the rights of EU Citizens – including their right to vote. This has raised concerns in some of the Kinross-shire



Community Councils because under the current rules for Community Councils, any loss of voting rights at a UK level means that EU citizens will no longer be able to stand as Community Councillors or vote in the subsequent elections. They will be unable to participate in this important area of our democracy. This would directly affect at least one Community Council where a prominent Chair would be unable to continue as Chair or even as a Community Councillor.

The Council's current 'Scheme of Establishment' (the rules that govern the creation and operation of our Community Councils) is currently under review within the Council. So I put forward a motion at the last Full Council Meeting, asking officers to look at the current rules for eligibility to sit on our Community Councils and to vote in their elections to ensure that no matter what the outcome of Brexit is, we ensure that all Europeans who have made Scotland their home will be able to participate in our democracy.

Given that this is the only process in our democratic system that sits within the remit of the Council, my motion aimed to obtain a clear mandate for Council Officers to investigate options that will allow EU citizens to participate in our Community Councils. I was delighted that the Council backed the motion unanimously. This sends a clear message that EU citizens are welcome and that we are doing everything we can to protect their voting rights.

#### **Mobility Budget**

In my first year as a Local Councillor, I have spent a significant amount of time working with council officers and with staff from the 'Centre of Inclusive Living Perth' to identify issues for people using wheelchairs or mobility scooters on the pavements and roads around Kinross and Milnathort. I have mixed feelings about the budget proposals for the proposed works that recently came before councillors for approval. Although I welcome the £9,000 allocated within the current budget, this will only fix some of the more prominent issues. So, I am disappointed that there will not be enough to deal with all the highlighted issues, as this will still leave Kinross-shire with several clear problem areas and ongoing difficulties for individuals with mobility issues.

Once we see the details of the proposed work, I will continue to work with officers to investigate if more money can be made available within this financial year and in subsequent years.

**Councillor Richard Watters** 

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# Kinross Show

#### Saturday 11 August, RSPB Loch Leven

The highlight of the rural calendar in Kinross-shire is Kinross Show, which takes place this year on Saturday 11 August at RSPB Scotland, Loch Leven. But it's not just a day out for farmers; it is a showcase of the countryside, with attractions for all the family.

Last month's Newsletter published a list of the top ten things to do at the show, so please take a look back to remind yourself how to make the most of your day.

The best way to keep up to date with final preparations is via Facebook and Twitter. For a chance to win free tickets, please 'like' Kinross Show on Facebook and Twitter.





#### **Entry Costs**

Show ground entry is £10 for adults, £7 for concessions and children under 16 are free. Parking is £2.

#### **Contact**

Please contact Show Secretary Jane Drysdale if you require further information. Email: kinrossshow@aol.com

To find out about Kinross Show's scarecrow competition, see page 84.

Details of the dog show are on page 10.

#### **The Flower Show Schedule**

was published in the June issue of the Newsletter

#### Free bus service

The show committee is delighted to announce that once again there will be free buses from Kinross, Milnathort and the surrounding area to the show — another great reason to make sure you have Saturday 11 August 2018 in your diary! Full details of the bus timetable will be available nearer the day, but an outline of the route can be found below. Please note these free buses will ONLY be for Kinross Show.

#### **Route One**

- Royal Bank Building in Milnathort
- Down to the roundabout at Rowland Pharmacy Kinross
- Turn right along Station Road to the Park and Ride
- Returning back along Station Road
- Turning right down through Kinross High Street
- To the show

The bus will stop at all the usual bus stops and in the country, if waved down. This bus service starts at 10.30am.

Photo: Tracy Gow Photography



#### **Route Two**

- Channel Farm Car Park
- Turning right past the Balgedie Toll
- Continuing through Kinnesswood
- Through Scotlandwell
- Straight down the road, turning right and along the south side of Loch Leven
- To the show

Again the bus will stop at the usual bus stops and on the country road, if waved down. This bus service starts at 11am.

## Scottish Women's Institute show preview



Our community themes for the SWI marquee at Kinross Show this year are:

- Handicrafts section: "Animal Magic"
- Housewives section: "Picnic"

The ladies of Kinross Group SWI are once again busy preparing their entries for both the community and individual competitions. There will, as always, be a wonderful display from our members of crafts, needlework, baking, produce and floral art. There will also be entries from husbands and partners in the Gents section and entries from members' children and grandchildren in the children's section. The judges this year are from West Lothian Federation.





A number of classes are being sponsored again by local businesses and individuals. We are very grateful for their continued support. Our sponsors are: McTaggart's of Aberdour, Robert and Gillian Bell, Robert Craig Joinery, Roddy Baird, Kilted Farming Company, Loch Leven's Larder, Hattonburn House and Andrew Craig Electrician.

There will be, as usual, a sales table selling baking, produce and craft goods and this year we are having a gift bag tombola as our fundraiser.

To round off the day, the trophies will be presented by SWI National Chairman, Linda Retson. Finally the raffle will be drawn, with a first prize of £50 and many other fabulous prizes, so make sure you get your tickets. They will be on sale in the tent during the day.

There is no entry charge to the marquee, but a donation will be welcome at the door so please come along and view the wonderful work from the SWI. The SWI marquee is open from 10am until 4pm on the day of the show.

#### **Kinross Show Programme**

Times shown in 24-hour clock. All times are approximate.

0700	Show ground opens	1130	Flower Show Marquee open to the public
0830	Horse Ring 1: Horses in Hand judging	1215	/1230 approx. Clydesdale Horse in Harness judging
0830	Horse Ring 2: Mountain & Moorland ponies judging	1230	Beef & Dairy Calf Young Handlers in Dairy Ring
0830	Horse Ring 3: Pony Club pony judging	1245	Collecting Area for Children's Fancy Dress
0900	Main Ring: Clydesdale Horses, Highland Ponies and	1300	Judging of Scarecrow
	Shetland Ponies	1300	Dog Show commences at Dog Marquee
0900	until 1200. JAC Stock Judging. Entries taken at JAC	1300	Stock Judging Competition starts
	tent. £3 to enter	1300	Vintage Tractor judging
0900	Art & Craft Marquee open to the public	1300	Children's Fancy Dress Competition (with or
0930	Limousin, Aberdeen Angus, British Blues and		without a pony) in Main Ring
	Highland Cattle judging	1330	Overall Horse Competition (Archie Renton Trophy)
0930	Dairy breeds judging		in Main Ring
0930	In Pens: Sheep sections	1350	Champion of Champions in Main Ring
0930	Ryeland Sheep	1415	Grand Parade of Prize Winners
0930	Goats judging	1415	Long Service Medals presented to Neil Drysdale
1000	Cross Cattle		and Willie Sneddon
1000	Donkeys	1430	Parade of Vintage Tractors in Main Ring
1000	Art & Craft Marquee judging commences	1500	Heavy Horse Farm Demonstration in the Main Ring
1000	Flower Show Marquee judging commences	1530	Flower Show Marquee Presentation of Prizes
1030	until 1230 prompt: Dog Show Registration. Entries	1545	Obstacle Team Competition
	taken at Dog Marquee. No late entries	1600	SWI Presentation of Prizes in SWI Marquee
1100	Closing for Scarecrow Competition	1845	Last bus leaves show site
1130	Sheep Young Handlers in pens	1900	Show ground will be closed



#### **Companion Dog Show**

#### Kinross Show, RSPB Loch Leven Saturday 11 August



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Entries will be taken on the Field at the Dog Show Marquee from 10.30am until 12.30pm PROMPT.

#### STRICTLY NO LATE ENTRIES.

Judging starts at the Dog Ring at 1pm prompt.

Convenor: Alistair Cox. Judge: Dorothy Thomson, Milnathort.

Entry fee: Adults £1 per class. Children 50p per class. Prizes: First £3, Second £2, Third £1 for classes 6-10.

Special prize: £10 for Best in Show.

#### **Novelty Classes**

**Class 1 Novelty Class**. Dog or Bitch from crossbreeds such as Labradoodles, Springadoors, Mongrels etc.

Class 2 Open. Any variety, Dog or Bitch. Confined to Kinross-shire.

Class 3 Dog or Bitch with Waggiest Tail.

Class 4 Dog or Bitch with Most Appealing Eyes.

Class 5 Dog or Bitch, any variety, handled by a boy or girl 14 years or under.

Fun Prizes for all dogs that enter in Classes 1-5.

#### **Trophy classes**

**Class 6 Kinnesswood Quaich**. Puppy, any variety, Dog or Bitch (6-12 months).

**Class 7 Balkello Quaich**. Sporting, any variety, Dog or Bitch (Hound, Gun Dog or Terrier).

**Class 8 Farmer Trophy**. Non-sporting, any variety, Dog or Bitch (Pastoral, Toy, Working or Utility).

Class 9 The Cairns Cup. Open, any variety, Dog or Bitch.

**Class 10** The Walls Cup. Best in Show, from unbeaten first prize-winners (classes 6-9).

**Prize tickets** will be given after each class and monies can be collected in Secretary's Marquee until 4.30pm. Trophies will be presented at the Dog Show Marquee.

Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may enter for exhibition at this show. Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

#### **Secure future for Kinross Show**

The future of Kinross Show has been secured for the next five years after a new contract was signed between the landowners and the organisers. RSPB Scotland Loch Leven, owners of the showground, have come to an agreement with the Kinross-shire Agricultural Society for the new lease.

The annual show has been held at the reserve on the southern banks of Loch Leven since 2012. It is one of the area's most popular summer events, attracting nearly 3000 visitors, over 300 exhibitors and more than 60 trade stands.

The new lease secures the use of the 13-hectare site over two fields until 2022. The location, which has spectacular views over the RSPB wetlands and Loch Leven, includes a large car-parking area and access for the free buses that run throughout show day.

Vicky Turnbull, Tayside Warden with RSPB Scotland, said, "We are delighted to agree a new lease and provide assurance for the use of the showground for years to come. It's very exciting to have the Kinross Show here on the nature reserve. Making the fields available for the committee to transform into an extraordinary rural event that attracts so many visitors is a very worthwhile way to support our local community."

Andy Marshall, President of the Kinross-shire Agricultural Society, added, "The renewed commitment from RSPB Scotland Loch Leven safeguards the future location of Kinross Show for a further five years. We really appreciate the good

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communication and positive working relationship with everyone at the reserve and are looking forward to making the final preparations for this year's event."

This year's show takes place on Saturday 11 August. For more details, see pages 8 and 9.



Vicky Turnbull of RSPB Scotland with Andrew Marshall, President of the Kinross-shire Agricultural Society

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# \* Serving You Well \*

Serving You Well is a new feature. Each month we will spotlight one of the outlets selling the Newsletter. We are grateful to all our outlets who help support the community by stocking the Newsletter.

#### Stewart and Smart

Stewart and Smart garage was established in 1926 at the current site on Stirling Road in Milnathort. This month, our Distribution Manager David Anderson spent time with the owner George Shiels and his wife Sharon, to find out just what is so special about this long-standing family-run business. explained, conveniently situated in Milnathort just a short distance from the M90. We put our customers and their motoring requirements at the heart of our business and treat every car we look after as if it were one of our own." He continued, "Being part of the local community means we know our customer's needs and we can give them exactly what they want."

As well as vehicle servicing, repairs

and MOTs, Stewart and Smart supply and fit tyres, offer a great range of



Owner George Shiels and his wife Sharon

selected used cars and have a wellstocked petrol station forecourt and shop, where, of course, the *Kinross*  Newsletter is available for sale. Sharon said, "We love selling the Newsletter in our shop and our customers appreciate being able to pick up a copy when they call in to refuel their vehicles."

There has been substantial investment made at Stewart and Smart over the years in state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and in staff training and development, making sure customers get the best service at value-formoney prices.

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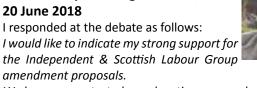
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#### Councillor Barnacle Council's Capital Budget Debate,

I would like to indicate my strong support for the Independent & Scottish Labour Group





We have concentrated on education proposals that are quite radical and do contain an element of blue-sky 'thinking' but I would ask other political groups to carefully consider the vision of what we are suggesting over a 10 year period since we are assured the additional investment required, subject to development of business cases, can be fully funded and is competent. I would particularly draw members' attention to the expansion of early learning and childcare, supported by Scottish Government incentives, that would enable the Education Committee to commit to £3m capital works to provide nursery accommodation at rural schools currently excluded from such provisions and that will help to safeguard the future of these schools from closure by potentially increasing intakes!

We have also proposed additional investment in the local footpath network, particularly for the Carse, Kinross-shire and Strathearn, with potential for match funding from other

Finally, having introduced as a Council, a charge for garden waste uplifts, which have generated income in 2018 of £841,000 approx. to date, I think it is essential that we look at extending the service in rural locations that don't currently have it and are prepared to pay the charge; so we have allocated a capital element of £250,000 to cover extra roll-out costs for the rural areas from 2021/22, although we are aware of increased revenue costs implications to be the subject of a business case.

The Independent group budget proposals were not supported by the other political groups but remain our objectives going forward.

#### **Local Action Partnerships**

At the full Council meeting on 20 June 2018 in relation to a report on the Local Action Partnerships, I made this response: This report, presenting the findings of the What Works Scotland study bears little relationship to the 45 minute phone discussion I had with Linda Christie at the University of Glasgow. It majors purely on action partnerships rather than other possible alternatives for devolving power to communities.

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It is my view the LAPs are an officer-led construction that cover areas open to question, moving beyond purely participatory budgeting to address perceived inequalities. There appears to me a distinct conflict with elected community councils and an undermining of their roles.

I believe Kinross-shire, as a former county in its own right, should have its own devolved area forum, comprising elected members and community council representatives. Partnership membership needs to be re-addressed for it is far from clear how such membership is decided and regulated. I since understand that LAPs are to continue but Kinross-shire will have a standalone one, but I would like this membership issue to be addressed.

#### Various Planning Issues in Kinross-shire

I emailed Nick Brian, Interim Head of Planning at PKC, on 28 June 2018 as follows:

The following outstanding issues in my ward of some importance have been raised with me recently and I seek your early response.

- Boreland Steading, Cleish and Braehead Development Rumbling Bridge: I note there appears to be no progress in relation to the uncompleted steading and the uncompleted footpath on these Thomson Homes Developments and this situation has been dragging on far too long. When are the planning department going to expedite matters with the developer?
- Causeway Cottage Cattery and Equestrian Centre: | attach the letter from the Scottish Gliding Centre and fully agree with their comments, so what could be done under our airfield safe-guarding policy to protect the interests of this important facility.
- Crook Moss Gypsy Travellers Site: I note your response of 18 June 2018 to my letter of 9 May 2018 relating to this site. I appreciate your comments but we will have to differ on the outcome, since as far as I am concerned your committees recommendation of approval for this site is the worst planning decision during my office as a Councillor! I understand that the two caravans in the so called paddock area are the subject of a police investigation, is this concluded and when could we see them removed?
- Lathro Farm (Meadows) development by Persimmon **Homes**: I attach the letter I have received from my constituents and wholeheartedly agree with their comments. It would appear to me that the residential amenities of existing residents has been compromised by the lack of an adequate buffer strip, something that I have raised with you before and also observed from the residents of a neighbour to the site. What do planning propose to do in response?

#### **LDP2 – Blairingone Settlement Plans**

I wrote to Peter Marshall, PKC Forward Planning, on 28 June 2018 as follows:

I understand that we have a briefing in August from your team on the above, including Blairingone in advance of a meeting of the Kinross-shire forum of community councils to discuss same. You will be aware of the content of my email to Councillor Shiers on the 18 May 2018 expressing my disappointment at the outcome of the education committee in proposing the closure of Blairingone School and the negativity of your address to that committee.

This morning local ward Councillors and my independent colleague Councillor McDade met with the parents of Blairingone School to plan our campaign against the closure and representations to the Scottish Government. I feel it pertinent to point out that in our current LDP as regard to Blairingone it states "7.4.3 Infrastructure Considerations: The village primary school, which also provides community facilities, has capacity to support limited development. New proposals may be required to be phased to ensure sufficient space is available and a financial contribution may be required in line with Council quidance."

Furthermore in LDP2 re Blairingone it states "There is unlikely to be housing demand in this area for such a large site during the life of the Plan nor would it be desirable to see significant large scale development over a short span of time." As far as I am concerned, following consultations and meetings with the community, developers and land owners, this is an inaccurate statement so it will be necessary to address this at the briefing. I would also point out that Ballantynes and Holder Planning of Edinburgh have already incurred significant expenditure regarding the consultation in February 2017 and also in relation to commissioning further ground condition reports. It transpires that a pre-application process has now been commenced so I look forward to a more constructive dialogue on this matter.

#### **Kinross High Street Shared Space scheme**

I emailed Charles Haggart, PKC Roads, on 10 July 2018 to point out that I have not received a response to my email of 12 February 2018 suggesting a review of the operation of the Shared Space scheme in Kinross town centre.

I also reported the missing 20mph signs associated with the scheme and informed Mr Haggart that I have received requests for a 20mph limit on Station Road from the school to the main street.

I have asked Mr Haggart to clarify the position on a review of this scheme and where we are with the 20mph policy review. On 12 July I received a message to say that Mr Haggart "is going to arrange to get someone to go to Kinross to see if the signs have disappeared (this was checked in April following a previous enquiry)."

Councillor Mike Barnacle Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

#### Free baking lessons for Kinross carers

Would you like to learn how to bake? Or maybe you've not baked for years but fancy giving it a try again? A local baker, Leigh Smith, is offering free baking lessons to carers. She still has a few spaces left so sign up now by contacting Gail Boath on 01577 867306 or email Gail.Boath@pkavs.org.uk. You'll

receive a two-hour baking lesson from Leigh either at your home or at the Loch Leven Community Campus, followed by a group lesson at the Campus.

These lessons are part of the 'Bake to Escape' project that Leigh is running jointly with PKAVS Adult Carers Hub. 'Bake to Escape' is about promoting the benefits of baking to people who'd like some relief from anxiety or stress.



Leigh Smith

#### Rock Challenge result!

Kinross High School pupils recently took part in Rock Challenge, a series of performing arts events which promote healthy life choices. Thousands take part annually in their local events, and if they get through, in UK-wide finals. Teams are made up of performers, stage crew and support. They decide on a theme that reflects their concerns, aspirations and interests, create choreography for a 5-8 minute dancedrama performance, select and record music and design and make their own costumes and sets.

Kinross High School was one of only nine from across the whole of the UK who competed in the national final, which was held in Rotherham on Saturday 14 July. LeAF Studio School in Bournemouth won first place, and although Kinross were not placed, they scooped up a total of four great awards:

- EN:Able Award of Excellence for Set Design and Function
- Be Your Best Foundation Award of Excellence for Entertainment
- Visions Unlimited Award of Excellence for Video Performance
- Be Your Best Foundation Award for Spirit of Rock Challenge

Well done to all who took part. You can read more details about Kinross High School on page 56.



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# Perthshire Open Studios, 1 – 9 September

As the smallest and the most southerly route in Perthshire Open Studios, the turquoise route is in the Newsletter's coverage area. With six venues to visit, why not take some time out and visit local artists and makers? You can see some of them at work and enjoy seeing the finished pieces. You will get a warm welcome at all the venues with some offering refreshments, too! The turquoise route is sponsored this year by the Webster Group.

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#### **GILLIAN SKENE JEWELLERY**

#### **Jewellery**

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I have been making jewellery for eight years. My newest designs are reversible, hand-knitted wires of different colours encasing pearls and semi-precious stones giving subtly different looks on either side. I also enjoy making papercraft items and love following the seasonal colours, reflecting them in all my work. As always I will be offering tea and

scones, hoping to raise some funds for CHAS.

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#### KINROSS AND DISTRICT ART CLUB

#### Painting, Drawing, Mixed media

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This vibrant club of around 50 members meets twice weekly in Kinross. Members learn from each other, from visiting artists and outings to exhibitions. Visitors are invited to our annual exhibition and sale of work in Kinross Parish



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#### **MIMI FIORENTINI**

#### Silver, Clay and Polymer jewellery

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My work is handmade from sterling silver, metal, clay and polymer clay with an emphasis on colour and texture. Inspiration comes from Spain, Italy and my native heath. I am happy to explain the processes

involved in design and production and give a tour of the workshop. Sketchbooks will be on show as well as work in progress and finished pieces. Drop by for a warm welcome – refreshments, too!

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# Word power can help boost your business

A new venture aimed at helping to boost local businesses has been launched by a former journalist.

Milnathort-based Liz Rougvie has years of experience in public relations as well as in the newsroom – and now she's using her skills to help businesses and other organisations throughout Kinross-shire raise their profile.

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# Kinross butcher's campaign to save lives goes Scotland-wide

A Kinross business has inspired a nationwide campaign to raise money for community defibrillators.

'Butchers at the Heart of the Community' encourages people living in communities throughout Scotland to be ready and confident in delivering CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) to someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest.

Supported by Scottish Craft Butchers, the Scotch Butchers Club and Save a Life Scotland, the initiative follows on from a successful project by butchers Hunters of Kinross to raise funds to install a 24-hour public access defibrillator outside their shop. Pamela Hunter was moved to start the project after losing a good friend and customer to a cardiac arrest.

Butchers across Scotland are now being encouraged to display collection tins in their shop to raise money for a local defibrillator. Assistance is also available via Save a Life Scotland to provide CPR and defibrillator training.

Over 30 Scottish butchers have so far signed up to the campaign, which was launched at the end of June.

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much more, visit www.kinross.cc

# Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

At the end of June the Scottish Parliament went into recess with a bang; we had a whole new ministerial team announced, then aborted, and a flagship education bill



shelved. This was not the end-of-term anyone in Holyrood expected but as we go back to our constituencies over the summer there is plenty to chew over.

Over the summer months I will be travelling across Perth & Kinross and if any constituents have casework issues they would like to raise with me then please get in touch using the details at the foot of this column. Recently a number of residents have got in touch with me to bemoan speeds across the Queensferry Crossing during the morning and evening rush hour.

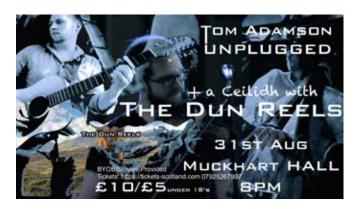
Following these emails and correspondences it was revealed, via Freedom of Information, that speeds over the new bridge are crawling at peak periods. Vehicles during the morning rush hour are travelling at an average speed of 24mph and 21mph at night. This is despite the new bridge speed limit standing at 70mph. When the new bridge was opened last year it was promised that congestion was just a by-product of initial public interest but here we are a year later and it is as bad as ever.

Constituents travelling into Edinburgh from Kinross are growing frustrated by the slow speeds which are undoubtedly impacting on economic growth in the region. Clearly we need more efficient public transport links in order to deal with passenger numbers and in the next parliamentary term I will press for better public transport links for Kinross.

Over the summer recess I will try to find a few sunny days to go out and climb hills in the area. However, I have also been pressing for Sir Hugh Munro, the man who charted all of Scotland's mountains to be included in the Scottish Sports Hall of Fame. Next year will mark the 100th anniversary of Sir Hugh's death and the AK Bell Library in Perth is set to host an exhibition on his life and mountaineering in Scotland. The Munro Society are calling for climbing clubs and mountaineers to get in touch with photographs, stories or artefacts relating to the early days of climbing in Scotland and I would encourage people in Kinross to get in touch with the society if they have anything they wish to contribute.

Liz Smith MSP

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



# Roseanna Cunningham MSP for Perthshire South and Kinross-shire

Roseanna Cunningham has welcomed the news that Seamab School in her constituency has recently received a £9,995 National Lottery Awards for All Scotland grant from Big Lottery Fund.



The funds will buy five electrically assisted mountain bikes suitable for use by children.

Ms Cunningham said: "I am really pleased that Seamab School in Rumbling Bridge has been awarded just short of £10,000, a significant sum which will fund the purchase of five electrically assisted mountain bikes.

"Seamab's ambition is to give the children in their care a childhood in which they feel safe, happy and secure. This award will help them to continue that important and wonderful work."

#### Customers asked to use water wisely

Scottish Water is asking customers to use water wisely in their daily activities to help maintain supplies during the current period of hot summer weather.

Following a sustained dry period without any significant rainfall, customer usage has increased significantly.

Average reservoir levels are generally normal for this time of year but the current level of usage and continuing dry weather means stocks of stored water available for use are reducing.

Simple, practical steps suggested by Scottish Water include:

- Taking shorter showers;
- Using a watering can rather than a hose to water plants;
- Using a bucket rather than a hose to wash vehicles;
- Only washing windscreens/lights instead of the whole vehicle;
- Turning off taps in the home whenever possible;
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Well-seasoned wood burns better on a light bed of ash. Stoves are designed for this. When using mineral fuels like coal, ensure that you empty the ash pan regularly to stop ash building up and touching the underside of the grate. A buildup of ash will reduce air flow around the grate which can lead to the grate bars overheating and subsequently cause damage. The throat plates (also known as deflector plates) should be cleared every month or when recommended to do so by the manufacturer. Keep an eye on your grate and fire bricks for signs of damage. Finally, make sure to check the door rope seals and door glass.

With every new or replacement solid fuel appliance that is fitted in a dwelling, building regulations make it compulsory to have a carbon monoxide monitor fitted, and alarms should adhere and carry British Standard BS EN 50291. The alarm must be permanently installed, must be either mains or battery powered, and should incorporate a self-test function and audible alert if faulty. We can give advice on fitting carbon monoxide monitors and smoke detectors.

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by Stovestuff

#### Electoral register

The annual check of the electoral register will take place soon. Residents are urged to return their household enquiry form promptly to their local Electoral Registration Office. This will ensure eligible residents will be able to take part in any future elections. People who have moved address recently are particularly encouraged to keep an eye out for the form and check the details.

Residents can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Residents who have questions can contact the Electoral Registration Officer at 01738 630303.



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# World War I commemoration – appeal for Blairingone and Cleish relatives

A committee was formed in Crook of Devon recently to commemorate the 100th centenary of the end of the Great War. In the June Newsletter there was an appeal for relatives of those listed on the Crook of Devon war memorial to get in touch with the committee.

The committee has now been expanded to include recognition of those who are commemorated on the Blairingone and Cleish war memorials.

The committee is planning to hold an exhibition in the Crook of Devon Village Hall on the afternoon of 10 November. In the meantime, the Newsletter is appealing for relatives of the WWI servicemen commemorated on the Blairingone and Cleish war memorials to contact the committee. Please contact Cllr Mike Barnacle, telephone 01577 840516 or email michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

#### **Blairingone Roll of Honour**

James M Millar, Peter McKenzie, William A Brown, John S Miller, Robert Boyd, Malcolm McLeod, Alan McKenzie, James Peebles, George Davidson, James Kennedy, John Davidson, Thomas McKenzie, John Jack, Duncan Hope, Colin Boswell, Stuart Lyall, Richard Ross, William Sheret, John Souter.

#### **Cleish Roll of Honour**

Alex Adams, David W Birrell, William R Birrell, James Davidson, William Davidson, James Duffy, Thomas Fleming, James Forbes, John Y A Line, John Malcolm, James McFarlane, John Ross, Charles White.

#### Road works

**Rumbling Bridge**: Carriageway resurfacing from 20 August for three weeks. A823 Rumbling Bridge from A977 to U237 Naemoor Road. Alternative route: A977-B918-A91.

**Glenfarg**: Temporary prohibition of driving on Duncrievie Road from Ash Grove to U67 Calfford Brae to permit a sewer connection from 13 August for one week. Alternative route: Duncrievie Road-Ladeside-B996 Main Street.

**Kinross**: Carriageway overlay works on access road to the Auction Mart from 30 August for three days.

#### Vane Farm speed restriction

The temporary 20mph speed restriction order on the B9097 Vane Farm to Loch Leven (from B996 Gairneybridge to the B920) has had its end date extended to 24 August 2018 instead of 15 July 2018.

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# Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

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



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

#### First World War Timeline, August 1918

8th Beginning of successful Allied offensive pushing all German troops back to the Hindenburg Line.

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

21st Andrew W Peebles was a Private in the Guards Machine gun Regiment when he died aged 22. He is buried at Bac-du-Sud British Cemetery, Bailleulval, France.

27th Martin Meldrum was a Private in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France.

#### Tom Adamson at Muckhart

There's a treat in store for locals when Tom Adamson plays Muckhart Hall on Friday 31 August.

With a CV that includes duetting with John Barrowman, supporting Sister Sledge in London and teaching James Corden how to dance a Gay Gordons, Tom Adamson is a multi-instrumental, energetic performer not to be missed.

Now London-based, Adamson is originally from Powmill. He attended Dollar Academy and was a member of the Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra. After graduating from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama where he studied jazz, timpani and percussion, Adamson set up his own music agency while studying and manages the famous Baltik Ceilidh Band in London.

With high profile performances for award-winning TV such as The Crown on Netflix, E4's Made in Chelsea and even royal performances for HRH Prince Michael of Kent, Adamson is making a name for himself not just in London, but throughout the UK.

Adamson's second album *Medium Eyes, Blue Build* is out now on iTunes and Spotify. It features Emily Dankworth (granddaughter of Sir Johnny Dankworth and Dame Cleo Laine), Konrad Wiszniewski (Scottish Jazz Award for Best Instrumentalist 2017) and Chantelle Nandi (The Voice).

Stephen Duffy, presenter of BBC Radio Scotland's The Jazz House, says of Adamson: "... Tom writes superb, addictive, contemporary, jazz inflected prog-folk-rock. He's a joy to work with, and an extraordinary musician."

The performance at Muckhart will be 'unplugged' and features a ceilidh with The Dun Reels. (See page 19 for more information.)

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

# **Police Box**



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#### **Crimes of Note**

Overnight on Thursday 31 May a whacker plate was **stolen** from Westerloan, **Milnathort** (CR/13275/18).

A house was broken into on Mill Street, Kinross, overnight on Monday 2 July (CR/15965/18).

An elderly lady in the Kinross area was defrauded out of £950 after a caller claimed she was entitled to a PPI refund and the money would be released on the payment of tax and delivery fees. The lady was convinced to transfer money to a bank account and to purchase iTunes vouchers to the value of £300. The Area Commander says: "I have stated several times in the past that no legitimate business would request iTunes for payment and I would like to re-iterate this to all Perth & Kinross residents."

Counterfeit Clydesdale Bank £20 notes were passed at a shop in Kinross on Thursday 5 July. Retailers are warned to be extra vigilant when large notes are tendered for payment, particularly when used to purchase small value items and a large quantity of change is due.(CR/16255/18).

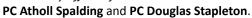
If anyone has any information regarding these crimes, please get in touch via 101 or speak with local officers.

#### Important Police Message

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#### Police Scotland – local community

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

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

Community Inspector for Perth South (Strathearn, Strathallan &

Carse of Gowrie, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire): Pl Kevin Chase.

#### Ways of following the Police:

Twitter: @KinrossPc or twitter.com/policescotland

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland

Website: www.scotland.police.uk

#### **Community Watch**

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

#### Crime Stoppers - Telephone 0800 555 111

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

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# **Community Council News**

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

# Kinross Community Council News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2018 were: CCllrs B Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), J Bryson, D Colliar, D Cuthbert, L McKay, T Stewart and D West (who arrived during the item on the skate park). Also in attendance were P&K Councillors M Barnacle and R Watters; Ciaran Bradley of McCarthy & Stone; Andrew Lester of Pagoda PR and five members of the public.

**Apologies**: CCllrs M Blyth, B Davies and I Jack; P&K Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson; and community police officers.

**Police Report**: Police unable to be present. They emailed to say there have been no recent incidents of note in Kinross.

McCarthy and Stone: Presentation by Ciaran Bradley, Senior Architect with McCarthy and Stone, and Andrew Lester of Pagoda PR. McCarthy and Stone have plans for the Windlestrae Hotel site. The hotel has been on sale for some months with no apparent interest in it as a hotel. McCarthy and Stone propose building 36 2- and 3-bedroom retirement dwellings, mainly bungalows of modern design, on the site. It would be a serviced development with a manager. The houses would be adaptable for future living. There would be a common building with garden to provide a community facility. The development would be restricted to those over 55 years of age. There is a requirement to provide some affordable housing. This might be on-site or off-site. McCarthy and Stone are currently in discussion with PKC and Hanover and Kingdom Housing Associations regarding this.

McCarthy and Stone are the UK's leading retirement builders. The firm built the Sycamores flatted development in Kinross. McCarthy and Stone are bringing back the bungalow; this is their first proposed bungalow scheme for Scotland, though they have built some in England recently.

Mr Bradley explained the need for more retirement housing, giving the projected population figures for over 75s and over 85s for the next 15 years.

Drawings of the site and proposed bungalow designs were available to view.

Mr Lester explained that he hopes to organise a meeting with near neighbours in July and a wider public consultation on 15 August. [See page 3.]



The CC and members of the public asked various questions which were answered by Mr Bradley and Mr Lester. The following arose from the questions:

The whole development, including the low-cost housing (if it is built here), will be age-restricted.

There is no low-cost housing as part of the Sycamores. (It is not feasible to have it as part of a flatted development.)

Typical McCarthy and Stone purchasers are down-sizing from large houses.

There will be a service charge for communal facilities.

The proposal requires the complete demolition of the current hotel buildings.

Some trees would have to be felled to accommodate the proposals. There would be some tree thinning which may be appreciated by neighbouring houses.

There will be good provision of off-street parking for each dwelling; one space at some, and two spaces at others. There will also be dedicated visitor parking. McCarthy and Stone developments typically have a low impact on traffic levels, and do not cause problems at peak times.

The site is just under 3 acres.

Concern was raised at the loss of the leisure facilities. Many local children have swimming lessons at the Windlestrae pool as public lessons are over-subscribed.

Mr Lester was encouraged to supply details of the public meeting to the Newsletter etc.

Mr Bradley and Mr Lester were thanked for their attendance. **Skate Park Campaign**: Local resident Steven Robinson told the CC about a campaign to extend the skate park facility near the Live Active Loch Leven leisure centre. Many local parents take their younger children (under 10) to skate park facilities elsewhere, such as Perth and Ballingry, because the Kinross facility is unsuited to younger children. The Kinross park is good for experienced skateboarders. The group will be applying for grants but will require to demonstrate that there is a need for an added facility. Mr Robinson was invited to submit an item for the Newsletter on the subject and the CC can help publicise the issue via its Facebook page and website. It was suggested that Mr Robinson contact Tracey Ramsay at the campus for a funding list.

Mr Robinson has spoken with some of the nearby Lathro Meadows residents and they did not have a problem with a proposed extension. The land is owned by Live Active Leisure and they are encouraging.

The group is thinking of charging for membership of a club to get tuition but not to use the park.

Cllr Barnacle paid tribute to Cllr Robertson whose efforts resulted in the current skate park.

Mr Robinson was thanked for his input and wished well for the project.

#### Matters Arising from the Meeting of 6 June 2018

**Station Road incident**: CCllr McKay had visited the gentleman who was injured at the crossing on Station Road, taking a fruit basket and card from the CC.

**Swansacre sign**: The Secy replied to the resident and asked councillors to cancel any request for a sign.

War Memorial rail: CCIIr Colliar awaits a meeting with PKC.

Action Partnership: CCllr Purves reported by email that he had written to Tracey Ramsay again. She said that generic feedback had been sent out to all unsuccessful bids while more specific feedback had been sent to those who had specifically requested it. He asked her to check again whether everyone had received feedback and she said that she would do this. The Secy had received documents from PKC regarding the participatory budget process. Cllr Barnacle referred to a paper at Full Council on 20 June regarding a review of Action Partnerships. Cllr Barnacle believes that Action Partnerships are officer-led and have the potential to conflict with CCs. The relationship between Action Partnerships and CCs should be put on the agenda for the forthcoming Kinross-shire Forum.

Better Place to Live Fair: CCIIr Freeman manned the CC stall. He felt it was the wrong time of year for the event. CCIIr McKay said the volunteer information point at the library is not visible to the public. CIIr Watters will do something about this

Dog mess: CCllr McKay has ordered the paint.

**M90 sign**: CCllr West reports that this is not going to be replaced. He will ask why.

**Tillyochie Road**: Reply from Mr Haggart. He has passed the resident's email on to the Road Safety Team. They will consider: (i) possible creation of a speed limit where there is development and (ii) possible introduction of Vehicle Activated Signs. However, any progress may be slow because: the team is busy with traffic management on the A977; 54 other VAS are programmed for this year; and speed limits require Traffic Regulation Orders which can take up to a year. **Hedges at Wilson Court**: Cllr Purves emailed to say that PKC will ask residents to cut hedges back. If residents do not, PKC will take action.

**Springfield Road/Argyll Road**: CCllr McKay found members of the Greenspace Team on another job and asked them to cut back the low-hanging branch on a tree in Springfield Road that was obscuring the vision of drivers exiting Argyll Road.

CC boundary: ClIr Purves had forwarded a map showing the boundary change that Cleish & Blairadam CC would like to propose. It is a small change which also affects the boundary with Fossoway CC. It was reported at the recent CC review meeting that the affected residents tend to take any issues to Cleish & Blairadam CC. However, this may be because Cleish & Blairadam CC delivers a newsletter to these houses. Some Kinross CC members were in favour of the affected residents deciding. Other Kinross CC members felt the boundary should stay as it is because it relates to former parishes and has a natural physical boundary (at a stream). If a response from the CC is required, it is that the CC has mixed views.

**Minute Secretary**: CCllr Thomas felt a sum of money needed to be agreed to put in an advertisement. It was agreed to pay a minute secretary £30 per meeting.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration: Cllr Barnacle has still not received a response to his request for a review. Cllr Robertson reported by email that PKC's Mr Haggart had been pressed again for an update regarding Avenue Road/Talla Park but had not been able to provide one. Cllr Robertson reports that there is an order out to repair the walls and steps at Coventry Place.

#### **Planning Matters**

#### **New Planning Applications**

**18/01054/FLL** Part demolition of buildings, erection of 2no. dwellinghouses and 4no. flats and associated works, Kirklands

Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross, and **18/01055/CON** Part demolition of buildings, Kirklands Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross. The developers have addressed the concerns that the CC previously had, therefore it was agreed not to comment. **18/00959/FLL** Demolition of dwellinghouse, change of use of land to form vehicle hardstanding, erection of a fence and re-routing of core path (in part retrospect), Lochside House, Kinross, KY13 8EN. Deadline for comments is 20 July. The CC had previously objected on several grounds. The main change here is the re-routing of the core path. It was agreed to object again. CCllr Cuthbert will draft a letter for the Secretary to submit.

#### **Planning Applications Approved by PKC:**

- 18/00646/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Torriebank Carsegour.
- 18/00768/FLL Formation of walking/cycling trail, Loch Leven Heritage Trail.
- 18/00662/FLL Erection of stables, land 120m W of Chance Inn Farm.
- 18/00814/FLL Alterations to mast (replacement of antennae etc), Green Hotel.
- 18/00930/FLL Change of use from agricultural land to garden ground (in retrospect), 5 Newton of Classlochie.
- 18/00785/FLL and 18/00784/LBC Alterations to building and installation of roof lights, 108-114 High Street, Kinross. (Former Town Hall.)
- 18/00756/FLL Alterations to dwellinghouse, 10 Swansacre.

**Beaufield:** Application **18/00540/FLL** was determined at the Planning and Development Management Committee (PDMC) Meeting at PKC today (4 July). It had been recommended by planning officers for approval but on a motion by Cllr Barnacle, seconded by Cllr Robertson, it was refused by the PDMC. This application had been discussed by the CC at its May meeting and an objection lodged. A resident from Balado was present and there was some discussion of the reasons for refusal. It is possible that the applicant will appeal.

#### **Former Kinross High School site**

**Enforcement**: After the June meeting, Cllr Robertson forwarded a copy of an email from Mr Jordan (PKC Enforcement Officer) with a timetable of inspection dates and enforcement action to be taken if progress is not sufficient.

**Disputed heights**: The CC had received a copy of a letter from PKC's Nick Brian to ward councillors regarding the disputed height levels of the development.

**Fol review**: CCllr Thomas had received confirmation that the sum of £1,049,962 has been paid to PKC for the site. PKC continues to refuse to give an unredacted version of the report that went to the Property Sub-Committee of 18 December 2015 on the grounds of commercial confidentiality. PKC has now supplied a copy of the report that went to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee of 28 March 2012 (when Persimmon was chosen as preferred bidder). This is redacted on the same grounds. CCllr Thomas will probably appeal to the Information Commissioner.

#### **Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors**

**Review of Establishment of CCs**: Cllr Watters proposed a motion at the last Full Council meeting asking officers to look at the rules for membership of CCs. Under current rules, only those on the electoral roll are eligible to be on a CC. His motion, which was passed, aims to preserve the rights of EU nationals to continue to stand for election to CCs, regardless of the outcome of 'Brexit'.

**Street Audit**: The report has been published. PKC allocated only £9,000 (which is all that was available) for improvements, such as more dropped kerbs, without seeing the report.

**Buffer strip at Lathro Meadows**: Cllr Barnacle has written to PKC's Mr Brian regarding the lack of a promised buffer strip between the Lathro Meadows development and the existing Lathro Park estate.

**PKC Committees**: Following the change of stance of the Independents at PKC, Cllr Barnacle is now on the Scrutiny Committee, including the sub-committee looking at planning issues. (Cllr Purves is also on this.)

**Speeding on Station Road**: Cllr Barnacle has received a representation from a resident of Ochil View on this. Cllr Barnacle awaits the review of 20mph zones. Cllr Watters said speeds on Station Road will be checked when the school building works are completed.

**Millbridge car park**: Cllr Barnacle reported that the work to extend the car park at Old Causeway will begin on 3 September.

**Social housing**: Despite the many difficulties that have arisen with Persimmon, Cllr Watters welcomes the 50 social houses becoming available through their developments in Kinross.

**20mph signs at roundabout**: Permanent signs have still not been installed near the High Street roundabout. Cllr Barnacle will chase this.

#### **Reports from CC Representatives**

**Review of Establishment of CCs**: CCllrs Thomas and Bryson attended this. Issues discussed included the legalistic wording of documents, GDPR, lack of resources etc. The wish to get younger people involved was also raised. CCllr Bryson wondered if the CC might co-opt a school pupil on to the CC. PKC will produce a summary of the meeting.

**Website**: CCllr Colliar is trying to arrange a meeting of the CC/KP website sub-committee.

Community Choices: CCllr Cuthbert attended a meeting which had been described as a 'drop-in' but appeared to be of a different nature when he arrived. Those present appeared to find the meeting very frustrating. CCllr Cuthbert felt it had been a waste of time, but did obtain copies of documents. Community groups can apply for up to £100k of funding to address inequalities. He proposed that this CC should apply, in conjunction with other local CCs. This was agreed. CCllr Cuthbert will contact other CCs and send in the application. The deadline is 13 July!

**Kinross Newsletter Ltd**: A new editor has been selected to take over when the current editor retires.

#### Correspondence

**Proposals for Green Park Play area**: Drawings received. Secretary will send to P Watson for the website and put on Facebook. Comments are required by 30 July.

**Street Audit**: The CC had received a link to the report.

**Armistice 100th Anniversary**: A request received from Rev Reid for the CC to be involved in extra events. This matter delegated to the Remembrance sub-committee.

**Kinross Common Good Fund**: Kinross CC now has a permanent non-voting advisory member on the KCGF.

**Road Traffic Orders**: CCs are now being copied into these for information only. Currently, they are not specific to a CC area so every CC receives them for all orders being made in the whole authority area.

#### **Other Competent Business**

**CC grant**: Treasurer Ian Jack emailed to say the grant of £697.48 is in the CC bank account.

**Freedom of Information**: CCllr West informed the CC of some of the results of his FoI request regarding Action Partnerships.

PKC made numerous errors, including a breach of data, when answering his request.

**Dangerous litter**: CCllr McKay has heard of used needles being found in Kinross streets. She should report this to the police. CCllr Thomas will pass on the email address.

**Youth prize**: CCllr Bryson wondered if the CC should sponsor a prize for the High School and/or Primary School. To be deferred until next year.

**Provost's lamp**: CCllr Colliar reported that the widow of the last provost had moved to a nursing home and raised the issue of what should happen to the Provost's lamp. CCllr Thomas remembered seeing a letter by PKC in the museum recently about protocol regarding these lamps. There was a brief discussion of where the lamp might be kept, with the museum within the campus being suggested, but the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

**NHS 70th anniversary**: CCllr Freeman noted this occurs on the following day.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 1 August 2018.

#### Agenda for the Meeting on 1 August 2018

Apologies. Declarations of Interest. Minutes of Meeting of 4 July 2018. Police Report. Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting of 4 July 2018. Kinross Town Centre Regeneration. Planning Matters. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors. Reports from CC representatives. Correspondence. 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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#### Cleish & Blairadam CC

#### **News from the AGM**

**Present** at the AGM held on 11 June 2018 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, H Somerville, F Principe-Gillespie, R Cairney and F Whalley. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs W Robertson and C Purves.

Apologies: CCllr M Traylor and P&K Cllr Barnacle.

Chairman's report: It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as Chair since 7 November 2011, nearly 7 years and I must thank everyone on the CC over the last 7 years for their support, enthusiasm and constructive contributions. Our job as members of Cleish & Blairadam CC is simply 'To represent the views and wishes of the residents within the environs of Cleish & Blairadam' as expressed to us and I have always been delighted to see and most grateful to all the residents who regularly attend the CC meetings and supported our endeavours. I also have really appreciated the full support of our local Councillors whose diligence, understanding and actions have always assisted our CC greatly with everything we have requested. We all continue to enjoy our community in our privileged rural location which we strive to maintain as a most charming place to live, always happy to support improvements and appropriate development but actively resisting inappropriate developments. Over the 7 years I do believe communications have improved between Perth & Kinross Council but regrettably much is still required to be done to readdress the imbalance in the Community consultation process which is still regrettably very much treated as a box ticking process without any real consideration or consultation. My sincere thanks to all. Ron Kitchin, Chair.

**Treasurer's report**: Expenses for the year have been £602.89. **Appointment of Officers**: CCllr F Principe-Gillespie is taking over the Chair, with CCllr Traylor becoming the Treasurer.

#### News from the June Meeting

**Present** at the meeting held on 11 June 2018 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, P Fraser, H Somerville, F Principe-Gillespie, R Cairney and F Whalley. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs W Robertson and C Purves and five members of the community. **Apologies**: CCllr M Traylor; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and R Watters; and the police.

**Crime prevention**: Police not present. The tragic accident on Nivingston Hill was briefly discussed.

**Verge cutting**: A local resident asked about this, reporting that the Maryburgh junction was particularly dangerous. Cllr Robertson stated that this should be started this week.

**C&BCC Geographical area**: CCllrs FW and FPG reported on the CC review meeting they attended, which included a discussion about boundaries. It has been proposed to extend our CC area to reflect more accurately the school catchment area. This proposal involves the addition of a small area to include Mawmill, Cockairney Feus and Carsegour, which are currently part of either Fossoway and Kinross CCs. Cllr Purves suggested that this could be brought to full council in October, followed by a consultation period which would also include the people within that area.

#### Planning

Fence at Craignish, Blairadam: A proposal for a 2½m high close boarded fence around the property. One local resident in attendance was not happy with the height and scale of this fence. CCllrs will look at this application.

Extension, Lochview, Flockhouse: There have been no comments forwarded on to the CC.

Dwelling house, Templeton Farm: The CC have commented on the size and scale of this application, which previously had an approved application in principle for a small single story cottage.

Three houses west of Lochran Moss: refused.

Four holiday units, Hill View, Kinnaird: The CC commented on this application.

Dwelling house, Hill View, Blairforge: Pending.

Workshop/Office, Red Moss Wood (opposite Greenacres): Pending.

27A Keltybridge is progressing with the 2014 plans but there is concern from local residents about the location of the walls and windows on the house. It was agreed that we ask the Planning Enforcement Officer to investigate.

The **Boreland** development is still frustrating many in our village. Whilst the houses have been completed and occupied, the steading still remains an eyesore. It was originally a planning condition that the steading had to be completed before the houses, but this has not happened. Various options were discussed, including: accepting the variation in height, but there still remains concern over window sizes, overhangs and quality of finishes or stonework; removing the building and making good the ground; a Community Buyout. We will first ask the Planning department what actions are being taken with the developer to progress this site. It was also discussed how there are many examples in Perth and Kinross of non-completion of restoration sites. There appears to be a lack of legislation that can hold developers to account.





Involving MSPs should be considered to try and prevent this in future

**Lochran settlement signs**: there has been no correspondence since February. Cllr Purves will consult and report back regarding the signage designs.

**Greenacres**: The CC emailed David Rennie about this in respect of the Development Plan Review. There is already a breach of the proposed settlement boundary. There hasn't been a reply yet.

The bump in the road outside Greenacres will be resurfaced at some point.

#### Blairadam village update:

There have been patch repairs of the potholes. There hasn't been any progress yet on a 20mph speed limit. Cllr Robertson reported that this was largely due to a national proposal for all built up areas, but this is unlikely to happen so will look into this again for this location.

#### Cleish village update:

Four chemical barrels (suspected tar for road surfaces) have been dumped at the side of the old Cleish Road. This has been reported to SEPA, Police and Env Services.

Parking at school times: this remains a problem for local residents despite flyers, school requests, etc. Whilst it isn't a CC matter per se, we agree that yellow lines aren't a solution in our Conservation Area. It was suggested that more involvement of both the school and parent council could educate parents.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 6 August 2018 at 7.30pm at the Tabernacle Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website

www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk

#### **Portmoak Community Council**

Portmoak CC did not meet in July.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on Tuesday 14 August 2018 at 7.30pm in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell.

Portmoak CC minutes can be viewed:

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



#### Milnathort Community Council

Milnathort CC did not meet in July.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on Thursday 9 August 2018 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Find Milnathort CC minutes, agenda and other information at:

- www.milnathortcommunitycouncil.org
- www.facebook.com/milnathortcommunitycouncil
- twitter.com/milnathort\_cc
- Loch Leven Community Library
- Milnathort Church Office

#### Fossoway and District CC

Fossoway and District CC did not meet in July.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway and District CC will take place on Tuesday 7 August 2018 at 7.30pm in Carnbo Hall.

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.



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# **Club & Community Group News**

## Kinross & District Rotary Club

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Rotary International was founded in 1905 in Chicago and is now the world's largest international service organisation with 1.2 million professional men and women as members. There are 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary, working with partners, has reduced polio cases by 99.9% worldwide since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. We are close to eradicating polio worldwide! Our partners are the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

#### **Recent Speaker**

Scottish Baking Award winner Leigh Smith, from Glenfarg, was our speaker at our breakfast meeting on 19 June. Leigh told us how a childhood interest in baking had developed into a very successful business producing cakes for special occasions and weddings. After discovering the beneficial effects baking could have on those suffering from mental illness, Leigh also told of her work in partnership with the Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Services (PKAVS) who support unpaid carers, people recovering from mental illness and minority communities. Leigh is currently producing a book, based on her experiences, to be called *Bake to Escape*. You can have a look at some of Leigh's creations at www.leighsmithcakes.co.uk

#### **Club News**

The 'Rotary year' runs from 1 July, and the club office holders change then. At a dinner held in the Kirklands Hotel, Sean Bolton took over from George Lawrie as President of the Club. In thanking George for his leadership and a very successful term of office, Sean advised that his two main priorities for the coming year were to seek additional members and to encourage current and new members to be more active in the running of the club and its events. Our International President, Barry Rassin from the Bahamas, is also urging Rotarians to inspire change in the world, in their communities and in each other. Other team leaders



Sean Bolton (right) takes over from George Lawrie as president

for next year will include George Lawrie on Fundraising, Dugald McIntyre for Membership, Andy Middlemiss covering Vocational and Youth Services and Phil Teale as senior VP and club PR lead.

Kinross Rotarian **Bob Findlay** has been presented with **Life Membership of Rotary** in recognition of his long and active service in the organisation. For over forty years Bob has given his time, enthusiasm and material support to help Rotary help others. Bob joined Rotary in 1976 and has been an enthusiastic member ever since, in three different clubs. He served as Club Secretary for all of them, and Club Treasurer for two. He has had his service recognised at both National and District levels having received the RIBI Community Service Award and Rotary Foundation District 1090 Service Award. He is also a Paul Harris Fellow.



Bob Findlay (left) is presented with Rotary life membership by George Lawrie

If you are interested in being actively engaged like Bob, please get in touch either by coming along to our meetings, contact our secretary or reach us at www.facebook.com/kinrossrotaryclub

#### **Upcoming speakers**

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

Jan Kerr: The Homelands Trust Alan Lockhart: Open Banking Bryden Ritchie: History of Firearms

Stephen Kirkham: Transplant to Live – a Tale of 2 Hearts

Gray Smith, a member, delivers his 'job talk'. Catherine Wallace: Harbour Counselling Service If you would like to hear any of these please get in touch.

#### Join Us! Where to find us

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

#### **KDRC Contact and information**

Contact Brian Timms (Club Secretary) at: secretary.kdrc@gmail.com to find out more or visit us at www.facebook.com/kinrossrotaryclub



# **Kinross-shire Community Radio**



#### Kinross-shire Community Radio aims to go full-time, despite having to cut trial short

The trial for Kinross-shire's very own local radio station had to be cut short after just 24 hours due to a sudden change in circumstances within the team.

However, despite the disappointment of having to cut the trial short, we are delighted with the following results over the one day the station broadcast:

Listeners: 187

Average listen length: 40 mins Total listening hours: 137.35

An excellent result for the team!

This was a massive undertaking. Many hours were put in by the volunteers, with long days and sleepless nights.

We thank them all for their time, hard work and dedication. The trial was a chance for the team to assess the task of running a local radio station and a chance to see if there was hunger in the local community for one.

Whilst the trial was cut short, we saw enough to make our conclusion.

With all the positive comments and messages (and excellent listener stats), we are delighted to announce that the team are currently working on making Kinross-shire Community Radio a full-time fixture for the people of Kinross-shire!

We also now know the size of the challenge that's ahead of us.

Remember, the project is run 100% by volunteers; the challenge is to make sure the station broadcasts quality local content whilst making sure volunteers are not over stretched. Thankfully, our team keeps on growing — it has doubled since the trial period! — so I can say with confidence that the project has enough people power to tackle any challenge that presents itself.

For updates see our website: kinrossshireradio.com

Or visit our Facebook page:

Or visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/kinrossshireradio

Article by project director, Sam Dick

#### Golf day for Seamab School



Seamab School is hosting a golf day at Muckhart Golf Club on **21 September**. The event is to raise vital funds for the charity to provide care and education to some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland.

Entry is £160 for a team of four and this includes bacon roll on arrival, post-golf buffet, an auction, raffle and many prizes throughout the day. Prizes include: Best Dressed, Overall Champions, Nearest the Hole and Best Team Name, so if you are not Tiger Woods there is still a prize for you! All green fees have kindly been donated by Muckhart Golf Club.

To book your place, please call 01577 840307 or email mflinn@seamab.org.uk



A golf day at Muckhart Golf Club will raise funds for Seamab

#### Circle dancing

Circle dance sessions will recommence on **Tuesday 21** and **Wednesday 22 August**. I am really looking forward to sharing some lovely new dances with you all.

If circle dancing is something new to you and you are wondering what it is all about, please do give me a ring on 01259 742173 and I will be delighted to give you as much information as I can. Taster sessions are free, and these would give you an idea of what happens each week. You would be assured of a very warm welcome. No partner is required, or any previous knowledge.

Tuesday classes are held in the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, from 10.30am to 12.30pm, and the Wednesday class is just a one hour session from 10am until 11am in the dance studio on Junction Road, Kinross.

Lynne

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#### **Kinross in Bloom**

August, and our hanging baskets and planters are bright and colourful and looking good —

hopefully good enough for the Take a Pride in Perthshire judges who will be doing their rounds very soon.

It has been a difficult time this year, as the long cold winter meant the plug plants were not as far on as they should be, and arriving three weeks later than normal didn't help. However, as mentioned in the June Newsletter, the committee set to and planted out some 3500 plug plants, and with a bit of luck and good guidance managed to have them ready to plant into hanging baskets. Pupils from Kinross High School helped to plant up the planters at various points around the town, and we thank them for their help.

Thanks also to Kinross Rugby Club for their assistance in hanging our baskets; where would we be without their muscle?

By this time, of course, Mother Nature had decided that we had had enough of cold, wet weather, and long, hot and sunny days were on the cards. This meant that our solar watering system was working overtime, and with no rain to refill our water tanks, we had to call on the services of the local Fire and Rescue Service, who kindly rescued us by filling up our tanks on more than one occasion. We are most grateful to them and thank them most sincerely.

As mentioned above, the judges for the Take a Pride in Perthshire competition will be doing their rounds very soon, and whilst we will be doing our utmost to present our baskets and planters at their very best, should anyone see anything not quite right, please don't hesitate to contact us: Graham at 01577 531291, Aileen at 01577 861477 or lain at 01577 208110. Please keep Kinross tidy. Thank you.

#### 200 Club

June Draw: 1st No 16 Mr T Duncan; 2nd No 26 Mrs E Harley; 3rd No 32 Mrs B Izatt; 4th No 2 Mrs L Barr.

**July Draw**: 1st No 30 Mrs M Hookham; 2nd No 44 Mrs D McDiarmid; 3rd No 25 Mrs H MacPherson; 4th No 50 Mr G Milburn.

Congratulations to all.

#### Portmoak Hall 100 Club

#### **June Draw**

1st No 23 Alistair Morgan, Kinnesswood 2nd No 36 Keith Duncan, Kinnesswood 3rd No 3 Joe Smith, Scotlandwell



#### **Kinross and District Art Club**

www.kadac.co.uk

Sun hats were the order of the day when art club members enjoyed two warm and



sunny Outdoor Painting Days recently; firstly to House of Aldie on 22 June, followed by a visit to Falkland on 3 July. Both were organised by the club's Outdoor Painting Co-ordinator, John Tydeman, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday. His enthusiasm for painting 'en plein air' is infectious and resulted in around a dozen members attending on each of the away days.

We delighted in the tranquil and picturesque surroundings at House of Aldie, setting up our easels and chairs in the beautiful gardens whilst soaking up the June sun. In Falkland, many visitors to the village chatted to us, admired our drawings and included us in their holiday snaps of the historic village. Both days were a real success!



Members enjoying a tranquil afternoon painting in the sun at House of Aldie

Although on summer recess, the club is still very active. We are now looking forward to our outing to Pittenweem Arts Festival on Tuesday 7 August, before our normal painting sessions start back at Millbridge Hall on Tuesday 21 August and Friday 24 August.

Members are also busy creating and preparing artworks for the **Annual Exhibition**, this year to be held **5 - 8 September** in **Kinross Parish Church**. The KADAC Annual Exhibition is part of Perthshire Open Studios (turquoise route).

If you are interested in joining Kinross and District Art Club, please contact us via our website.





# **Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation**



#### Crime and mystery theme at this year's Kinross-shire Winter Festival

KLEO is a Book Week Scotland 2018 partner and together with Loch Leven Community Library we hope to bring an exciting crime and mystery themed programme!

Ann Cleeves, the international best-selling author of BBC One's Shetland & ITV's Vera, will come to Kinross on Thursday 22 November at 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets £5.

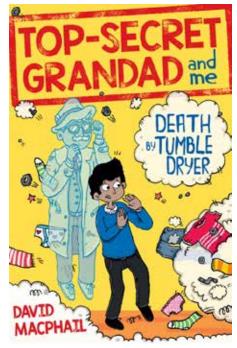
Local crime authors Gillian Galbraith and Shirley McKay will talk about crime-writing on Wednesday 21 November at 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets £5.

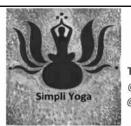
Children's author David MacPhail will do a fun interactive event for children aged 8 and over about his Top Secret Grandad and Me books on Tuesday 20 November at 4pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets £2.

There will be more mystery and crime authors and events coming to the festival this year, so keep an eye on the KLEO website for MacPhail will appear at the more information and tickets!



Children's author David Kinross-shire Winter Festival





#### Yoga Classes in Kinross

www.simpliyoga.com

Tuesday Evenings - Kinross Church Centre @7pm - All Levels

@ 8pm - Active Yoga

Thursdays - The Millbridge Hall

Baby Yoga - Mums, Dads & Carers welcome

Pregnancy Yoga

enquiries@simpliyoga.com

07466 360152

Please contact before attending to ensure availability.

#### Be part of Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

This year we're hoping for an inspiring mystery and crime themed festival. We'd love you to be involved! We'd particularly like to encourage local groups, businesses or individuals to organise events or activities that could be part of the festival. This can be a crime or mystery themed event, a Santa's grotto, Christmas concerts, film showings, dinners, ceilidhs, events at the festive street market or other festive celebrations. We can promote events (which happen at the end of Oct and during Nov and Dec) in the festival's brochure in the events calendar for free or as a special feature. For more information and advertising, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

#### **Festive Street Market**

This year the Festive Street Market will take place on the High Street of Kinross on Saturday 24 November (4pm-7pm). Like last year, there will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment! If you are a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk

#### **Kinross Farmers' Market**

The next market dates are 25 August, 22 September and 27 October (10am-2pm on the High Street of Kinross).



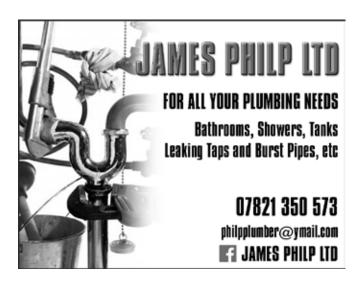
#### **Leven Voices and Kinross Kacophony Orchestra**

After the summer break, community choir Leven Voices will start again on Tuesday 11 September at 7.30pm in the Kinross Parish Church with Horsecross Arts tutor Alice Marra. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). There is a £6 registration fee which is used to pay for the hall for the 10-week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

The Kinross Kacophony Orchestra will start again with conductor Dougie Flower on Wednesday 5 September at 7.15pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. This is an orchestra for adults who like to play their instruments in a group. All abilities welcome. Reading music is handy. Weekly fee £5.

#### More Information

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



# Kinross & Ochil Walking Group (Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Hopefully this wonderful weather will continue, so it's a good time to get out for a regular walk. You can explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness and meet people. Whether you're new to or returning to walking, or a regular walker, try out a walk or two and see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome. We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

#### **Weekend Walks**

Saturday 4 August: Vicar's Bridge, Blairingone Circular, 8 miles.

A circular walk on minor roads and farm tracks.

## Sunday 19 August: Beecraigs Country Park, Witchcraig and Cockleroy, 6 miles.

We walk on good paths through the country park, ascending to the top of Witchcraig, and then through woodland to enjoy the glorious views from the top of Cockleroy.

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

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

#### **Tuesday Short Walks**

For those new to walking or who want a shorter walk, come and join us on Tuesday morning walks. These are usually a **maximum of 4 miles**, 1½-2 hours, followed by a sociable visit to a coffee shop, farm shop or pub. We'd be delighted to welcome anyone who wants to try walking with us.

## Tuesday 14 August: Stormontfield - A "Ferry" Tale Trail by the Tay

Walking parallel to the mill lade, we meet the River Tay and the ferryman's bothy which formerly took locals across to Perth. We go along Fishponds Path past the wooded policies of Hill House and back into Stormontfield.

#### Tuesday 28 August: Newburgh and the River Tay

This is a circular walk up a short, steep brae, across grassy fields, past a restored mill building and a duckpond. We go on the Fife Coastal Path past extensive reed beds, through parkland, up another short brae and back to the start.

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

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#### Milnathort in Bloom

Well, summer is moving on and what a summer it's been so far! It's been quite a challenge to keep everything well-watered but we're sure you'll agree the village is looking beautiful with all the tubs planted and the baskets up.



We'd like to pass on a huge thank you to the local businesses for their purchase of baskets and window boxes which have provided much needed funds and added to the overall display in the village. A special thank you must be given to Corrine from Light up my Heart for her hard work in developing the 'garden' in the close next to the shop and for her help with watering. Also, thank you to you, the community for making the village look so lovely this year with your baskets and window boxes, and for your kind donations and comments when we've been out and about working.

You'll also notice that we've installed new signage at the main entrances to the village to highlight the great work the team do year-in year-out, sometimes in quite dreadful conditions; I think we chose the only day of the summer which had torrential rain to plant out the tubs. There is also a new planter at the Perth Road entrance to the village, kindly designed and built by one of our members, Graham Barclay. This has been planted up for the summer and is looking great. There is also a new planter in the community orchard which is fabulous.

Back in March we packaged up 300 packets of sunflower seeds for the local primary and nursery children. We've received some pictures of how they're getting on and look forward to the judging for tallest and prettiest sunflowers at the end of August, with prizes kindly donated by Sainsbury's and Dobbies.

At the moment we're working hard to get ready for the Take a Pride in Perth and Kinross competition which is being judged on Friday 3 August. It's not all hard work though; we had our first Milnathort in Bloom barbecue in the middle of July where great fun was had by all.

#### Kinross Garden Group

Forty-seven members and friends enjoyed their July outing to St Andrews and Cambo Estate Gardens at Kingsbarns.



Our next outing is to Lowther Castle and Garden near Penrith on **Thursday 9 August**. There may be seats available. If you would like to join us, contact Mrs C Rodger, 01577 863785.

#### Looking for a new way to exercise?



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#### Portmoak Festival a success

The Portmoak Festival took place from 23 June to 1 July 2018. It kicked off with a Portmoak Park Run for kids which was greatly enjoyed by those who took part. There were in fact three trail runs over the week with coffee and cake at the end of the adult runs.

A more leisurely event took place in the afternoon when a garden festival was held in the Michael Bruce garden and seven gardens opened to the public. The sun shone and it was a lovely social occasion with refreshments served and lots of gardening chat.

Another new event was the Folk Night at the Well Country Inn, where the audience were entertained by a diverse group of versatile performers. This was

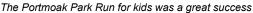
widely admired all week. Teas continued till Thursday and business was steady and sometimes very busy. There was also the opportunity to try out different crafts with a range of talented craft folk. Also on Monday the famous Pudding Club opened its doors. Once more the ladies and gents of the parish provided a wide range of delicious and enterprising desserts. The Monday night puddings were followed by a Film Night with a film, "American Made" starring Tom Cruise. This was another new event and it was much appreciated by the film fans.

The under 5s had their own party on Tuesday morning with a baby disco. Fun was had by all.

thank Kathrine and Fiona who have stepped down after organising this event for many years.

The final event at the hall was the Jazz Night with Colin Steele featuring the Dave Batchelor Band. After the break, the raffle tickets were drawn. The Gibson family from Kinross won the gliding experience which was passed on to their grandson Angus. There were many other raffle prizes which were much appreciated including vouchers for a Spa Experience at Kinross House, Muddy Boots, the Deer Centre, the Court House, Well Country Inn and Lochend Farm Shop. There were also gardening gifts from Dobbies and wine from the Thistle and Buchan's garage.







Cream teas at Portmoak Hall

a follow up to the Our Portmoak events last year and will probably be repeated in future.

On Monday morning a shiny stainless steel time capsule was buried in the school grounds. It is full of writing by the Primary 1 and 2 class and a piece of string to represent each of their heights. It will be interesting to see in 20 years how tall they all are and if any of them have achieved their ambition of becoming footballers, teachers or palaeontologists.

On Monday afternoon Portmoak Hall opened for Cream Teas. The hall was decorated with artwork by Portmoak pupils on the theme of "The Year of Young People". This exhibition was

Once again the Well Country Inn hosted the pub quiz. It was hotly contested with a few recriminations among team members as it progressed to a tiebreak. In the end "the Blind Bats" were the worthy winners of the Pub Quiz Trophy. Portmoak Primary School had their assembly on Wednesday morning and parents were rewarded with the usual display of talents and laughter and tears as Primary 7 did their final show. At night there was the Junior Football Challenge.

On Thursday evening the prom took place, with local children leaving from the school car park in convoy with balloons adorning the cars and threewheel cycle. We should particularly On Saturday there was a morning of Family Fun Cricket at Loch Leven's Larder. The festival concluded with a joint Service at Orwell Church and in the evening a Michael Bruce Commemoration Service.

It was a super week and thanks should go to all who organised events, provided and served teas and puddings, bought raffle tickets and all those who took part from under 5s to the 92-year-old who opened his garden. Thank you, Pat and John, for keeping the hall looking good for the week.

Local organisations will benefit from the proceeds of the festival.

#### **Subscriptions to the Newsletter**

Useful for readers living outside the distribution area of the Newsletter, a subscription service is available. For further details see www.kinrossnewsletter.org or phone Ross McConnell on 01577 865885 or email

subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org

#### Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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

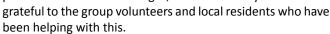
Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

www.kinross.cc/equipment\_hire/equipment.htm

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

# Crook and Drum Growing Together

Our surprisingly sunny summer so far has given us difficulties in **watering** sufficiently the newly planted areas in the villages, and I am very



In mid July, we located our **final large planter**, donated by Essential Edinburgh, at the west end of Crook of Devon. Many thanks to Alan Tennant and his helpers, Rory and Richard Nesbit for moving and constructing this for us. Rory is a 5th year student at Kinross High School, and will be starting a Foundation apprenticeship in Civil Engineering at Perth College, and this was a good starter project for him (see photo).



Rory and Alan beside the planter at West Crook Way

We have recently been liaising with committee members of **Penney's Wood,** our local community woodland, and are planning some joint planting of trees and bulbs in the autumn.

We also have two tubs of **edible herbs** beside the Village Hall, and local people are invited to pick small sprigs to flavour their meals.

In late July, and early August we are entering three competitions and are grateful to local residents who are keeping their garden areas tidy, and supporting our efforts. If you would like any help or advice, please contact Amanda as below. Also, please let us know if you have any ideas for growing developments in the area.

Amanda James, Chairperson Tel: 01577 840809 Email: amandajames1577@gmail.com



#### The Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Helping protect, conserve and provide a better built and natural environment website: www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org
Find us on Facebook



#### **Photographic Competition**

The Trust is holding a photographic competition for young people.

Entrants are asked to submit a hard-copy photograph (no larger than A4) of:

- A view of an area in Kinross-shire; or
- A building in Kinross-shire (old *or* new)

There are two age categories of entrants: Primary School age and Secondary School age. There will be a prize of a £25 Amazon voucher for the winner of each age group.

The closing date for entries is 30 September 2018.

For an application form and full details of how to enter, please see the Kinross-shire Civic Trust website or come and visit us at the Kinross Show.

#### **Kinross Show**

The Trust will have a stand at the Kinross Show on **Saturday 11 August**. We look forward to meeting friends, members and anyone who might be interested in the work of the Trust. Please come and have a chat. You may also wish to enter our competitions! We look forward to seeing you.

#### **Annual Dinner**

The Annual Dinner for the Trust will be in the autumn or winter at the Grouse and Claret. Further details and the date will be given later.

#### The Japanese Garden, Cowden

You may have seen the beautiful Japanese Garden at Cowden on the BBC Programme 'Landward'. The Japanese Garden is now open. For directions and opening times look at the website www.cowdengarden.com. The Trust will be organising a visit for members.

# The University of the Third Age



As announced in last month's

Newsletter the **Kinross-shire U3A Inaugural Meeting** will take place in Kinross Parish Church, 10 Station Road, Kinross, at 2.30pm on **Monday 6 August**.

We are delighted to confirm that the principal speaker will be the U3A Trustee for Scotland, Ed Link, who will give an insight into the origins and aims of the U3A movement, as well as answering questions about the organisation. In addition, there will be an introduction to the current steering committee and then, most importantly, the opportunity to talk to other people about joining, or forming specific interest groups. This is the very beginning of a new U3A and we hope to grow together with everybody in Kinross-shire with an interest in continuing to develop their own interests and activities at a time of life when work is no longer the main determining factor.

If you would like further information, please contact our secretary, Gareth Thomas, by email at kinrossshireU3A@ gmail.com or telephone 07460 084496.

Please mention The Newsletter when answering advertisements

#### Kinnesswood in Bloom

www.kinnesswoodinbloom.org

The Benarty View project has received a setback. Due to the length of time that has passed since we originally applied to funders and increased



costs, the estimates have come in higher than expected and we have had to apply for further funding. However, we have found a funding source which is supportive of our ideas and we have made an application. Alternatives were looked at, for example reducing the wall length, but it was decided to wait and complete the project according to the design. The latter can be seen along at the golf course.

The artwork was shown at the hall during the festival and much admired. Writing by some of the children can be seen around the gardens in the village. Other activities to celebrate the Year of Young People include the burial of a time capsule in the school grounds by Primary 1 and 2, a pot filled by preschool children, and design of a piece of artwork by the cubs to be made by a local blacksmith.

Extra work parties have been held in July to clear the streets of weeds and prepare the village for judging. The local competition for best village was on 19 July. Beautiful Scotland judges will be arriving on Monday 6 August and Take a Pride in Perthshire judges on Tuesday 14 August.

Apologies for giving the wrong month in the last Newsletter and special apologies for those who were urged to cut their hedge or paint their bench. At least you have done these tasks well in advance!

A rose in memory of Alex, well-loved barman at the Lomond Inn, has been donated by Carole Goodwin and installed in the Rose Garden. Jacqui Seller kindly donated a plaque and the Vances donated the pot.



The garden party at the Michael Bruce Garden

Our garden party and open gardens was a big success. About 50 people came to the Michael Bruce Garden on a lovely day. There was beautiful food courtesy of Kinnesswood in Bloom and refreshments from the festival. In the end we had seven gardens taking part in the open gardens and some people were still making their way home after 6pm. We had visitors from Kinross, Milnathort and Auchtermuchty as well as local residents. It would certainly be worth repeating and we have had some other gardens volunteered for a future date. Donations were split between the Michael Bruce Trust and Kinnesswood in Bloom.

# Recipe



#### supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

#### Sweet Mustard Potato Salad

This salad would go well with a barbecue. It's a very tasty potato salad.

#### **Ingredients**

- 1.2 kg potatoes cut into small chunks 400g mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp mustard
- 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp honey
- 3 hard-boiled eggs, finely chopped
- 8 spring onions, sliced

#### Method

Boil the potatoes till cooked, drain and leave in a colander. Combine the mayonnaise, mustard, vinegar, honey and eggs then season well. Stir in the potatoes, half the spring onions, transfer to a serving dish and scatter over the remaining onions. Chill until ready.

#### Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association



We are planning to hold our annual open day on **Saturday 1 September**, 1-4pm.

We will have some delicious home baking as well as jams and other produce for sale. There will be a tombola, a treasure hunt and other games for children. Entry is free so please come along and have a look around at the allotments and the community garden.

There will be a couple of allotments available at the end of the summer. If you are interested, you should contact us now (via www.milnathortandkinrossallotments.org) to become a member, which costs £10 for life membership. Allotments are allocated on a first-come first-served basis, so it pays to be top of the waiting list.

#### 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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#### **Kinross Centre**

This has been a wonderful month for outings in beautiful weather, with the simple pleasures of an ice cream in a scenic spot. Our old favourites of Birnie Loch and Burntisland were visited as well as Lochore Meadows where it was lovely to sit beside the loch in the sun.

We also had a full-day outing to Pitlochry where we enjoyed a picnic beside the River Tummel as well as the beautiful scenery on the way. As part of the Co-op's Community Involvement Scheme, Sheila and Gillian from our local co-op came to Pitlochry with us. We very much appreciated their company and hope they enjoyed their day as volunteers.

The Sabres have been back to entertain us again, and are always popular, so thank you to them. Thank you also to the Primary 7 classes who invited us to their end-of-term concert which had the theme of time travel. It was great to see their wonderful new school, a bit different from our memories of primary school!

Finally, a big thank you to David Cairns and his musician friends, along with members of Kinross Parish Church choir, who raised around £600 for the Centre with two concerts in Fife and Kinross. The music was just right for a summer evening. Look out for more concerts in the church. All sorts of groups hold concerts there – live music without having to travel far.

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 at 01577 863869.

#### 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.

#### Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club

**Meetings:** There are no meetings in July and August.

**Away Days:** There are no Away Days in July and August.



#### Friday Walkers

**10** Aug The Pineapple and Dunmore Village.

24 Aug South Queensferry to Cramond Ferry and return

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

#### Hill Walkers

3 Aug Callander Richard 9am
17 Aug Bishop Hill Robin 9am
31 Aug Seamab Ann/Moira 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.

#### Girlguiding

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 on 07764 750212.





#### **Loch Leven Community Library**

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Email: lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk Website: www.culturepk.org.uk



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

\* Monday 10am-1pm and Saturday 1pm-4pm: Limited service, provided by volunteers (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. Familyfriendly. These sessions are suitable for pre-school children and their parents or guardians.

#### **Book Groups at the Library**

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

Crime 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 Café Book Group is taking a break for the summer. The next meeting will be in September.

Please contact the Library for the other book group dates.

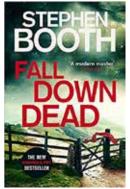
#### **Book Group for Children: Chatterbooks.**

For children aged 7-11 years. On the first Friday of each month. Chatterbooks will resume after the school holidays. Contact the library for dates.

#### Stephen Booth, crime writer, Wed 29 August

An evening with award-winning crime writer Stephen Booth on Wednesday 29 August at 7.15pm. Tickets are £5 and **booking is essential**. Book at the library or online at www.culturepk. org.uk/whats-on.

Join Stephen as he talks about his best-selling Cooper and Fry series. His novels are set in the atmospheric Peak District and he has won the Barry Award for Best British Crime Novel.



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#### Coming in October: Bridgescapes with L Bruce Keith

With the opening of the Queensferry Crossing last September, it is appropriate to celebrate the long and illustrious history of bridges within Scotland and the contribution Scottish engineers have made to bridges around the globe. In this illustrated talk, debut author Bruce Keith will discuss his book



'Bridgescapes', which is a personal journey through history, celebrating Scotland's bridge-building heritage. Amply illustrated by a young Scottish photographer, Lewis Matheson, this will prove to be a thought-provoking, enlightening and engaging evening. The talk takes place on **Tuesday 2 October** at 7pm. Tickets are £5 and **booking is essential**.



#### Summer Reading Challenge 2018 'Mischief Makers'

This runs up until **18 August at 1pm**, so you still have time to read the six books required to complete the Challenge! The challenge is for children aged 4-11 years. [See also FOLLCL item on this page.]

#### **IT Help Sessions**

Free sessions, but booking essential. The next session is on **Thursday 9 August**, 2pm onwards.

#### **Coffee and Crochet**

A new group starting in the autumn. Contact the library for more details and to leave a note of interest.

#### 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.

Or perhaps you have a treasured collection you would loan for us to display?

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

Free WiFi & Computer use for library guests and members.

Dog waste bags available.

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# Friends of Loch Leven Community Library (FOLLCL)

#### **Summer Reading Challenge**

A wee bit of information for all of you avid readers taking part in the library's Summer

Reading Challenge! If you are ready to move onto the next stage of the challenge on a Saturday afternoon, you don't have to wait till Tuesday to make more progress. We are able to help the librarians record the books you've read in the holidays – just come along with your books and your library card on Saturday afternoons or Monday mornings during the opening hours shown below and we can help you move onto that next board!

The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge is "Mischief Makers" and the photo below shows the library's display of vintage comic annuals – a trip down memory lane for many of us! The Summer Reading Challenge finishes at **1pm** on **Saturday 18 August.** 



A display of vintage comic annuals at the library

**FOLLCL** is a group of independent volunteers who staff Loch Leven Community Library on Saturday afternoons from 1pm - 4pm and on Mondays from 10am - 1pm. For further information, please contact Richard Scott on 07999 510 500 or find us on Facebook.

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#### **Networking Breakfast**

Kinross-shire Partnership Networking Breakfast will be back from its Summer Break on Wednesday 5 September at Loch Leven's Larder. As well as the usual opportunity to network with people and businesses from around the area, we're delighted to have Richard Jeffrey coming to talk to us about Managing Change in working life and in a business context. Many of us will know Richard as the man who owns and manages Tyrefair, here in Kinross, but he has a very different background. A chartered civil engineer by training, he joined British Airports Authority from university where he quickly moved from engineering to management, becoming Managing Director of Edinburgh Airport and then going on to become a director of BAA's international business. In 2008 he joined an Australian infrastructure investment fund two months before the financial crash! Never one to shirk a challenge, in 2009 Richard was appointed Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Tram Project. After two very difficult years, he left to set up his own consultancy working for private equity investors, trouble-shooting in underperforming businesses and helping infrastructure investors bidding for airport businesses. After nearly moving to Puerto Rico to run airports, he decided to do something more local and in 2013 he purchased Tyrefair. The following year he and his wife Liz set up Motorhome Adventure Scotland.

Richard has held a number of unpaid roles including Honorary Colonel of the Scottish Transport Regiment, Honorary Consul for the Australian Government in Scotland, Chair of the Edinburgh Tourism Action Group, President of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Scottish Prisons Commission.

With the offer of an excellent breakfast, great speaker and highly relevant topic, why not come and join us from 7.15am to 9.00am at the Larder? Local businesses, individuals and groups are welcome to come and network, find out about each other's organisations and get to know one another. New to Kinross-shire and looking to find out what's on offer, or looking to make new contacts in the area? Do come along. If you've been to the Networking Breakfast before, why not encourage a friend, colleague or fellow resident of Kinross-shire to come too?

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 and full details are available when you book. The meeting cost, including a full cooked breakfast, is £10 per person.

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#### **Portmoak Community Woodland Group**

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www.facebook.com/PortmoakCommunityWoodlandGroup It's all happening in the Portmoak Community Orchard in Kilmagad Wood.

There's a good crop of apples growing but the main news is that we are well on the way to making a lovely play area and picnic spot in the gully between the trees.



The new play area under construction in Portmoak Community Orchard

We are creating a level play area in memory of a member of our group who sadly died last year. Chris Vlasto loved the countryside, and our group, which includes his widow, Charlotte, and his daughter, Chloe, thought it would be fitting to have a special place where children can play as well as enjoy our community orchard.

The contractors have been in to carry out the earthworks and we will be turning this into a grassy area again – once we get some rain to help it grow!

Of course, children have been playing here for years and putting up with the slope. But when we asked them how it could be improved they said 'please make it flatter'. We've done our best and once it's finished we hope that everyone likes it.

Back to those ripening apples and our popular annual **Apple Day** will take place on **Sunday 30 September** at 2pm. We've booked Portmoak Village Hall, just across the road from the orchard, in case the play area isn't ready by then. And there will be the usual, gorgeous, apple-themed baking and a chance to ask Andrew Lear, aka appletreeman, to identify apples from your garden. Just bring two or three apples and a twig with leaves and he'll do the rest. He also brings a wonderful display of apples so that you can learn about the huge variety that grow in Scotland.

If you have a good crop, bring as many as you can to turn into delicious fresh apple juice. We'll have an apple press so, as well as the fruit, don't forget to bring some containers for the juice.

This has become a real family day with games and activities for the kids. Please check out our website or Facebook page for further details.

We look forward to seeing you and – as ever – we welcome anyone who wants to join us at our regular meeting at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month in The Well Inn, Scotlandwell.

# Traidcraft stall at Farmers' Market

As Kinross-shire has been a Fairtrade County for over 10 years, it was great to have a Traidcraft Stall at the June Farmers' Market. We hope to make this a regular



event. The stall has just a sample of the goods sold through stalls at all the Kinross-shire churches and church offices. We sell everything from curry sauce and rice to gardening

gloves and socks made from bamboo, as well as delicious Divine chocolate. Please think of the producers who grow and make these goods, and help us to give them a fair price for their products, so that they can support their families.

We are delighted that so many local businesses support Fairtrade through buying goods from our stall; please contact us if you would like to buy tea, coffee, sugar sticks, chocolate or other goods. Thanks as always to Buchan's of Kinnesswood, Hunters of Kinross, Loch Leven Lodges, The Kirklands, The Courthouse and the Scottish Gliding Centre.

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#### Sending photographs to the Newsletter

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



The Traidcraft stall at the June farmers' market

#### **Kinross Museum**

Loch Leven Community Campus www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk www.Facebook.com/Kinross.Museum

On the evening of Thursday 12 July, the Museum's latest exhibition "Greetings from Kinross-shire: Tourists and visitors over the years" was launched at an event bringing together Volunteers, Trustees and Friends of the Kinross (Marshall) Museum. Curated by a group of Volunteers, this latest exhibition features an extensive array of postcards, documents, tourist souvenirs and sporting memorabilia both drawn from the Museum collection and loaned by individuals. A photograph of Harry Lauder, who came to fish on Loch Leven, was kindly lent by Keith Adam and a wartime concert programme featuring Harry Lauder has been generously gifted by Museum Friend James Porter.



Other special features of the exhibition include a model train set in a local scene loaned by Bill



Blair and fine examples of Mauchline Ware provided by Volunteer Ian Smith. This is an exhibition not to be missed! Once again, we will have a presence at the **Kinross Show** to be held on **Saturday 11 August**. Do drop by and see our travelling display.

If you would like to support the heritage work of the Museum by becoming a Friend of Kinross Museum, please get in touch to find out more.

A wartime concert programme featuring Harry Lauder at Kinross Town Hall has been gifted to the Museum

#### **Common Grounds**

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

For two months in a row, this is being Scottish Charity No. SC031582 written sitting outside, basking in the sunshine! Would it be too greedy to hope that, by the time it is printed, our readers are still enjoying the glorious weather?

A special thank you is due to both volunteers and customers who ensured we stayed open and "teddy" fed, despite the distractions that the glorious sunshine offered. However, our supporters at the project lunch, with speaker Olivia Giles from the 500miles charity, were treated to an inspiring and uplifting event that more amply rewarded their efforts. It was also in keeping with the sporting highs of the month as we, too, broke our records in numbers attending (55) and the sum raised... a magnificent £560.50! Thanks to Olivia whose talk prompted such generosity, but also not forgetting the volunteers who beavered away, helping produce both the excellent presentation and delicious lunch. Spirits were

high for some time after our volunteers reflected on their contribution to the pages of our history book and rightly so! **Project:** Our project for August is Project Sachibondu. Sachibondu is a small health clinic in a remote region of North West Zambia. Over a thousand patients annually travel up to 300km to access health care. A new hospital is being built and Global Emergency Medicine (GEM), based in Edinburgh, is supporting the training of health care staff, particularly where there is a shortage of doctors, so they can provide appropriate emergency triage, assessment and treatment of critically unwell patients. A local nurse goes out regularly taking locally knitted beanie hats for newborn, ill or malnourished children.

Our opening hours are still 10am – 12.30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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



The Common Grounds project lunch on 20 June

#### **Broke Not Broken**

#### A Summer's Bounty

volunteers worthwhile.

The summer months have seen our garden come on leaps and bounds. A summer BR harvest of raspberries, beetroot and

harvest of raspberries, beetroot and spinach has made all the hard work of Rory and his team of

We are supporting a number of families over the summer months in various ways, including funding for summer activities. With the help of Pat Doran, we organised a day trip to Auchingarroch Wildlife Park. Over 20 of us went and had a great day with tasty fresh food provided.

We attended another YPI (Youth Philanthropy Initiative) session, this time at Kinross High School. The team who represented us did an amazing job. We were very proud of them, especially knowing how much research and time they had put into their presentation. They came a very close second and we couldn't have been happier with the way they portrayed us. Well done to the Cycling Without Age project who won the funding.

A personal thanks to friends and family who helped out at the recent farmer's market. Fi, Kirst, Steve, Sheena, Alan, Michelle, Peter and Jeanie all came to help us on the day. KLEO has awarded us £200 for helping erect and dismantle the entire market.

We have been keeping our big news under our hat for a week or so but Sainbury's have just announced that we are their Charity of the Year. This means so much to us, not just in terms of finances and food donations, but in being recognised as a trusted and important part of the Kinross Community. The fact that you voted for us, some of you several times, is a huge boost to keep us doing what we are doing. Michael at Sainsbury's has been a big supporter of ours and as ever we are indebted to Jane for her ongoing support instore.

As ever we are on the lookout for more volunteers to give their time. We only ask for two hours a month help at the foodbank. If you are interested in volunteering please email secretary@brokenotbroken.org



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#### **Kinross High School**

#### **Exam Results**

SQA exam results will be posted to pupils on **7 August 2018**. Candidates can subscribe to a text and email alert service to receive their results before the post arrives by searching for "my SQA text signup" online.

A Candidate Advice Line will run from Tuesday 7 until Friday 10 August 2018, providing general information to candidates and answering questions about the Scottish Qualifications Certificate. Details of how to contact this helpline will be included with certificates. Please note that operators will not have access to candidates' results, and any enquiries about this should be directed to the school in the first instance by emailing KinrossHighSchool@pkc.gov.uk

Skills Development Scotland will also run an **Exam Results Helpline** from 8am to 8pm on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 August, and from 9am to 5pm on Thursday 9 August until Wednesday 15 August, offering candidates impartial careers advice and information. Candidates can telephone 0808 100 8000 or visit www.myworldofwork.co.uk/examresults.

The SQA no longer provide an appeals process. If you have concerns about a candidate's results, you should email the school (KinrossHighSchool@pkc.gov.uk) in the first instance quoting the candidate's name, candidate number, subject, grade achieved and expected grade. This enquiry will be passed to the appropriate class teacher to review once they return to school for the new term.

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#### **Little Shop of Horrors**

At the highly anticipated end-of-term show, the faculty of Performing Arts delighted audiences with a three-night spectacular. Each consecutive night drew increasingly larger audiences who were treated to incredible performances by our gifted young people.



A scene from The Little Shop of Horrors

Little Shop of Horrors tells the story of Seymour Krelborn, a shy botanist who finds a unique way to save his run-down flower shop. He purchases an unusual plant called "Audrey II" which proves good for business. Seymour soon discovers the unpleasant truth; rejecting plant food, Audrey II craves human blood! In order to curb the plant's appetite, Seymour must find it deserving victims. Unable to kill Audrey II, Seymour tries to destroy the plant from the inside with devastating

results, the motto being: whatever happens, don't feed the plants!

The acts were extremely well-rehearsed with pupils committing many hours to learning lines, perfecting vocals and musical accompaniments, painting sets and practising American accents. Their superb dedication was evident and the final production was testament to months of hard work. Congratulations to the stars of the show and all who supported them!

#### **Awards Ceremony**

Towards the end of the school year we celebrated successes with an awards ceremony where guests gathered to support the young people. The hall was lavishly decorated but it was the pupils who were the centre of attention. Their accomplishments are the result of dedication, hard work and support from their families and teachers alike. For many this was their last formal school event so it was particularly poignant for our S6 leavers. We are sure they will continue working hard and achieving success in their next steps.

See page 58 for details of the awards.

#### **S6 Leavers Ball**

On 8 June, our class of 2018 travelled to Lindores Abbey Distillery in Newburgh for the annual Leavers' Ball, a beautiful venue said to be the ancestral home of Scottish whisky. Over 80 pupils and 30 members of staff enjoyed the evening, which included a drinks reception, photographs on arrival and a three-course meal followed by a ceilidh.

Thanks go to all who attended and made the night one to remember and to the team at Lindores for their hard work. Many thanks to Ceilidh Connections for providing great entertainment and Photokinesis for memories to look back on, and to Graham the chef and his team. It was no mean feat to cook a delicious meal for more than a hundred hungry teens! Thanks also to Fraser Kitson, Amy Broadhurst and Joey Lawrence for their unforgettable speeches. Most importantly, thanks to Mrs Mainprize and Mrs Page for their support in organising the Ball, and for all they have done throughout the last twelve months as year heads.

Whilst the evening celebrated six years at Kinross High School, it was an emotional reminder that this would be their final time together. Kinross High School's Class of 2018 has given us every reason to be proud and we wish our leavers the very best of luck and happiness!

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### **Rock Challenge**

The Rock Challenge team have brought home the title of Scottish Champions!

After being awarded the wildcard spot at the Dundee heat, the team competed at the Scottish Finals on Friday 15 June at the Caird Hall. Their astounding performance, 'We All Fall Down' is based on the nursery rhyme "Ring a Ring o' Roses," highlighting its connection to the plague.



It was a tiring day but the performers maintained a positive attitude and high spirits. Miss MacNab said, "Even before the results were announced they had made us prouder than we could have hoped for, but to win was the cherry on the top."

Still thrilled from their win at the Scottish Finals, the team threw themselves back into rehearsals, during the summer holidays, in preparation for the Rock Challenge National Final. The team were overwhelmed by the level of support and were deeply touched by the idea of a supporter bus travelling down to watch the national final.

Photographs show the KHS Rock Challenge team performing at the national final in Rotherham
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On Saturday 14 July, the team travelled down to Rotherham and back in 25 hours! Although exhausted, they were too excited to sleep after winning an incredible four national awards of excellence, the most meaningful of which was the Spirit of Rock Challenge. Miss MacNab said that she is "beyond proud of the beautiful spirit of our team. It is what it is all about for us – to do our best and to encourage others to do theirs."

The support pupils have received has been phenomenal but their success is ultimately down to their outstanding grit, determination and ability. Congratulations to everyone who took part; you have made us all so proud.



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## Kinross High School Awards



### Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Nicholas Baughan, Amy Broadhurst, Flora Caldwell, Iona Crawford, Fraser Eadie, Calum McPherson, Hannah Miller, Sally Montford, Callum Sorbie.

### **Sports Day Champions**

Group C Girl: Georgina Haywood. Group C Boy: Fergus MacGilp. Group B Girl: Lilly Roy. Group B Boys: Struan Bennet and Sam Prescott. Group A Girl: Isla Steel. Group A Boy: Elliot Wilkins. Overall Girls Champion: Holly McLachlan. Overall Boys Champion: Finlay Nesbitt.

Overall House Sports Day Champions: Ochil.

County Sports Winners for third consecutive year: **Kinross High School**.

### **Education Awards**

S1 Merit Awards

Rachel Abel, Charlotte Flinn, Annabel Higgins, James Johnston, Isla Mitchell, Laura Schofield, Lewis Seath, Millie Smith, Euan Thomas.

S1 Effort and Commitment Awards
Maheen Ansari, Maia Parsons, Eesha Bilal.

S1 Merit, Effort and Commitment Award Eva Kirkham.

S2 Merit Awards

Matthew Bentall, Alice Colliar, Andrew Leinster, Niamh Macpherson, Lilly Roy, Daniel Shah, Zosia Stanton, Zoe Yule.

S2 Effort and Commitment Awards

Abigail Borthwick, Nicole Doherty, Leah McAuley, Hansen Low, Freya Nisbet, Millen Smith, Beth Steele, Finn Thompson.

S2 Merit, Effort and Commitment Awards

Hannah Baughan, Monica Carrick, Caroline Newton, Kimberly Miller.

S3 Merit Awards

Cara Bell, Kirstin Fotheringhame, Paige Gallagher, Olivia Kuijpers, Alfie Milligan, Jack Muncey, Ruth Ritchie, Gregor Senior, Callum Shah, Anna Smith, Isla Steel, Emily Toon, Sarah Young.

S3 Effort and Commitment Awards

Sarah Morrison, Finn Thomson, Tyler-Lee Wilson, Jacob Whytock.

S3 Merit, Effort and Commitment Awards Ailsa Bennet, Alistair Murison.

Special Subject Awards

Scots Verse Speaking (The Gordon George Memorial Prize): Laura Schofield. Art and Design (S4) (Rosamund Beveridge Trophy): Eilidh Robertson. Art and Design (Kevin Kenny Award): Kayla Douglas. Business Education (Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellence): Bethan Cameron. The Chalmers Brackenridge Quaich for commitment and endeavour in Mathematics: Laura Ponton. Developing the Young Workforce for Enterprise and Work Experience: Craig Moffat. S1/2 Citizenship Quaich for Inspiring Purpose (Jane Haining Award): Lilly Roy. Music (Hilary Hawksford Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school): Ewan Hutchison. Mark Ross Award for Wider Achievement: Ewan Hutchison. The Christina Ryznar Award for Service to the School: Hannah Miller. Sir Alan Smith Trophy for Leadership: Nicholas Baughan, Flora Caldwell, Katie Douglas.

S4 Merit Awards

Art and Design: Tatjana Kandora. Biology: Anna Casasola. Business Education: Hannah Eadie. Chemistry: Kayleigh Husband. Computing: Jack Quinn. Design and Manufacture: Eilidh Robertson. Digital Media, Computing: Daniel Whyte. Drama: Anja Davel. Graphic Communication: Duncan Crawford, Suvi Wright. History: Louis Cairns. Mathematics: Ruth Duthie. Modern Studies: Laura Ponton. Music (National 5): Garry Simpson. Music (Higher): Eleanor Baughan. Music Technology: Pieter Smith. Physical Education: Carenza Pinn. Practical Cookery: Megan Ferguson. Religious, Moral, Philosophical Studies: Jennifer Higgins. German and Religious, Moral, Philosophical Studies: Aimee Thomas. French, Spanish, S4 Effort and Commitment: Holly McLachlan. English, Physics, Geography, S4 Effort and Commitment: Hannah Robb.

S4 Effort and Commitment Awards

Sarah Broadhurst, Charlotte Munro, Struan Robertson, Emma Shepherd.

S5 Merit Awards

Art and Design (The John and Marjory Moffat Quaich): Kirsty Skea. Business Education: Tina He. Computing (The Sam Mitchell Henry Trophy): Angus MacLaren. Design and Manufacture (The Bella Anderson Trophy): Jacob Streatfield. Drama (Excellence in Drama, Theatre Arts and Performance): Hannah Black. French (The Lady Alice Smith Award): Molly Richley. Geography (The Burns Begg Trophy): Molly Brown. German (The Bosch-Rexroth Award): James Douglas. Graphic Communication: Glen O'Connell. Health and Food Technology: Juliet Stevenson. History (The Arthur Donaldson Trophy): Rana Brewer. Mathematics (The Coldon Trophy): Rhona Brown. Modern Studies: Scarlett Small, Charlotte Glover. Music Technology: Joseph McKearon. Physical Education: Jamie Roberts. Physics (The Probus Club Trophy): Eleanor Senior. RMPS (Trefoil Guild): Mae Lucas. Spanish: Robbie Harvey. Biology (The Cloan Trophy), English (The PTA Trophy): Rebecca Moncur. Chemistry (The John S Lowe Trophy), Human Biology (The DL Chapman Senior Trophy), Music (The Marjory Fyfe Award, Advanced Higher): Cameron MacFarlane.

S6 Merit Awards

Art and Design: Anna Lornie, Edie Urquhart. Computing: Jonah Ramponi. Drama: Joey Lawrence. French: Ben Hood. Graphic Communication: Sarah Walker, Amy Broadhurst. Health and Food Technology: Bethan Cameron. Media: Aaron Mears, Lewis Sinclair. Modern Studies: Katie Douglas. Music: Sophie Telfer. Music Technology: Callum Campbell. Psychology: Darcie Lawson. Spanish: Gracie Lee. Geography, English: James Marshall. Physical Education, Business Education: Oscar Thompson. German, History: Hannah Miller. Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Biology: Rebecca Risset

RNLI Awards for Head Girl and Head Boy Fraser Kitson and Amy Broadhurst.

**Dux of Kinross High School** Rhona Brown.

**Charitable giving**: In the session just ended, Kinross High School's nominated charity was Scottish Association for Mental Health. The final fundraising total was £8,135. The school thanks all who contributed in any way.

## **Sports News**

### Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

www.kinrosshockey.org

Kobras were in action at the end of June at **KOBRAS** the Midland District Junior Hockey Tournament hosted by Harris Academy in Dundee.

Our U10s were assisted by a few Madras players who were looking for some games and had some good matches. All gained experience in what, for some, was their first tournament.

The U12s came up against strong opposition but scored good goals and played some nice hockey.

We tried out a new formation at U14 and got that working by the end of the tournament, picking up a good win to finish. There is a tournament in St Andrews at the end of July for those not on holiday in distant parts and then the new season starts in August.

The club is holding its annual **Club Day** on **Saturday 18 August** with games and fun activities for juniors in the morning. If you want to give hockey a go, come along that day as there will be free coaching for beginners.

Players at the Harris tournament: Below - U10, above right - U12, below right - U14



Kobras training then restarts on Tuesday 21 August and will run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Beginners are welcome (ages typically 8-14). In addition to training twice a week, there are monthly district junior tournaments to help players develop. The focus of Kobras is on having fun, skills development and physical exercise and we also provide a pathway for enthusiastic players to progress into District level teams and beyond.





### Kinross Cavaliers Basketball

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

After a very busy and successful year we look forward to welcoming you back to Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club at Loch Leven Community Campus, 6pm-8pm, on Tuesday 21 August. We are always looking to welcome new members; if you are interested in having fun, keeping fit and meeting new friends, please get in touch at kinrosscavaliers@gmail.com

### **Newsletter Deadlines**

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### **Kinross Hockey Club**

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#### **Ladies Section**

The sun has been shining, the rain has stayed away, and we can honestly say we've been playing

summer hockey this year. However, although we may all be in the middle of holiday mode, the new season is just around the corner and summer break is almost over. Pre-season training will start again in mid August. For those who've not been playing mixed over the summer, prepare yourself for the first night post-training burn! As always, we'd be delighted to see any new players who would like to come along and join the club, or anyone who would like to come along and try — everybody is welcome. Whether you are a highly competitive, seasoned player, or you want to have some fun and enjoy your sport with a group of like-minded ladies, we have a team for you.

The second date for your diaries is one to mark the start of the season. On **Saturday 18 August**, we have our now annual club hockey and BBQ day – a great day for everyone. More details will be available on our website. Come along and join in the fun.

### Men's Section

The men are currently working on their fitness at the mixed hockey sessions which run throughout the summer on a Tuesday evening (7.30pm to 9pm) at the astroturf pitch at KGV. They are also sharpening their skills at coaching sessions being run on Thursday evenings at 7pm. This is in preparation for the next season which starts in September.

This coming season sees the Men's 1st XI playing in East District Division 1 under the captaincy of Dave Goodenough and the Men's 2nd XI playing in East District Division 4 under the captaincy of Pete Smith. Both teams are on the lookout for new players and welcome players of all ages from 14 upwards and all abilities.

Men's training takes place on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm until 9pm and matches takes place on a Saturday afternoon. If you are interested please drop in to the astroturf pitch at KGV (The Muirs, Kinross) on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm or come along to the **Club Day** being held on **Saturday 18 August** at KGV where there will be a range of activities going on. (Adults from 1.30pm onwards.) More details about the club can be found on our website.

### **Kinross Otters**

It's been a relaxing summer for Otters with a well-deserved two-week break for the swimmers, coaches and volunteers.



Not too many competitions during the summer

break so it's a great time for Otters to have a break and come back refreshed for the new sessions which started in late July. Not everyone was relaxing though; Platinum squad member Emily Cumming attended the Scottish Open Meet at the fantastic Aberdeen Sports Village. Her aim was to make the final. And make the final she did, bringing home a bronze medal in the Girls 12-13 years 50m backstroke! Fantastic result, Emily!

It's not just the Otters competing though; coach Rebecca Thomson and her tug of war team came an impressive fourth place at the Royal Highland Show event. Well done, coach! The Dunfermline Sprints took place just before the school holidays and a great squad of novice swimmers attended and did their team very proud.

With awards and medals for just about every swimmer and Best Boy for Matthew Kenny for his age group, it was a fantastic day all round. Events like this for younger Otters are a great way to build team spirit and gain valuable competition experience without the threat of disqualification. Generally, swimmers making errors will be given advice by judges which will help them to improve and remain positive as they progress in their sport.

Thanks as always to all poolside helpers and officials and to the hosts Dunfermline and the Michael Wood Centre for their hospitality.



The Dunfermline sprints squad

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### Netball is back after the holidays!

Our sessions start back on **Friday 17 August**, and then every Friday, 7pm-8.30pm at the Community Campus. Everyone is welcome. 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!



At the BBN Summer Festival in Dundee

Here's what we've been up to recently: In June we had two teams taking part in the BBN Summer Festival in Dundee. It was a great day out and everyone had lots of fun.



The theme this year was anything Scottish so we all dressed up in our Nations Football colours (see picture below).

We also held our own fun night of bring a male to netball. Again, it was a really great night where we all had lots of fun;

a big thanks to the husbands, partners and nephews who all turned up to take part.

We were again shortlisted in the Netball Scotland awards for BBN team of the year, but unfortunately missed out this year. However, a massive well done to our coach Elaine who won the Moira Ord Volunteer of the Year award. Elaine commits so much of her time promoting, coaching and developing netball, not only our club but also the local area. Thank you for everyone who voted for our club and for Elaine.

In July we had a break from our weekly Friday sessions and swapped the netball courts for some rounders fun in the park with all our families. It was a great way of carrying on the social side of our club.

We entered a team into a Summer Social Bounceback league in Edinburgh, which was great fun playing outside on the warm summer nights!

If you want any info on our club and what we're up to, check out our Facebook page.

### Kinross Rugby Club Youth Section

#### Minis

After a long but well deserved summer break, rugby in Kinross gets under way again on **Saturday 18**August Ministrumby is for all boys and girls ago 5 or over and

**August**. Minis rugby is for all boys and girls age 5 or over and in primary 1 to 7. As well as rugby-themed training sessions, children have the opportunity to take part in small-sided fun matches against clubs from around the areas. No experience needed; new players always welcome.

We start back with a **COME AND TRY** day on **Saturday 18 August** at 10.30am. Players old and new can come along and give it a go, meet the coaches and make new friends. Training then continues every Saturday morning through to May with the exception of school holidays. We look forward to meeting you!

### Midis

The high school boys finished the training season with a few weeks of touch rugby, followed by a short break. But it's time to get back to work! Training for boys in S1-S4 resumes on **Tuesday 7 August** at 7pm. All S1-4 boys welcome; whether you've been to minis or never picked up a rugby ball before, we would love to have you along.

### **Walking Football**

This restarts on **Tuesday 14 August**. The session is from 6pm to 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus.

If you are over 50 years of age and can smile, you will fit in perfectly.

### Fossoway Tennis Club

We are a family friendly club (nothing too serious) based in Crook of Devon welcoming 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.

### Eliminator Mountain Bike Festival

The Eliminator Mountain Bike Festival will be staged at Parkhill Farm, Cupar Road, Newburgh, Fife, from Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September.

The everyday barley fields and rolling hills of Parkhill Farm will be transformed into the magnificent venue for one of Scotland's most fun-packed, family-friendly festivals, with an action-packed activity programme for all ages, both on and off the bike.

As with its sister festival, Cream o' the Croft, recently staged at Comrie Croft Trail Centre, The Eliminator is not only a festival of mountain bike racing for all ages, it is also a music festival with fun activities, camping and a gourmet, locally sourced food and drink festival.

For more information, see the website muckmedden.co.uk

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Email: Iceman@KinrossCurling.co.uk www.facebook.com/KinrossCurlingRink We are excited to report that the extension at the rink is rising from the ground. We will have a new entrance and two office spaces downstairs and a lift to provide full access to the lounge and bar. The extended lounge will increase the opportunities for social use on our bar. We are now working on the plans for a formal opening ceremony. The next stage of the project will be to upgrade the toilet and changing rooms. We launched a major fundraising drive for this development in July. Local businesses can take opportunities to advertise at the rink. Contact Steven Kerr, Rink Manager, email as above.

The **new season** starts on **10 September**. Most curlers have ice booked by one of

the many local curling clubs. Anyone wishing to experience our great sport can look on our webpage or the Scottish Curling site to find dates for 'TryCurling' events.

We are also very pleased to advise that the rink will have a new mascot to support the rink. Button has been busy meeting the builders and travelling around Britain. He will be at the rink every day and encourage great sportsmanship.



The curling calendar is full of special events next year. These include the bonspiel to celebrate the 350th



anniversary of Kinross Curling Club, the oldest club in the world! Curlers from seven countries from around the world will join local curlers at the end of September. The third over 40s bonspiel in January will include some of the best 'older' curlers from Britain, with some World Championship and Olympic experience. We are thrilled to host the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championships in March.

Kinross can be proud of being the home town of the oldest curling club in the world and 'probably' the best foursheet curling rink in Scotland.

> Button checking out the new building, and learning some tips about bricklaying

### **Scottish Triathlon Champion**

Local triathlete STRUAN **BENNET** is Scottish Champion after winning National Youth Triathlon Championships age 13/14 years (Tristars 3) at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow. Earlier this year he won the Scottish Schools Aquathlon Championship representing Kinross High Struan School trains with Kinross Otters and Fife Athletic Club. He goes on to represent Scotland at the Inter Regional Championships at Mallory Park, England in September.



Struan Bennet, National Youth Triathlon Champion Tristars 3 aged 13/14

### **Orwell Bowling Club**

12 members entered the Scott 2 bowl trophy on Sunday 24 June and played in brilliant sunshine. The final was David Winton *v* Michael Hamilton. After a very close game of 21 ends Michael



emerged the winner. The Willie Dewar Quaich was also played in brilliant sunshine on Sunday 8 July. Six balloted pairs played in a round robin format and the winners were Anne McGouldrick and Jim Whittet.

Congratulations to David Winton who reached the District Final of the Scottish single hand.

Congratulations to Joan McFarlane, Jeannie Jackson and Maz Thorn for winning the East of Scotland Triples District Final. Good luck to them in the next round to be played at Colinton Bowling Club in Edinburgh on 31 July.

The Gents County competitions are progressing; the 4 bowl and 2 bowl pairs have reached the semi-final stage. The triples and rink play their next round on Monday 16 July. The senior top 6 played at home on Tuesday 10 July and were narrowly beaten by Tulliallan.

We have played two friendlies so far in July, both away, and one was cancelled.

Sun 1 July: Away to Luncarty, Orwell 55 Luncarty 63. Wed 11 July: Away to Glenfarg, Orwell 25 Glenfarg 19.

A senior friendly against Dalgety Bay was also cancelled. Entries are coming in for both the Open Pairs. The Ladies Open Pairs is on Wednesday 15 August and the Club Open Pairs is on Sunday 26 August. There are still places available in both. See the website or Facebook for more information or contact the club at Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort, KY13 9YN. Tel: 01577 863739.



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### **Kinross Vaulting Group**

Carnbo, Kinross kinrossvaultinggroup.co.uk

Nine vaulters and two horses from KVG recently travelled to Rugby to compete in the

international CVI competition, one of the most important events in the British Equestrian Vaulting calendar. The competition was held on the weekend of Friday 29 June to Sunday 1 July at Rugby, at the Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre. A significant number of international vaulters were present, representing Australia, Canada, France, Finland, Germany, Russia, South Africa and the USA to name a few. It proved to be a most exciting and successful weekend for the club, resulting in an excellent haul of rosettes, prizes and podium places. On Friday, in the female child 1\* competition, Iona Robertson came 8th in what was her first CVI competition, with Sophie Wilson coming 7th. In the junior female 1\* class, Emily Hardie came 5th, and in the



senior 3\*, Hannah Ballantyne and Molly Turner came 3rd, while Atholl Pettinger and Kirstin Henderson came 2nd. The club are extremely proud of all the hard work and team spirit shown by our vaulters, horses, coaches and lungers at such a demanding top-level international competition.

For anyone thinking about trying out this wonderful sport, we have a **Taster Session** at Kinross Vaulting Group at Carnbo, Kinross on **Saturday 18 August, 2-4pm**. This costs £17, and is open to all (minimum age for vaulters is 5 years). To find out more or to reserve a place, contact Liz Mackay by email at lizmacward@hotmail.com



Jack Wilson competing on Rambo



Atholl Pettinger competing on Rambo



KVG's Liz Mackay with Rambo



Sophie Wilson competing on Talisker

### **Kinross Golf Club**

www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk

### **Gents Club Championship Results**

Congratulations to Scott Michie who won his 10th Club Championship title. Scott came from three holes down after the first round to turn it around in the second round and emerge with a 3&2 victory over Thomas White. Commiserations to Thomas, who we are sure will one day add his name to the list of winners. In the Beveridge Cup (B Championship), David R Mackenzie proved too strong for Peter Hastie, winning 10&8 over the 36-hole final. Congratulations to David, and commiserations to Peter. Thanks to our two referees — Neil Cairney and Dennis Beveridge, to the members who came along to watch the finals and to the staff in the clubhouse who catered for the finalists at lunch and dinner.

### **Ladies Senior Open Greensomes**

The Ladies Senior Open Greensomes took place on Thursday 12 July. Congratulations to all the prize winners listed below, and thanks to all who took part and all who helped make the day a huge success.

1st Scratch: G Wallace and H Anderson, Blairgowrie, 73
2nd Scratch: H Scott and K Horne, Dalmahoy, 84
1st Handicap: M Brown and J Armstrong, Uphall, net 68
2nd Handicap: H Gough, Kinross and B Smith, Balbirnie, net 70.2
3rd Handicap: L Murray, Kinross and B Brannan, Milnathort, net 70.6
4th Handicap: M Macpherson, Kinross and G Tate, Milnathort, net 71
5th Handicap: E Langlands and T Mullen, St Michaels, net 71.6
Nearest the Pin on the 16th: L King and T Anderson

Eight couples shared the 2's sweep:

L Kyle and S Travers, 16th

L Murray and B Brannan, 11th

T Anderson and L King, 16th

L White and D Richard, 11th

H Scott and K Horne, 11th

A Clark and L McLaren, 16th

A Smith and F Stoddart, 16th

G Wallace & H Anderson, 11th and 16th

#### **Clubhouse Restaurant**

John Gough has joined our catering team and we are now serving High Teas in our restaurant on Sundays from 4 to 7pm. Toast, butter and jam, followed by a choice of main:

Homemade chicken pie (served with chips and seasonal veg) Battered fish & chips

Homemade macaroni & cheese (V)

Ham salad

Home baked cakes and scones served with tea/coffee. £11.95 per person or £5.50 per child.

Please call us on 01577 862237 to reserve your table. The restaurant will also be open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6.30pm, with last orders at 9pm, and a menu that will change with the seasons. More details about all golfing and social events are available on the Kinross Golf Club website, Facebook, Twitter and in the clubhouse.

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### **Kinross Tennis Club**

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www.facebook.com/KinrossTennisClub

As we go to press, the Wimbledon Championships are filling our screens and the weather has been

the most glorious spell in recent memory. The tennis season is in full swing, so why not pick up a racket and join us at KTC for a game? We have coaching sessions, social tennis on weekdays and weekends and league matches. There is something for everyone at all levels of ability.

### League Matches, Tennis Tayside

Our ladies team has just finished playing in the first division of the Tennis Tayside league and, despite the challenging division, they secured third place. Our men's team has been playing in the four-player division of the Tennis Tayside Leagues and has completed the league in first position, conceding only five out of forty-five sets played. Currently the mixed league has just started – with a few challenges on the injuries front (we are showing our age...). The team is facing some tough competition in division 2!

### League Matches, Perth and District Mixed

We have entered both ladies and gent's teams into this league which has just started and will continue until the end of August; teams are made up of four people and we travel across Perthshire and get to play in some truly charming places. Whilst still competitive, the focus is on the enjoyment of playing tennis together.

### Coaching

Junior coaching continues through the summer with our summer tennis camp running from Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August with our coach Daniel Reed. The timings are: Minis (age 4-7yrs) 9am-10.30am and Juniors (8-16yrs) 10.30am—1.30pm. For information and bookings, please contact Daniel on 07932 614111 or at dartennis@gmx.co.uk.

The next junior coaching block will start on Tuesday 14 August through to Tuesday 2 October. For information and booking please contact Daniel (details above).

The **Tennis for Tots** sessions run by Siobhan McLeod continue throughout the holidays on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 10.15am. No booking is required; just pay on the day. (£4 per child, extra siblings £2). Rackets provided. Suitable for children aged 2-5 years accompanied by a participating adult. Contact kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com or send us a message via Facebook.

Adult coaching notes of interest are being taken for a further block of beginner, improver or team coaching to take place daytime or evening subject to demand. Please send notes of interest to our secretary Margaret at kinrosstennis@gmail. com.

#### Non-members and visitors

Sands the Ironmongers are able to provide access to the tennis courts for a small fee. Further information on Kinross Tennis Club can be found on our website and on our Facebook page.

### 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

### **Kinross Road Runners**

www.kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com Club training continues throughout the summer. Tuesday nights focus on speed work, meeting at 7pm at Kirkgate Park, and this

month there are a couple of club championship races being held on Tuesday evenings. 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 you can meet at 7pm at the run location instead. 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 Loch Leven Junior Parkrun for those aged 4-14 is held every Sunday morning at 9.30am for a 2km circuit around Kirkgate Park. Work on the 2.5km trail at Loch Leven's Larder for the Senior Parkrun is nearing completion so a start date should be announced soon. New members are always

welcome, no matter what their running ability. We look forward to seeing new faces at our training sessions, so come along, or get in touch through the website or Facebook page.

### Programme:

Tue 31 July: 2 mile time trial followed by hot

chocolate and kit sale at Roger's garage

Wed 1 Aug: Castle Hill Reservoir

Sun 5 Aug: Informal Run
Tue 7 Aug: Knockhill Race
Wed 8 Aug: Maspie Den
Sun 12 Aug: Informal Run
Tue 14 Aug: Ceres 8 Mile Race
Wed 15 Aug: Pitmedden Forest
Sun 19 Aug: Informal Run

Tue 21 Aug: 8 x 400m at Kirkgate Park

Wed 22 Aug: Blairadam Sun 26 Aug: Informal Run

Tue 28 Aug: 5 x 1k at Kirkgate Park Wed 29 Aug: Gateside Gallop



KRR at the Brig Bash Race in July

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## **Out & About**

### **Loch Leven NNR**



This unprecedented hot weather is taking its toll on us at Loch Leven NNR. We've been out watering the trees we planted last winter. We've never needed to do that before! But on the plus side, many of our young ducklings are doing well.

Ducklings are very vulnerable to the bad weather and downy chicks get chilled easily in the heavy rain. We are regularly out early in the morning looking for duck broods and monitoring the progress of this year's nests. Favourite brood-rearing areas are around islands, the pier and the west shore as far as Burleigh.

There have been lots of songbirds nesting around the reserve. We're noting many Willow Warblers, Chiffchaffs, Tits and Spotted Flycatchers that have nested around the reserve. Many of these birds have been singing again. With the weather being as good as it's been, there's a chance birds like Swallows and Pied Wagtails could have a third brood of youngsters. There is no shortage of flying insects around the trail right now.

We are in a high level of fire alert at the moment so we ask visitors to the reserve to be careful with BBQs and cigarettes around the reserve. Though we do have a fire plan for the reserve, we'd hate to see the sort of damage that has happened to the moors in Lancashire.

We'll be at the Kinross Show on Saturday 11 August. Please drop by for a chat.

There's lots of content on our blog. Read up for recent highlights including an article about seabirds nesting at Loch Leven. Search for "Loch Leven NNR Wordpress" to find us.

Unfortunate for us but good for her, Amee got a job in Dumfries and we will lose her this month. Amee achieved much with us during her short time at Loch Leven and we wish her well in her move to the south.

We are making great progress with the Himalayan Balsam this year. We've been spraying, strimming and pulling it. There isn't as much this season as we have made great progress with excluding this plant from the site. I was joined by folk from the RSPB in July for help. There are also kindly members of the public who pull the plant where they find it. It all helps.

We only counted 207 Lesser Butterfly Orchids this July. This is down from 328 last year. We have not hit the panic button that the colony is disappearing; the vegetation is much higher this year, making the orchids harder to find and many of them were quite long in the tooth, so we were presuming that we counted them a little late this year.

We were delighted to find at least ten Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary butterflies on St Serf's. This colony was first noted in 2005. It appears that this butterfly has done well as we have seen them away from the local sites. Even scarcer at Loch Leven is its close relative, the Dark Green Fritillary. One was noted while we were counting the orchids.

Jeremy, Reserve Officer

See page 84 for a list of SNH events.

### **Gardens Open in August**

### **Special Open Day**

Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff, PH7
4HZ. Sunday 5 August 1-5pm. Activities and
events for a great family day out. More information from
www.drummondcastlegardens.co.uk

### Open by arrangement

**Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart**, Dollar, FK14 7JW. Liz & Peter Wyatt , tel 0797 337 4687, email elizwyatt@aol.com

**Pitcurran House, Abernethy**, PH2 9LH. Mrs Noel-Paton, tel 01738 850933, email patricianp@pitcurran.com

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

Parkhead House Gardens, Burghmuir Road, Perth, PH1 1RB. Mr & Mrs M Tinson, tel 01738 625983, email maddy. tinson@gmail.com

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A glorious month of sunshine at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven! The verges are ablaze with flowers, butterflies and bees and there is a heady thrum of insect sound - the idyllic sounds and sights of high summer! Butterflies abundant among the vibrant splash of grasses and blooms include the common blue, the meadow brown and the ringlett butterfly. The ringlett butterflies seem particularly fond of the oxeye daisies on the reserve, as do the common blue of the meadow buttercups!

The flood waters are also alive with colour and sound thanks to an abundance of wildfowl and their young. From the Carden Hide several great-crested grebes can be seen, easily identified by their elegant heads and the fierce flash of orange from their crests as they turn into the sun. At least one pair has chicks and great-crested grebes have the particularly charming habit of carrying their youngsters on their backs.

Other colourful chicks include those of the coots, whose bright red heads are strikingly dissimilar to the white heads and shields of their parents. There is probably an evolutionary advantage to the jarring colour of the chicks' feathers: indeed, research shows that female coots concentrate their feeding and preening activities on the chicks with the brightest plumage. Those with the brightest plumage are, presumably, those in the best of health and therefore most likely to survive.

Less colourful, but equally charming, are the young of the resident greylag geese. On your visit to RSPB Scotland Loch Leven you are almost guaranteed to see rafts of these geese and their growing chicks out on the bay, or along the water's edge. Likewise you are almost always guaranteed to see mute swans (at the moment with cygnets), and lapwings, whose young are growing rapidly and becoming increasingly independent.

And summer, of course, wouldn't be summer without the swallows flying low over the long grasses of the bumblebee meadows, and high over the waters of the reserve. The first young have now fledged and can be seen, swooping and diving for flies with the adults, or resting on fence posts and gates. It is a joy to see their progress and to hear their twitterings merge with skylark song, the buzz of insects, the honk of geese and the ever-present raucous cries of the black-headed gulls and their young. Sounds and sights to lift the heart and a perfect time to plan a visit to the reserve!

We have some excellent events this month, too, with our annual **Bat Walk** taking place on **Sunday 26 August**, 8pm–9.30pm, and **Friday 7 September**, 7.30pm–9pm. This is a great chance to explore the reserve at night and see and hear the different types of bats found here. Up to five species of these fascinating nocturnal creatures can be found, including the rare Nathusius Pipistrelle bat.

We also have another **Wildlife Writing Workshop** to get involved with on **Saturday 22 September**, 10am–2pm. Come with paper and pen and a readiness to be inspired by the birdlife, wildlife and landscape of Loch Leven. Author and poet Anita John will lead you through a range of exercises designed to get you writing. We will take a tour of the reserve and return indoors to capture our images in words.

Work to develop our new accessible underpass is going well and remains on plan. We are looking forward to seeing the end result! During this time the Heritage Trail will be diverted via the wetlands area of the reserve free of charge; however, please be aware there is a small charge for visiting the hides during this period of £3 per adult (free to RSPB members and children). We would like to say a massive thank you to the public for both their support and patience during this time.

Anita John, Writer in Residence

### Weather

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## June Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall 47.5mm = 1.9ins
Heaviest rainfall 20.9mm (19th)
Total sunshine for the month 132.1 hours
Sunniest day 9.8 hours (28th)
Minimum temperature average 6.54°C
Lowest temperature 0.6°C (24th)

Maximum temperature average 19.67°C
Highest temperature 30.1°C (28th)





### **Farming**

They say you can have too much of a good thing, and it is threatening to be a case of exactly that with all this glorious sunshine we've been having. No doubt it will have changed by the time you are reading this; in fact it has started to rain now, as I write. It has been a pleasure making silage, and even hay, in the knowledge that it wasn't a smash n' grab operation between the rain showers. I even left our hay bales out in the field to breathe for a fortnight and they never saw a drop of rain.

With the exception of a heavy downpour in mid-June, there hasn't been significant rain since early April and this is starting to cause problems. Even here at Backward Farm, the drier knowes where the soil is thinner are being exposed as an arid brown colour, where the grass has withered and grass growth has slowed down.

Across the country, cereal crops are dying off prematurely and will produce a high percentage of shrivelled, empty grains. Potatoes and other vegetables are also struggling, and while farmers

who grow these crops are often able to water them with irrigation equipment, in many cases it just isn't possible. It is predicted that there will be shortages of hay, silage and straw for feeding and bedding animals this coming winter. While it is too early to press the panic button at the moment, there is serious concern. It's ironic that the opposite weather conditions to those of last year are threatening to cause the same problems.

However, a great number of agricultural shows taking place up and down the country throughout the summer have delighted in the warm weather. From the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston to the smallest local gatherings with just a few animals and of course the all-important "beer tent" the crowds have almost all basked in glorious sunshine. I hope our own local show in Kinross-shire is as fortunate come Saturday 11 August. We are very fortunate to have such a vibrant, varied show in our area and one which is so well supported by people from within Newsletter country

and beyond. It also benefits from an excellent setting on the south side of Loch Leven in the fields of Vane Farm. I have been involved with the committee of Kinross-shire Agricultural Society for a few years now. It's a real eye-opener when you realise the time and effort so many people give to make it all happen. It is also surprising to realise how much it costs to stage the show, and the finances are always on a fine line between profit and loss. If you are a regular attender of Kinross Show, hopefully you will manage to support it again this year. If you have never been, why not give it a try? Cattle, sheep and horses, agricultural and horticultural equipment, local small businesses and community groups and an educational area are just some of the attractions. There is something for everyone, even if it is just a catch up and blether with friends and neighbours. I am told it is very sociable in the beer tent! Enjoy the sunshine.

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.

### **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.

### 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



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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) restarts 19 August and Jampact restarts 5 August. Meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre. **Tuesdays:** 10am: Pram Service (Restarts 21 Aug). **Wednesdays:** 10.45am Service, church centre. 1.30pm: Craft Group (restarted 25 July).

3pm: 'Talkback' for P6/7 age (except in school holidays. Meets in

Upper Room in the church).

**Fridays:** The Brigade, church centre (not in school holidays). 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**

July

Sun 29 10.30am All-age Service for Family Week.

Mon 30 9.45am 'TeamBuilders' starts – mornings until Friday. 2.30pm Family Scavenger Hunt.

Tue 31 7pm Silent Disco for S1+ at Millbridge Hall.

August

Wed 1 2.30pm 10 Pin Bowling Trip (for P6/7). Leave from church car park.

**Thu 2** 2pm Family Film Afternoon. 7pm Senior (S1+) and P7 Film Night.

Fri 3 6.30pm Final Celebration and Barbecue for TeamBuilders.

Sun 5 10.15am. Jampact resumes, church centre.

10.30am Morning Service, then informal Communion at 11.45am.

7.30pm Crossfire resumes, church centre.

Mon 6 8am: Silent Meditation.

**Tue 7** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court. 4pm: Service at The Sycamores.

**Sat 11** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).

**Thu 16** 9pm: late-evening service of Compline.

**Sun 19** 10.15am Junior Church resumes, church centre.

Tue 21 10am Pram Service restarts.

**Thu 23** 7pm All Friends Together.

Sun 26 10.30am Service for the 'Year of Young People'.

Tue 28 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.

### Family Week: TEAMBUILDERS Monday 30 July – Friday 3 August

Fun every morning 10am – noon
Plus afternoon and evening events (see above)

### Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Tel: 01577 842128

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 01577 864826 Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am

August

Sun 5 11.15am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the Young Room served by Guild members in aid of Guild funds.

Sun 12 11.15am Morning Worship\*

**Sun 19** 11.15am **Morning Worship** followed by a Congregational Lunch in the Village Hall.

Sun 26 11.15am Morning Worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion.\*

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

### **Trinity Church**

A new Church ... A new Beginning.

Trinity Church is a MISSION OUTREACH of the UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, led by REVEREND JEROME O'BRIEN.



Crook of Devon, Station Road, KY13 OPG Website www.trinity-church.co.uk

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

### **Sunday Service**

We meet every Sunday at the Crook of Devon Village Hall. The service starts at 10.30m for teas and coffees, with the

gathering to worship God commencing at 11am. After the service, there will be occasion for refreshments and conversation.

For more information about who we are and what we do, visit our website.

### 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)

Do you have

### Photographs of Kinross-shire

you'd be happy to share with others?
Visit www.kinross.cc to find out how to add your photos to the Photo Library. The aim of the library is to provide a resource for promoting Kinross-shire.

### St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

Email: office@stpaulskinross51.plus.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector Telephone: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

### 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

### August

#### Wed 1 'RIO' Discussion

7pm (43 High Street Kinross). What is it reasonable to believe as a Christian? **All welcome!** 

### Sun 5 Pentecost 12 (Proper 18)

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

### Wed 8 'RIO' Discussion

7pm (43 High Street Kinross).

How can we become better informed about what we believe as Christians?

#### All welcome!

### Sun 12 Pentecost 13 (Proper 19)

8.30am Holy Communion.

### 11am Sung Eucharist. Wed 15 'RIO' Discussion

7pm (43 High Street Kinross).

What does it mean to be 'obedient' to what we believe in as Christians?

### All welcome!

### Sun 19 Pentecost 14 (Proper 20)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Welcome (Back) Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

### Sun 26 Pentecost 15 (Proper 21)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

6pm – 8pm Soul Space.

A calming initiative at St Paul's for everyone in need of some time out. Come along and experience the loving presence of God through your senses.

#### Images of Kinross-shire

Photographs can be downloaded free of charge from the www.kinross.cc

### **Photo Library**

Subjects include Historic Kinross-shire, Loch Leven, Fauna and Flora, Countryside, Villages, Local Projects and Events.

### St James' Catholic Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329 www.catholickinross.com Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com m.facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/ m.facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/

#### **Regular Services**

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

**Confessions** also on request. **Prayer Group** meets on a Monday, 8pm-10pm, in the church

**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.



### 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

**5 Aug** Joint all-age service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am. No morning service at Orwell Church.

**31 Aug** Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room from 10.15am to 11.45am: Fun with speed painting.

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

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 six miles from Kinross. Come and join us, we would love to meet you.

We have *prayer time* every Sunday before worship, 9.15 - 9.30pm. *All are welcome.* 

**Sunday Services** at 9.45am. All are welcome.

### August

**Sun 5** 9.45am Morning Worship followed by refreshments and fellowship.

**Sun 12** 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 19 9.15am Morning Worship.
6.30pm Summer Songs of Praise.
Also celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fossoway Flower Show.

**Sun 26** 9.45am Sacrament of Holy Communion.

#### Café Refresh

Thursdays, 2 - 4pm. Time for coffee, cake and a blether.

#### **House Group**

Please contact Debbie for details, 01577 842268...

#### Film Evening

On **Friday 3 August** we will be showing "**Peter Rabbit**" at 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Church Hall. There will also be a special children's showing on **Friday 10 August** at 2.30pm – an ideal end to the school holidays! *Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.* 

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Summer Songs of Praise, Sunday 19 August at 6.30pm** followed by refreshments in the 'Elisabeth Wilkie Hall'



#### ODD JOBS AND HOME MAINTENANCE

All types of odd jobs including: painting/decorating, flat pack assembly and joinery work. No job too small.

Fencing: erected, repaired and maintained. All carried out by an experienced and reliable time served tradesman.

Contact Garry on 01577 531240 or garrycb@hotmail.co.uk

## playgroups and Toddlers

### Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

### Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort Friday 9.30am-11.15am

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

### PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!



To join in the fun call 07745 804539 Email milnathortbt@gmail.com Or find us on Facebook



### **GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts Friendly support for all carers

First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

### **SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP SCIO**

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Reg Scottish Charity No SCIO7748

Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392 235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Garden Guddle: Mon 9am - 3pm.

**Playgroup**: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 9.05am - 11.50am

**Inbetweeners**: Mon 9.05 - 11.50am, optional Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome. **Rising Fives**: Tues 12.55pm - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand, 12.10-12.55pm. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact: Lisa 07736 642070, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com 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.

### **LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS**

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15 Contact Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494, debileighs@hotmail.com

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

### **PORTMOAK UNDER 5s**

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell (only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)



We are a friendly and relaxed group welcoming children under 5 years and their parents/carers. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the group!

Session times: Tues & Fri 9.45am – 11.30am.
Sessions are £2 per child (£1.50 for under 1s) and 50p for each additional child. A snack is provided.

For all queries please email portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook

### **MONTGOMERY TODDLERS**

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)
The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.
Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

### **Private Nurseries and Childcare**

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

## Notices

### Glenfarg Village Folk Club

The club meets at "Backstage at the Green", Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm Entry fees: Guest nights: Members £6, Non-members £9; Singaround: £2 for all For more info, see: www.glenfargfolkclub.com

30 July: Trials of Cato play and sing both original and traditional material on a variety of fretted instruments with great vocals. One of the tightest and most imaginative bands on the circuit today.

6 Aug: Shona Donaldson and Paul Anderson. Husband and wife duo from the North East, Paul is a maestro on the fiddle and Shona is an award-winning singer. They combine to produce an experience of Scottish traditional music of the very highest quality.

13 Aug: Curmudgeon/Grass Roots. Two very different bands tonight. We are delighted to introduce Curmudgeon, a Leith-based multi-instrument trio who perform traditional and contemporary songs and great sets of Scottish music. They share the bill with Grass Roots, a group of very experienced blue-grass musicians who will certainly get our toes tapping! A great double bill.

20 Aug: Singaround featuring "Chorus Songs". All welcome.

**27 Aug: Bob Wood**, one of the club's favourite artistes, is a wonderful singer/songwriter and guitarist who never fails to entertain in his own gentle way; lovely style and lovely guy.

### **Public Exhibition**

### **Proposals for Windlestrae Hotel site**

Before they submit a planning application to the Council, McCarthy & Stone are holding a public exhibition of the proposals and an opportunity for local people to provide feedback.

Please join McCarthy & Stone at:

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The Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU On Wednesday 15 August, 2pm - 7pm

Members of the development team will be available to answer questions.

See also article on page 3.

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### Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

~~~ 100th Show ~~~ Vegetables, Flowers, Baking, Industrial and Children's Sections

(Teas, Cakes and Ice Cream Van)

Saturday 18 August 2018

Doors open 2pm followed by presentation of Trophies 學學

Village Hall, Crook of Devon

Admission: Adults £1, Children free

Schedules available from: Fossoway Store or Garage, Crook of Devon; or from George Harley 01577 840752

(Entries can be left in the Hall between 7 – 9pm on Friday 17 August and from 7.30 - 9.30am on Saturday 18 August)

ALL VERY WELCOME - PLEASE COME AND SEE THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOUR AND SHOW YOUR OWN!

### Mindfulness Meditation Class

Mondays, 7pm - 8pm

Loch Leven Community Campus ITC Room



Mindfulness Meditation sessions are running on Monday evenings at the campus until 8 August.

Participants can expect to do some gentle movement, mini sound workshop, relaxation, meditation, mp3 guided meditation, philosophy and reflection.

The sessions are run on a drop-in basis. Entry is by donation. Further information from Vincent Johnston at:

Vincent.johnston@icloud.com

### Scottish Green Party local branch Westfield Incinerator Drop-in Meeting

Saturday 25 August

The local branch of the Scottish Green Party is sponsoring an information event at the Unorthodox Roasters Café in Kinross High Street on 25 August between 2pm and 4pm. This will be a drop-in session to raise the awareness of the new Westfield incinerator in Fife and its impact on Kinross-shire.

Come along and ask Louise Batchelor your questions and learn how to make your voice known. Free teas and coffees.

### **Skeins & Bobbins Classes**

Primary and Senior knitting classes resume in August. Please note, Thursdays are fully booked. For Tuesdays and Fridays, please book in advance.

**Primary**: Tuesdays 21 & 28 August; 4, 11, 18 & 25 Sept. Senior: Fridays 24 & 31 August; 7, 14, 21 & 21 Sept. Knitting and crochet group for adults continues on Saturdays, 2pm-4pm, with crochet resuming on 18 August 2018. All Saturdays prior to this date have specialist knitting help but please come along and bring any craft with you.

Skeins & Bobbins, 120 High Street, Kinross. Tel: 01577 208107.

### The Thursday Group

This is a women's group, meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the lower hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm. Existing and new members very welcome. Contact Elaine on 01592 840266. The first meeting is on Thursday 6 September 2018.

6 Sept Malawi (Brenda Frier)

4 Oct **Heavenly Chocolate** (Gwen McQueen)

1 Nov **Beetle Drive** 

6 Dec **Christmas Meal Outing** 

3 Jan Cycling without Age (Kirsteen Ross)

7 Feb Jewellery (Gillian Skene)

7 Mar Woodland Trust (Ian Baird)

4 Apr Aero Space Kinross (Alisdair Stewart)

**AGM** 2 May

### Cleish SWI **Coffee Morning** Saturday 15 September

10am - 12 noon Cleish Hall. All welcome.





### **Loch Leven NNR** Scottish Natural Heritage Events Programme 2018



**Young Scot Wildlife Cycle** Sat 4 August

The Pier, SNH Office

Sat 11 August Kinross Show,

10am-4pm, RSPB Loch Leven

TRC **Bat Walk** 

18, 22 & 31 Aug 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

### **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

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.



#### REFRESH

In association with Light & Life

### **Thursday 6 September**

7.30pm - 9pm

Angel Cakes Tearoom, 157 High Street, Kinross

This will be the second in a series of events organised by the team who previously ran Healing Rooms in Milnathort. We are now working with "Light and Life" who have events throughout Scotland.

"Refresh" is an opportunity for you to relax in a friendly environment, enjoy Angela's delicious cakes, tea or coffee and also experience some relaxing therapies such as hand massage, encouraging words, healing prayer and prophetic art. There will also be uplifting live music to enjoy and opportunity, if you wish, to have a chat with some of our trained volunteers.

There is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be on

### **Scottish Country Dancing**

**Milnathort Town Hall** 

We start dancing again on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm from 26 September 2018. Old and new members welcome; no partners necessary.

More information from Cathie at 01577 861103.

### 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 Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk



## 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



### **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.

### **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.

### Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2018-19

| Term   | Start (for pupils) | End             |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Autumn | Tue 14 Aug 2018    | Fri 5 Oct 2018  |
| Winter | Mon 22 Oct 2018    | Fri 21 Dec 2018 |
| Spring | Mon 7 Jan 2019     | Fri 29 Mar 2019 |
| Summer | Mon 15 Apr 2019    | Fri 28 Jun 2018 |

Holidays and In-Service Days:

Autumn holiday:

In-Service days:

Christmas holiday:

In-Service & occ holidays:

Spring holiday:

Easter w/e & In-Service day:

Mon 8 Oct – Fri 19 Oct 2018

Thu 15 Nov and Fri 16 Nov 2018

Thu 15 Nov 2018

Thu 15 Nov 2018

Thu 15 Nov 2018

Fri 15 Feb 2019

Wed 13 Feb – Fri 15 Feb 2019

Mon 1 Apr – Fri 12 Apr 2019

Fri 19 Apr – Tue 23 Apr 2019

(Easter Sunday is 21 April 2019)

May Day holiday: Mon 6 May 2019

### 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.

19 Aug Liam Hope

16 Sep **Leonard Brown** 21 Oct **Scott Band** 25 Nov **Liam Stewart** 16 Dec Ian McCallum

### **Scottish Mining Trust Holidays** Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 Web: www.blaircastle.net Subsidised holidays for retired miners and relatives

If you worked in the mining industry, or if you are related to a miner or someone who worked in the mining industry, you may be eligible for subsidised full bed and board holidays at Blair Castle in Culross. Blair Castle is set in beautiful grounds with stunning views over the Forth Estuary. Excellent facilities: 28 well-appointed en-suite rooms, disabled accommodation, games room, quiet rooms, social lounges etc.

Call 01383 880307 or email charles@blaircastle.net to find out more and ask for an application form.

Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

### **PLUS Perth**

www.plusperth.co.uk Tel: 01738 626242 77 Canal Street, Perth

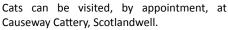


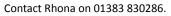
PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

> 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.







### Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

www.grevhoundrescuefife.com



Forever homes needed for rescued Greyhounds 3

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Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!

Please call or email for details Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings) Mob: 07826244765 (daytime) email us on femiejimmyf@aol.com



### 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 addition 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

BROKE NUT 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 BRAKE Broke Not Broken. Tackling the effects of poverty.

BRÖKEN Scottish Registered Charity SC046033

### **Grants for good causes**

**Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL)** Charity No. SC040913



All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are: 30 September and 31 March.

More information is available on the kinross.cc website. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, Tel 01577 865004 or email barrydavies57@btinternet.com

### Mindspace Recovery College

Mindspace Recovery College runs free courses covering all aspects of mental health, co-delivered by people with lived experience, and are open to all. MINDSPAC



### Newsletter Deadlines

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our

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      |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| September | Friday 17 August    | Saturday 1 September  |
| October   | Friday 14 September | Saturday 29 September |

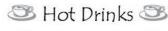


For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

> The Cafe where everything is FREE!











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 Multiple Sclerosis Society 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, or email perthkinross@mssociety.org.uk

### Looking for a venue that can tick all the boxes?

### Crook of Devon Village Hall

☑ Space We can seat up to 100 for a formal meal; 120 for meetings, theatrical performance, talent shows; 80-90 for discos, family gatherings, community events. We can even accommodate bouncy castles for that "all weather" children's party.



- ☑ Car Parking ample parking for the hall.
- ☑ Catering Kitchen with oven, dishwasher and microwave, plus a great serving area.
- ☑ **Stage** and back stage area for performances, costume changes, etc.
- ☑ Plus the usual facilities toilets, disabled toilets, changing areas.
- ☑ We also offer chair and table rental for functions at home.
- ☑ Weekly bookings taken for activities, e.g. yoga, ballet, fitness classes, badminton, youth clubs.

For all hall bookings and enquiries, including our special block booking rates, please contact Jean on 01577 840543 jeanshearer630@btinternet.com

### 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:

### 14 & 28 August

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

### La Leche League meetings in Kinross



First Thursday of the month, 10am - 12 noon

St Paul's Church Meeting Room, The Muirs, Kinross

- Friendly, relaxed mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat.
- Informal chat and an interesting group discussion.
- Plenty of time for answering your questions.

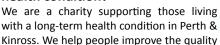
We welcome any mums (and mums to be) who are interested in breastfeeding. Children all very welcome.

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461 www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

### Are you living with a long-term health condition?





of their lives by providing information and running regular selfmanagement 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 ONX Tel: 01738 440099. Email: enquiries.positivechoices@gmail.com We are a registered Scottish Charity SC031076 Empowering Lives, Improving Health

### **Community Councils**

Kinross: Secy: Eileen Thomas, 01577 863714

Email: KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Milnathort: Chair: Craig Williams, 07885 722125

Email: craig@stovestuff.scot

Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel, 01592 840459

Email: PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Chair: Trudy Duffy-Wigman, 01577 840669

Email: fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser, 01577 850253 Email: CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

### **Kinross Community Councillors**

| Margaret Blyth       | 6 Muir Grove       |              |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Jonathan Bryson      | 4 Burnbank Meadows |              |
| David Colliar        | 10 Rannoch Place   | 01577 864037 |
| Dave Cuthbert        | 85 Bowton Road     | 07799 750289 |
| Barry Davies         | 60 Lathro Park     | 01577 865004 |
| Bill Freeman (Chair) | 64 Muirs           | 01577 865045 |
| Ian Jack             | Burnbrae Grange    | 01577 863980 |
| Lynne McKay          | 5 Springfield Road | 01577 531076 |
| Thomas Stewart       | Gellybank Farm     | 01577 864603 |
| Eileen Thomas (Secy) | 50 Muirs           | 01577 863714 |
| David West           | 30 Muirs           | 07824 313974 |

### **Portmoak Community Councillors**

| Robin Cairncross     | (Secretary) | 01592 840672 |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Bruce Calderwood     | (Treasurer) | 01592 840423 |
| Susan Forde          |             | 01592 840128 |
| Tom Smith            |             | 01592 841160 |
| Malcolm Strang Steel | (Chairman)  | 01592 840459 |
| Dave Morris          |             | 01592 840500 |
| Andrew Muszynski     |             | 01592 840467 |

Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

### Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

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### Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

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### **Mobile Library Service**

| Visiting on Tuesdays 14 & 28 August |                   |           |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| Glenfarg                            | Main Street       | 1200-1300 |  |
| Forgandenny                         | Rossie Place      | 1545-1615 |  |
| Visiting on Wednesda                | ays 8 & 22 August |           |  |
| 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'

### **Blythswood Care collection in Perth**

The charity Blythswood Care uplifts donations of secondhand goods in Perth at MacDiarmid Park. There will be collections there on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.15pm: 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 4 December. Blythswood Care welcomes undamaged and good quality donations of: clothes, footwear, books, toys, blankets, bric à brac, bicycles, soft furnishings (bedding, curtains etc.), CDs, DVDs, mobile phones, tools and small items of furniture. All soft furnishings must have a fire label with BS cod BS7177 attached. Regretfully Blythswood cannot accept electrical goods.

### Local Volunteer Opportunities

Broke not Broken is a voluntary organisation working for the prevention and relief of poverty by providing support and practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Please contact Claire Slight to found out how you can help: clare.slight@brokenotbroken.org

Greyhound Rescue Fife at Baltree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, need volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

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

Kinross Heart Start: Campaign to secure funds for public access defibrillators in Kinross. Contact Pamela Hunter to find out how you can volunteer on 01577 862419.

Light Up Kinross is a small local charity with responsibility for Kinross Christmas lights and decorations. We require additional volunteers to assist with fundraising and administration of the lights. If you are interested, please contact David Colliar, email davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk 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 Caldow on 01577 863350 or Secretary Linda Freeman on 01577 865045 for more information.

Children's Hospices Across Scotland: Can you spare a few hours of your time? We are looking to fill the following volunteer vacancies:



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.

Seamab is a residential school that cares for and educates some of the



most vulnerable children in Scotland. We are looking for volunteers to help us place and manage collecting cans across Perth and Kinross. Volunteering for Seamab will help make a huge difference to the lives of the children at Seamab and will be a great way to meet new people and develop new skills. For more information please contact Melloney Flinn at mflinn@seamab.org.uk or on 01577 840307.

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.

### Useful telephone numbers

| Medical                                      |               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Loch Leven Health Centre                     | 01577 862112  |
| Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours        | 01577 865252  |
| NHS 24                                       | 111           |
| Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard       | 01382 660111  |
| Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and        |               |
| Enquiries Desk)                              | 01738 473734  |
| Ninewells Hospital, Dundee                   | 01382 660111  |
| Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy                 | 01592 643355  |
| Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline         | 01383 623623  |
| Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross                   | 01577 862422  |
| Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort               | 01577 862219  |
| Police, non-emergency                        | 101           |
| Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance           |               |
| and Coastguard emergencies                   | 999           |
| Gas (worried about gas safety)               | 0800 111 999  |
| Water (loss of supply, foul water emergency) | 0845 600 8855 |
|                                              |               |

| Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages    | 0345 988 1188    |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)              |                  |  |  |
| Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pn | n) 01738 475000  |  |  |
| Reporting non-emergency Road and           |                  |  |  |
| Lighting faults (CLARENCE)                 | 0800 232323      |  |  |
| PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers         |                  |  |  |
| Adult care services                        | 0345 301 11 20   |  |  |
| Anti-social behaviour helpline             | 01738 476173*42* |  |  |
| (*42* telephone and leave a voicemail)     |                  |  |  |
| Child protection                           | 01738 476768     |  |  |
| Council housing emergency repairs          | 01738 476000     |  |  |
| Dangerous buildings                        | 01738 476476     |  |  |
| Environmental Health                       | 01738 476476     |  |  |
| Flooding                                   | 01738 476476     |  |  |
| Homelessness                               | 0800 917 0708    |  |  |
| Mental health services                     | 0345 301 11 20   |  |  |
| Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)            | 01738 476476     |  |  |
| Traveline Scotland                         | 0871 200 22 33   |  |  |

## Kinross-shire Centre

Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

### **Weekly Programme**

Monday **Exercise Class** Bingo 1.30pm 1.15pm Scrabble, cards & other Games

"Stride for Life" Walking Group 2pm

**Tuesday** Carpet Curling 11am **Relaxation Class** 1.15pm

Games 1.15pm

Singing group with Alex Cant 1.45pm

Wednesday Morning Worship 10.45am

> Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games 1.30pm

Fantastic Fun Quiz 2<sub>nm</sub>

**Thursday** Carpet Curling or Boccia 11am

> Crafts Film or music Afternoon 1.30pm 1.30pm

Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc 1.30pm **Balance & Strength Class** 1.30pm

Balance & Strength Exercise Class 11am - 12pm Friday

> Dominoes, Games or music 1.30pm Bingo 1.30pm

### Additional Events for August

Chiropody **Thursday** 2nd, 21st 9.45am - 1pm (phone 01577 863869 for an appointment) **Hearing Loss Support and Advice** Monday 6th 11am - 12pm Tai Chi Wednesday 8th. 22nd 1.30pm - 2pm 30th **Library Visit Thursday** 1.30pm 30th 10am **Barge Trip Thursday** 

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

The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline Sundays:

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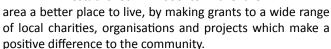
for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman\_64@btinternet.com



### Kinross-shire Fund

Kinross-shire Fund established in 2006 to make the



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.

### **SCUBA Diving Equipment**

£400

This SCUBA gear is in excellent condition including Scubapro cylinders 10 & 12 litre, Scubapro regulator/octopus/SPG with soft case, dive planner computer, manuals and sundries.

Seller Details: Vincent Johnston

07949 377475

vincejapfran@yahoo.com

Pine Cot £50

In good condition.

Cooper Pegler Knapsack Sprayer £20

15 litre. In working order.

AL-KO 620 Ride-On Mower £200

In good working order.

AL-KO 620 Ride-On Mower £200

In good working order.

Seller Details for above four items

Jane Turnbull 01592 841179

janeturnbull.jt@gmail.com

Sofas £200

3 & 2 Seater Sofas. Pillow back cushions with 8 scatter cushions,

antique feet. Good condition.

Seller Details: Valerie Gibson 07795 828213

val44g@gmail.com

Junior Golf Set £25

MKids junior golf set (5 to 7 year olds) Driver, 7 iron, 9 iron, putter

and stand bag. Cost £118 new.

Seller Details: Bob McIntosh 07774 974776

bobrmcintosh@gmail.com

Hot Bin Composting £75

Hot Bin Compost for garden waste.

Seller Details: John Meiklem 07808 897301

johnmeiklem@btinternet.com

### The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling **REVOLE** 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.

### Hedges/Bushes/Trees Causing Obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed.

Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

### 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').

#### Kinross Stove & Cooker Centre, Turfhills, Kinross KY13 ONQ

Stove Fitter wanted; based in Kinross. Training will be available for the right candidate. If you have a good range of trade skills and want to add another one there may be a place on our fitting team. We seek a competent tradesperson who aims for high standards and is willing to learn new skills. You will work with our HETAS qualified fitters initially and if your ability is proven then a HETAS course will result. Rates of pay commensurate with your experience and skill level. Please respond with CV and any relevant information.

Please reply with CV and covering letter/email outlining your experience and any other relevant information to corinne@ kinrossstovecentre.co.uk

#### The Court House Coffee Bar and Restaurant is hiring!

Our restaurant is friendly and welcoming with a strong emphasis on great food. If you are positive, hard-working and keen to learn, we want to hear from you! We are inviting applications for:

A full time Bar Manager A full time day server A part-time day/evening server Two full-time kitchen assistants

with a view to gaining a career in food. Full training will be provided Please submit applications to Claire@courthousekinross.com or drop off in person. Good luck!

### **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.

### 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.

### **Grants and Funding Websites**

www.pkgrantsdirect.com www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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| Sat        | 4        | Kinross & Ochil Walking Group has walks throughout the month                  | 40           |
| Sat        | 4        | Young Scot Wildlife Cycle                                                     | 84           |
| Mon        | 6        | Kinross Hub Carers Café                                                       | 85           |
| Mon        | 6        | Inaugural meeting of Kinross-shire U3A                                        | 42           |
| Mon        | 6        | Next deadline for applications to Kinross-shire Fund                          | 90           |
| Mon        | 6        | Cleish & Blairadam CC meets                                                   | 33           |
| Mon        | 6        | Rotary Club meets regulary                                                    | 34           |
| Mon        | 6        | Deadline for entries to Scarecrow Competition (Kinross Show)                  | 84           |
| Tue<br>Thu | 7<br>9   | Fossoway & District CC meets Kinross Garden Group outing                      | 33<br>40     |
| Thu        | 9        | IT Help Session at the Library                                                | 47           |
| Thu        | 9        | Milnathort CC meets                                                           | 33           |
| Sat        | 11       | KINROSS-SHIRE AGRICULTURAL SHOW                                               | 8-10         |
| Tue        | 14       | Local schools resume after summer holiday                                     | 85           |
| Tue        | 14       | Junior coaching block begins at Kinross Tennis Club                           | 68           |
| Tue        | 14       | Citizens Advice Bureau outreach surgery (also on 28th)                        | 87           |
| Tue        | 14       | Portmoak CC meets                                                             | 33           |
| Tue        | 14       | Walking Football resumes                                                      | 65           |
| Wed        | 15       | Public Exhibition: McCarthy & Stone Windlestrae plans                         | 3, 83        |
| Fri        | 17       | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE                                                           | 1            |
| Fri        | 17       | Netball Club resumes                                                          | 65           |
| Sat        | 18       | Hockey Club Open Day                                                          | 61-62        |
| Sat<br>Sat | 18<br>18 | Kinross Rugby Club youth section Come and Try End of Summer Reading Challenge | 65<br>47, 48 |
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| Sat        | 18       | Kinross Primary School New School Fair                                        | 84           |
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| Sat        | 18       | Osprey Walk with SNH                                                          | 84           |
| Sun        | 19       | Ceilidh in Milnathort Town Hall                                               | 86           |
| Tue        | 21       | Circle Dancing resumes                                                        | 35           |
| Tue        | 21       | Kinross & District Art Club resumes after summer                              | 36           |
| Tue        | 21       | Kinross Kobras training resumes                                               | 61           |
| Tue        | 21       | Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club resumes                                     | 61           |
| Wed        | 22       | Osprey Walk with SNH                                                          | 84           |
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| Sun        | 26       | Mary, Queen of Scots 'The Great Escape' Boat Race                             | 4            |
| Sun        | 26       | Bat Walk with RSPB                                                            | 73           |
| Wed        | 29       | Stephen Booth, crime writer: author talk at library                           | 47           |
| Fri        | 31       | Tom Adamson and The Dun Reels at Muckhart                                     | 19, 21       |
| Fri        | 31       | Osprey Walk with SNH                                                          | 84           |
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| Mon        | 3        | Kinross Hub Carers Café: dementia training                                    | 85           |
| Wed        | 5        | Networking Breakfast with speaker Richard Jeffrey                             | 48           |
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| Wed        | 5        | Kinross Kacophony Orchestra resumes                                           | 39           |
| Thu        | 6        | Refresh in association with Light & Life                                      | 84           |
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