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Front row: Lorraine Holdsworth, Rhona Bradbury

Letter from The Editor

Like many, I was sad to hear that the Kinross Show had to be cancelled this year, for the first time in over 50 years. A huge amount of work goes in to organising the Show, and I wish the organisers all the best for better weather conditions next year. Heavy rainfall is becoming familiar; see our interesting feature about raingardens on p16.

September is an eventful month in Kinross with lots going on and many clubs and groups starting up again for a new season. See the diary on p104 for just some of the dates you need to remember. The cover this month shows the local artists and makers in the area who will be throwing open their doors to you for Perthshire Open Studios from 7-15 September, keen to show you their work. Go along and you will get a friendly welcome, and perhaps even a cup of tea!

Hannah

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

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Jeopardy junction

I write with regard to the junction of Montgomery Street and High Street, Kinross. What will it take before some action is taken at this junction? Both left and right-hand turnings are blocked at times during the day and night. On the right-hand side where the Indian restaurant sits, there are double yellow lines and a pavement, and frequently vehicles park on both the pavement and on the double yellow lines. This means any car coming out of Montgomery street is unable to see clearly. The same scenario occurs on the other side. This is surely an accident waiting to happen – it will be too late then! Police cars and vans frequently go up and down the High Street and seem to turn a blind eye. Let's have some action before it is too late!

Sheila Rennie

17 Montgomery Way, Kinross

Gallowhill overload?

I am stunned at the speed and size of the car transporter today on Gallowhill Road (pictured). This is just another reason why an access road for the proposed new homes by Persimmon shouldn't be sited on Gallowhill Road. The increase in traffic, especially large, fast moving wide vehicles is evident on the street. How there hasn't been an accident surprises me. Remember the following:

1. Many of us have children that walk or play on the pavements, where we have them.
2. School children walking to and from school cross the road at the crossing point on the corner by Mavisbank or cross at one of the cut throughs into the Lathro estate.
3. Caravans are trying to negotiate the corners too.
4. There are cars parked due to necessity on the road.
5. The road is narrow and has elevations which means that you cannot always see oncoming traffic – let alone farm vehicles!

Some traffic calming measures would increase safety and stop the road becoming a rat run. We even had cars racing along it one night this week. Please show some consideration for the safety of all.

Julie White,

42 Gallowhill Road, Kinross



A large car transporter on Gallowhill Road

Green space for all?

I was at the August meeting of Kinross CC where a representative of Kinross Hockey Club spoke about the club's proposal to annex more land on the King George V Playing Field for the exclusive use of the hockey club and their visiting teams. This is in addition to the artificial pitch surrounded by fencing.

The land in question is between the western edge of the artificial hockey pitch and the wall which forms a boundary between the playing field and houses on the Muirs.

This space is almost 9m wide by 97.5m long and consists mainly of grass where six mature trees grow. There is a 1.2m wide tarmac path alongside the hockey pitch fence.



Some of the trees and green space at risk at KGV

The proposal involves cutting down at least three of the trees, removing most of the grass and replacing it with a hard surface to provide a 'warm up' area for players, the benefit being that mud will not be transferred on to the artificial pitch. The land would be fenced off with lockable gates to prevent members of the public walking along this western side of the playing fields.

The club had also submitted documents to the CC. In these, in answer to a possible suggestion that the tree removal is to reduce the maintenance required in tidying up leaves, the club's response was: 'our only comment here is that no one would continue to mop up water if there was a pipe leak, they would deal with the pipe.' How very sad that trees are regarded as faulty because they leak leaves.

On this part of the field there are two common lime trees and four rowan, currently looking beautiful in full fruit. The trees provide a valuable visual softening of the harshness of the artificial pitch and high metal fencing, as well as a slight screening effect for local residents from the fence and floodlights. The trees have biodiversity value, providing a habitat for insects, birds and bats. Red squirrels have been sighted in the northernmost tree.

The KGV Playing Field is owned by Perth and Kinross Council and is supposed to be protected by a guardianship arrangement with the organisation Fields In Trust.

Fields In Trust says it 'champions and supports our parks and green spaces by protecting them for people to enjoy in perpetuity'. It also says: 'Parks and green spaces are proven to help people stay physically and mentally well; places where we can all move, breathe, run and play.' Unfortunately, at this rate, the green, natural space that was KGV is turning into a grey, sterile place and those citizens of Kinross who simply want to walk, run or casually play in it are being further marginalised.

The hockey club indicated they would be submitting a formal planning application to PKC very soon. (See p. 29 - ED)

Eileen Thomas
50 Muirs, Kinross

Ode to a much loved clock...

How pleased I was, a few months back
To look out of my window and see
The Town Hall clock, which once did not work
Correctly inform me the hour was three!

My watch confirmed mid-afternoon,
Time for tea and a sticky bun?
Imagine my confusion then
A single chime proclaimed it one!

Just one chime, and so I thought
Perhaps that's all we'll ever get
But as the hour of four arrived
With two chimes I was met.

The Town Hall clock is magnificent
And I'm thankful it tells the right time
But I wish that when it's eleven pm
It wouldn't try to tell me it's nine!

Last week I awoke to hear seven
chimes

And rolled over in my comfortable bed
But it was nine am so I really
Should have been at work instead!

Life in Kinross can be pleasantly slow
So if at your door I knock
Be kind to me if I am late
And blame the Kinross clock!

Anon



Congratulations



Both families were delighted to celebrate the wedding on 25 July at Balbirnie House Hotel of **Nicole**, eldest daughter of Yvonne and Jim **Wardrope** and **Stuart**, youngest son of Cat and Murray **Hunter**. We wish them all the best for their future together.

Weather



July Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	103.6mm = 4.14ins
Heaviest rainfall	19.9mm (9th)
Total sunshine for the month	157.1 hours
Sunniest day	9.5 hours (25th)
Minimum temperature average	10.41°C
Lowest temperature	3.2°C (7th)
Maximum temperature average	20.31°C
Highest temperature	28.1°C (25th)

News & Articles

Kinross Show Washout

This year, for the first time in over 50 years, the Kinross Show did not take place. Despite heroic efforts from organisers and volunteers, it was decided that the unprecedented rainfall had finally got the better of the situation and allowing the show to take place would have been irresponsible to both visitors and exhibitors. President Andrew Turnbull, Secretary Jane Drysdale, and the rest of the committee put in a huge amount of hard work over the last 18 months to make the Kinross Show a success and we wish them all the best for better weather next year. Now read on...



A letter from the Kinross Show organisers

Dear readers,

As I'm sure you are all aware, Kinross Show, due to take place on Saturday 10 August was cancelled due to severe weather. The show has been cancelled before due to Foot and Mouth disease but this is the first time in living memory that the weather has prevented the show from going ahead.

The decision was heartbreaking and made despite the best efforts of the committee. The heavy rainfall through Thursday night followed by a torrential downpour on Friday morning meant the field was starting to become very wet, tracked and slippery. We had carried out remedial work to improve access and also hired event matting to make it easier for vehicles to enter and exit but in the face of continued bad weather forecasts and in the interests of health and safety for everyone involved it was the best decision to make.

I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to exhibitors, livestock competitors, trade stands and to the general public. I would sincerely like to thank all the committee for their hard work and turning out in all weathers to help. Jane Drysdale our Show Secretary deserves special thanks for her efforts to contact everyone with the news.

With so many people involved in the competitions it was disappointing news for all ages but with the aid of social media, I'm pleased to say the Scarecrow Competition and the Children's Section of the Flower Show were run on Facebook. This was a good way to recognise the energy and enthusiasm that is put in by the younger generation and results will be posted in next month's edition of the *Newsletter*.

Kinross SWI group had welcomed over 400 entries for the home baking, handicrafts and community sections by the time the decision was taken. SWI judges from Dunbartonshire were already on their way so this part of the show carried on. The prize giving of the many awards and trophies also took place, it was a glorious celebration despite the wet conditions.

Over the last week I have been very grateful to receive many positive messages of support and understanding. Together with the committee I will be looking to the future and fundraising to ensure that Kinross Show returns in 2020. We promise to make it an even bigger and better day out and hope you can join us in supporting this great event.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turnbull

President

Kinross-shire Agricultural Society

Cereals

Convenor: Willie Young

Judge: Mr Robbie Whiteford, Cupar.

Class 1 - Spring Oats (The Wallace Cup)

1st G Paton 2nd W S Young 3rd W Paterson

Class 2 - Spring Barley (The Thomanian Plate)

1st R Niven 2nd J Baillie 3rd A Turnbull

Class 3 - Winter Wheat (The Bayer Cup)

1st W Nelson Brackley
2nd J Baillie, Colliston (Viscount)
3rd J Smith, Hattonburn

Class 4 - Winter Barley (The Fordell Cup)

1st W S Young & Son (Orwell)
2nd J & J Russell, Mawhill
3rd A & S Lawrie, Cuthill Towers

Class 5 - Winter Oats. (The Lethangie Trophy)

1st A Baird, Kirkness (Dalguise)
2nd Hilton Estates
3rd A Harley, Seeds

Potato Sections

Convenor: David Niven

Judge: Robbie Brown, Newport on Tay

Class 6 - Seed Potatoes (The Seamac Trophy)

1st John Baillie, with a crop of Hermes
2nd A Harley, seeds with a crop of Bambino
3rd Rob Doig, with a crop of Osprey





Kinross Show SWI trophies report

During extreme weather on the Friday the SWI marquee was set up ready to receive our members and their entries at 12pm. Just after this time the committee had to make the sad decision that the show on the Saturday would be cancelled, but due to SWI members being already on site and our judges on their way from Dunbartonshire it was decided that our competitions would continue.

The theme for the community competitions were, for the handcraft section, 'Flower Power' and, for the homeskill's section, 'Flour Power'. There were over 400 entries on the day which combined to produce a fantastic display of handicrafts, baking, produce, floral art, children's and gents' entries. On the Saturday morning we welcomed our members back to the marquee at 10am for the presentation of the prizes by Kinross Show president Andrew Turnbull and his wife, Fiona. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who kindly sponsored the classes for this year's show - their generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to all who helped the marquee run smoothly and successfully, especially during the difficult conditions.

Finally, we must express our gratitude and thanks to the Kinross-shire Agricultural Society for all their help, and for allowing us to continue to hold our competitions after the rest of the show had been cancelled.

Kinross Show SWI Trophies

Aldridge-Sealy Trophy – Carnbo
 Stewart Cup – Margot Moran – Glenfarg
 Enid Scott-Davidson Cup – Cleish
 Benarty Trophy – Blairingone
 Teenage Trophy – Jen Pickard – Cleish
 Balado Cup – Lucy Moran – Glenfarg
 Morris Quaich – Ailsa McDougall – Cleish
 Hilton Cup – Dorothy Morris – Cleish
 Jane Elliot Bell – Cleish
 Ann Watson Trophy – Molly White-Carnbo
 Arnotlea Trophy – Linda Band- Carnbo
 Irene Whitson Salver – Anne Bayne – Cleish
 The Group Rose Bowl – Josephine Paterson – Carnbo
 Community A Paperweight – Mary Mitchell – Blairingone
 Community B Paperweight – Agnes Murray – Blairingone
 Margaret Ironside Memorial Trophy – Margaret Nelson – Cleish
 Frances Drysdale Quaich – Sharon Buchanan – Powmill
 Arbuckle Cup- Dianne Mitchell – Carnbo
 Fleming Embroidery Trophy – Linda Chapman – Bishopshire

A welcome awaits you from local artists and makers

Over 200 artists throughout Perthshire are taking part in the 2019 Perthshire Open Studios event this September, with nine local venues around Kinross-shire forming the Turquoise Route.

Running from 7-15 September, the Open Studios event sees artists and makers opening up their workplaces – in many cases, their own homes – to showcase their work to visitors from far and wide.

Here in Kinross-shire, there is a wide variety of art and craft to see.

If fine art is your thing, there are three individual painters showing their work this year – Chiara Fingland at Venue 48, Smile and Wave's Kathryn Kirkwood at Venue 49 and Liz Harvey at Venue 56. Chiara works expressively in the medium of watercolour and colour pencil, Kathryn paints vibrant landscapes and seascapes mainly in acrylic, while Liz produces work inspired by natural forms in both watercolour and oils. There's also a wider variety of local artistic talent on show at the annual display of the Kinross and District Art Club (Venue 53).

Gorgeous homewares and textile accessories are the speciality of both Lorraine Holdsworth at Siskin (Venue 51) and Deirdre Hutson at Bothan Beag Designs (Venue 50). Deirdre produces beautiful felted art, Harris Tweed accessories and gifts, while Lorraine designs and makes a wide range of cotton and Harris Tweed homewares and gifts, as well as unusual geometric thread art.

Meanwhile, Rhona Bradbury at Ritzy Glass (Venue 54) designs and makes a huge range of homewares and gifts from fused glass. Colourful and quirky, her newest ranges include glass flowers set in coordinated vases, alongside clocks, glass art and hanging decorations. Completing the Kinross-shire line-up are two jewellers, Rebecca Robertson of Holly Silver Jewellery at Venue 52, and Gill Skene at Venue 55. Rebecca creates handmade and bespoke pieces in sterling silver and gold, while Gill creates unique jewellery through the unusual technique of knitting freshwater pearls and semi-precious stones with silver-plated wire.

Gill is also Route Coordinator for the Perthshire Open Studios Turquoise Route. She said: 'All nine studios on the Kinross-shire Route are

really excited to be part of this year's event and we're all busy preparing new pieces to show and sell. Our artists and makers are looking forward to welcoming visitors, and while our work is all for sale, we're delighted just to chat with people about our work – there is absolutely no obligation to buy!' The Turquoise Route is kindly sponsored by the Webster Group, and many of the participating studios will be making cups of tea for visitors in return for a donation to CHAS.

More information on all the artists and makers participating in Perthshire Open Studios event can be found at perthshireopenstudios.com.



Sad end to 125 years of history

Perth and Kinross councillors expressed regret as they passed a motion to demolish the 125-yr-old Lomond Country Inn in Kinnesswood. Although the site had been granted residential use in 2016, the property had, according to LibDem councillor Willie Wilson, been left to 'moulder' and was no longer in a fit state for repair.

Cllr Wilson said: 'It was a lovely hotel in a lovely location overlooking the loch. It's a sad day to see this building go.'

Conservation area consent had been granted in 2016 for the demolition of part of the property but this, apparently, had not been enough to ensure restoration.

Representing the developers, Mr Mitchell informed the committee that cracks had developed on the gable end by the roadside and, since the property had no foundations, it would need to be underpinned. There was no dampproof course and the '...structural engineers and surveyors brought in to view had deemed restoration unviable', an opinion confirmed by the council's own officers.

Independent councillor Mike Barnacle was critical of the situation that allowed the Lomond Inn to fall into such a state of disrepair. The 2016 part-demolition had given permission for a small number of houses to be built on the remaining land and, he said, the committee had agreed to this against the will of the four ward councillors. He asked why there had been such a delay following the removal of the annexe and how and why the building had been allowed to fall into such a state of decay.

There had been an attempt to put together a steering committee to look into a community buyout of the property, Cllr Barnacle added, but this seemed to have come to nothing. In reply, the council officer stated the council had not received the community proposal.

Cllr Richard Watters (SNP Kinross-shire) also expressed his regret but said that 'safety had to come first'. He joined Cllr Barnacle in asking that stone from the demolished inn be reclaimed and used in the construction of the building to take its place. Mr Mitchell suggested

that the reclaimed stone could be incorporated into the garden wall of the new property. Conditions have already been made that the roof slates would be reclaimed wherever possible, but were of a different design than those on the new building, so would not look right if used to cover only part of the roof. Perhaps the solution would be to roof the garage structure with the salvageable materials, he added.

The motion to demolish the building was proposed by SNP councillor Tom Gray and seconded by Cllr Willie Wilson. Councillors approved demolition and replacement with a residential building. The new building was described as having been 'redesigned and reoriented', it would be 'characterful and reflective of the area.'

Cllr Barnacle said: 'I agree that where we are now, the demolition should be approved,' but added a warning caveat. 'It's been put to me by the community that – should we approve it – this decision gives the green light to any developer to demolish a building in time and rebuild.' The situation, Cllr Barnacle added, left them with 'no alternative'. He urged caution against the reoccurrence of such a situation.

A spokesperson for Kinross-shire Civic Trust said: 'The existing original building is prominent within the Kinnesswood Conservation Area. An opportunity to restore this neglected property was an option, and we understand a committed developer could have achieved this, more satisfactory, outcome. However, once again, a key building of character will be lost to this community and in our opinion the replacement which has been approved will do nothing to enhance the character of the conservation area.'



The Lomond Inn, June 2018 Photo: Eileen Thomas

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Save the heart of a community – Kinnesswood shop to close

David Buchan is the fourth generation of his family to run the Kinnesswood shop. But after many years of getting up before dawn to do the papers, he and Ishbel have decided to give it up and continue with the garage alone.

They intend to sell the shop at the end of the year but, in a very generous gesture, they're giving the community first option to buy, so that it can continue to serve Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell and the surrounding villages.



Kinnesswood shop

If we can accept David and Ishbel's offer and grasp this opportunity we will not merely preserve a shop but create a centre and hub which revitalises Portmoak.

It's happening all over the country – communities are working together to save pubs and village shops. Only 11 miles up the road, villagers in Dunshalt, near Auchtermuchty, have bought their local shop with help from the Scottish Land Fund.

The shop is the one place in Kinnesswood where people can buy essentials, sell tickets for community events, publicise sponsored fundraisers and, above all, have a blether.

During the heavy snows of last year's Beast from the East David Buchan got through the drifts to ensure that the shop remained well stocked. It was a lifeline for everyone in the parish.

It won't be easy to save but it must be worth a try. And that's why a meeting is to be held in **Portmoak Village Hall** at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 5 September** to see if we can do something.

Time is short but it may be possible to take out a lease while other options are considered.

The meeting's being organised by villagers who have heard the news and have decided to act. It's open to absolutely everyone who wants to hear what's happening and throw in questions and ideas.

This may be the only chance to save the heart of the community.

Heritage Trail gains mobility access

With support from the Kinross-shire Fund, the Kinross-shire Partnership were recently able to make their dream of providing a mobility scooter to RSPB Loch Leven a reality. Those who suffer from impaired mobility have not until now been able to fully access the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, as construction of the underpass was still under way.

Alastair Stewart of the Kinross-shire Partnership is delighted with the completion of the scooter project, which was inspired by Lindsay Cant, pictured here.

The Kinross-shire Partnership supplied the first scooter to RSPB Loch Leven at the beginning of August. This delivery was postponed pending completion of an underpass at the RSPB Loch Leven Nature Reserve. This has now opened and transforms access to the nature reserve and heritage trail for people with impaired mobility.

The underpass provides a safe crossing point under the B9097, replacing an old tunnel that had steep steps at both ends. The underpass can now be accessed using paths suitable for wheelchair and mobility scooter users, cyclists, and families with pushchairs. It will make it much easier for anyone with mobility issues to visit the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

The Kinross-shire Partnership also supplied a new (replacement) scooter to Loch Leven's Larder. Local councillor Willie Robertson commented, 'I am delighted that monies from the Community Investment Fund have been put to such good use'.



Lindsay Cant, RSPB staff, a representative from the supplier, Rob McLachlan, maintenance engineer, and Alastair Stewart taking delivery of the first scooter to the RSPB reserve

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Boardwalk closed for repairs

The boardwalk between Kirkgate Park and the pier is to be replaced this summer. The work commenced on 26 August and will take approximately 5 weeks. There is a relatively straightforward diversion: see the green line on the map at right. A small area of the pier car park will be closed off to allow the contractor to store equipment and machinery. The diversion for walkers is only a 5-minute walk and all businesses are open as normal.



Where should the Stone of Destiny go?

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation to decide the fate of one of Scotland's most important treasures, the Stone of Destiny, and you can help decide where the Stone should go.

The Stone first entered history records in 1057, when Lulach was proclaimed King at Scone. It appears to have been used in the coronation of Scottish monarchs at Scone thereafter. In 1296, it was seized and taken to England by King Edward I. It was placed in a specially designed Coronation chair in Westminster Abbey, and then used in the coronation of the future Kings and Queens of England and, subsequently, those of the United Kingdom.

In 1996 the Stone was returned to Scotland. Since then it has resided in the Crown Room at Edinburgh Castle. The Queen gave responsibility for the Stone to the Commissioners for the Safeguarding of the Regalia, under Royal Warrant.

Historic Environment Scotland have launched a case for leaving the Stone at Edinburgh Castle, where it is currently

kept in the crown vault, alongside the Honours of Scotland: the Crown, the Sceptre and the Sword of State. A major redevelopment of the display of all these treasures is planned. But many believe that the Stone should be returned to its ancestral home in Perthshire, and be housed in an enclosure in a newly refurbished £23 million museum in Perth City Hall. This would allow both locals and tourists to see it free of charge, and there is no doubt that it would boost the numbers of international visitors to the area.

If you believe the Stone of Destiny should return to Perthshire, you can make your views known until 19 September 2019 by visiting the website:

<https://consult.gov.scot/commissioners-for-the-safeguarding-of-the-regalia/the-stone-of-destiny/>

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Army truck falls off lorry on M90

There were major delays on the southbound M90 recently and the road was closed after an Army transporter shed its load. The crane, carried on a trailer, appears to have overturned



Photos from Fife Jammer Locations Facebook page

close to the central reservation. Motorists suffered lengthy tailbacks while the accident was cleared, with both lanes being blocked by the vehicles and by the debris on the road. The incident happened between junction 2a and 2 at Pitreavie near Dunfermline. Amazingly, no one was injured. A recovery crane was escorted northbound on the hard shoulder as efforts to remove the lorry got under way.



Have your say – stand for your Community Council

Elections for Community Councils are held every four years. During this time local residents can petition for an election to establish or re-establish a Community Council and by-elections may be held to fill vacancies.

All Community Councils across Perth and Kinross Council area go to election on Thursday 7 November 2019. **The nomination period is now open and closes at 4pm on Thursday 26 September 2019.** If you care about the area you live in and want to make a difference, then **get involved by standing for your local Community Council.**

Many Kinross people care passionately about the area they live in and want to give something back. Nomination forms and copies of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils or obtained from the Returning Officer at 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH. Alternatively, call 01738 475004 or email communitycouncils@pkc.gov.uk.

Those wishing to stand for election to their community council must be at least 16 years of age and be resident in, and be named on the electoral register for, the area in which they are standing.

Public meeting about Windlestrae site proposals

The public will have a chance to voice their opinion over the proposed development of the Windlestrae site at an event to be held in September. Developers Juniper Homes are holding an exhibition on Wednesday 11 September from 4-8pm at the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross KY13 8AU. Feedback forms will be available on the day and consultants will be on hand to answer any questions. All welcome.

Winning Kid!

Back in June the *Kinross Newsletter* ran a competition for Open Farm Sunday, to name the baby goat pictured on the front cover of the June issue. The winner of the competition was 11-year-old Abbi Johnston whose name was picked out of the hat as just one of the many entrants who chose the name 'Fern'. Here is a picture of Abbi with farmer Colin Dawes and Fern. Well done Abbi!



Abbi Johnston with Fern the goat

Visiting Kinross-shire?

For information on Eating Out, Parks and Gardens, Historic Buildings and more, visit www.visitlochleven.org

Your vote needed for Kinross-shire skate park

Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub is on the shortlist to win a share of Persimmon Homes' Building Futures £1million pot supporting under-18s nationwide, but they need your votes to win.

Persimmon Homes is backing Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub to be a prize winner at a gala dinner in October, where cash awards of £100,000, £50,000 or £20,000 will be made to those winning the most votes.

Steven Robinson, representing Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub, said 'It is a huge achievement to have been selected as a regional finalist, but now we really need people to get behind us and get voting so that we are in the strongest possible position to earn one of the top three cash awards on the night.'

The Community Sports Hub are a coalition of 20 sports clubs with 2137 members working together to improve local sporting and recreation opportunities, health and wellbeing. They would use funding to extend the skate park facilities in Kinross. The existing park is just a bowl which means it is only usable by advanced skate-board users. The project aims to extend activities at the skate park for children, adults and people with disabilities to include roller skating/blading, BMX-ing, scootering and skateboarding.

Voting is easy. Go to www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures/ and select Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub. Online voting will close at midnight on September 27.

As well as the £100,000 first prize, there will be a £50,000 second prize and a £20,000 third prize in each sector, while a further 87 shortlisted projects will each receive £5000.

Kinross Newsletter profits the people

We are always delighted to receive feedback and letters from our readers about the *Kinross Newsletter*. As well as being Kinross-shire's favourite magazine, *The Newsletter* also contributes to the community financially.

Did you know that the profits made by the *Kinross Newsletter* are given away to good causes? All the profits made from advertising sales and the sales of your *Newsletter* are transferred into a charitable company, called Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL). The charity gives away large sums of cash to various local good causes bi-annually.

Groups and individuals are invited to apply to the charity for grant funding, with decisions being made at two meetings every year. The deadlines to apply for funding are in March and in September, with the next deadline being soon on **30 September 2019**. Why not see if your community group or organisation could benefit from the funding? It is easy to apply.

More information is available on the community council website at www.kinross.cc where application forms can be downloaded. You can also request a form from the applications administrator, Barry Davies, at barrydavies57@btinternet.com (Tel: 01577 865004).

Model seaplanes at Kirkgate Park

The weekend of 17 and 18 August saw an annual model seaplane event which began 25 years ago as an addition to the Kinross Show. The weather was windy with squally showers, so not ideal, but flying did take place on both days with plenty of interest from other park users. Up to 50 people travelled from as far afield as Fort William and Yorkshire, bringing models powered by petrol or glow-plug engines or electric motors. We flew our planes from the beach in Kirkgate, over the loch, taking off and landing on the water. Radio control allows us to fly several models at the same time, and they vary in size from 1-metre wingspan (with a 1cc engine) to over 3 metres, 80cc engines and needing a van for transport and several people to operate! We get permission from the council and a permit from SNH who monitor us carefully to ensure no significant disturbance to wildlife. Louise from SNH visited us on both days.



The Kinross-shire area is something of a hot-bed for model aircraft, more often taking off from a grass field – we have three local clubs in Glenrothes, Kinross (at Balado) and Balbedie Farm, by Kinglassie. Flying takes place all year round, weather permitting.

The Loch Leven Flyers are just one of the model waterplane events which include Loch Insh, Loch Earn and Monikie (by Dundee). If you missed us this year check us out again in 2020, or call in at one of the local clubs.

Learn from Japanese experts in horticulture

As a result of the success of last years' Japanese Festival at Cowden, The Japan World Exposition 1970 Commemorative Fund has awarded Cowden Garden the associated costs to fly four leading Japanese landscape architects to Clackmannanshire.

Cowden Japanese Garden will host a weekend of talks and workshops on **31 August and 1 September**. This year the focus is on exploring the links between Japanese art forms such as sumi calligraphy, the ancient art of the tea ceremony, and Japanese garden design.

Professor Masao Fukuhara, who led the restoration of Cowden Japanese Garden, will be talking about the principles of Japanese garden design. There will also be chance to get hands-on and learn how to construct a traditional bamboo fence. Sara Stewart, head of the charitable trust at Cowden commented: 'This is unique opportunity to learn from Japanese experts and gain a real insight into the aesthetics of Japanese art and design.'

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

Masterchef finalist wows Loch Leven diners

A full house of diners were wowed by MasterChef finalist Jilly McCord on her successful gourmet food and drink evening at Loch Leven's Larder in July.

The evening was Jilly's first ticketed culinary event since her successful run on MasterChef 2019, where she reached the final 3 out of 56 talented entrants. After their welcome cocktail and canapés guests enjoyed 5 courses created by Jilly, supported by the Loch Leven Larder team (under head chef Brian Padmore) using the highlights of the season's local produce. The evening finished with a lively Q&A session where Jilly spoke about her time on Masterchef and her culinary experiences.

Gin for the welcome cocktail was supplied by the Gin Bothy, Glamis, and wine was expertly selected for each course by WoodWinters Wines & Whiskies, of Bridge of Allan.

Emma Niven, owner and director of Loch Leven's Larder, said 'We were delighted to work with Jilly on this special event. Her passion and enthusiasm for beautifully prepared local produce is shared by everyone at Loch Leven's Larder and this was a very special evening for everyone involved.'



Jilly McCord



The team and Jilly

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Is it time for raingardens in Kinross?

We have had a lot of rain in the months leading up to August and heavy, prolonged rainfall is becoming familiar, bringing with it local flooding. Pluvial flooding is when the amount of rainfall is so great that the drainage infrastructure – local drains and gullies – cannot cope and surface water accumulations rise quickly. Even when systems are thoroughly maintained so that surface water can get away at the maximum rate, they may still not be fast enough because pipes downstream are full. In older parts of Kinross, Milnathort and Kinnesswood, ‘away’ refers to the old combined sewer network. The rapid influx of rainwater will cause the combined sewers, which take rainfall as well as foul drainage (toilets, showers sinks etc) to surcharge or overflow – not a good outcome.



combined sewer overflows. A glance around the town and villages suggests the main opportunity is the green areas. Every patch of soft ground doesn't have to be a grass lawn or small grassy bank with standard bushes and shrubs. In new developments it could be ditched and designed to accept runoff directly from a car park. If kept shallow and allowed to grow tall emergent plants, such areas can happily get wet in the big rainstorms with no loss of amenity. Most of Kinross-shire is built on free-draining soils, so in some circumstances the base of excavated ‘raingardens’ will simply lose water harmlessly into the ground. In other circumstances (e.g. close to a building) a final connection to the drains (draining at a slow rate) would still be needed.



Recent flooding in Kinross: the only thing that needs the water is the greenspace; in urban landscapes, usually the highest ground

Storm sewage overflows are discharged to Loch Leven in wet weather. Recognising the increased likelihood of the problem getting worse, we need to rethink our drainage philosophy and practices. There are two simple responses to this weather.

When it rains, it gets wet

Acceptance that of that simple reality opens the door to asking where surface water can puddle and pond before it slowly drains away – ideally not along the dips and flat areas of the roads or in the car parks, at least not as a frequent response.

The more we can allow water to remain on the premises to seep away slowly, the less flooding downstream and fewer

There are various technical definitions of raingardens, but the most sensible one is ‘An area of vegetation designed to accept rainfall runoff (rainfall that drains off landscapes, roof, road and yard areas). That allows for inclusion of all the techniques which are variously described in drainage manuals (swales, extended detention basins, etc).

Perth and Kinross Council deserve commendation for their efforts to progress this use of ‘soft-engineering’ technology in Kinross. The West Kinross development and the bypass both use ‘grass swales’ – shallow grass features which also serve as wildflower gardens. The bypass road swales are the best examples, albeit a little too narrow. There's still scope for low-cost enhancement.



Grass swales

An earlier attempt can be seen at the Park and Ride, where it is clear that the tarmac car park is sloped down to a central grass strip, which surely was intended to be a swale. Unfortunately, the grass strip has been laid flat, as a conventional lawn strip. Consequently, water cannot get into it so instead it ponds on the car park spaces. The blacktop there is also failing now. Hopefully rehabilitation can include creating an effective raingarden feature with a working swale. Roof areas are usually the largest impervious areas in towns and cities. There are now a variety of options to connect roof downpipes into raingarden features. Where space is limited, excess water can be routed back into the drains after letting the mini-raingardens hold back the peak flow.



20 raingardens in 2020?

More and more countries are advocating the use of green spaces as multi-purpose public assets; a traffic calming build-out can receive road runoff and use flowers and shrubs instead of concrete. Disruption to the road and road users would be the same, but triple benefits accrue (flood risk management and amenity enhancement, as well as traffic calming).

With a bit of effort and recognition of opportunities, we can achieve 20 raingardens around this county over the next 12 months – and, in some instances, costs for enhancement will be minimal. Kinross would gain another distinctive element of its character as an attractive place to visit.

Brian D'Arcy



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Luke Graham, MP

Since my last column, Boris Johnson has become our new Prime Minister and has charted an entirely new course for the Government, with an almost wholesale change of Cabinet ministers and extensive changes at a junior ministerial level as well. There has been a return of, or promotion for, some very talented colleagues whom I look forward to working with closely in the future, including the new Secretary of State for Scotland, Alistair Jack MP.



Like many others, I was disappointed when I heard the Kinross Show had to be cancelled due to the weather. I know a great deal of work goes in to organising such an event, and it is always such a fantastic occasion. I wish the organisers all the best for next year. Events like the Kinross Show are a mainstay of the local community calendar and play a crucial role in bringing in visitors and attracting tourism to the local area, and so I hope to see it back on the calendar next summer.

It was also great to see the Perth Pride march take place on 10 August, with Sir Ian McKellen kicking off the festivities and bringing a bit of Gandalf to the shires! It is so important people are made to feel welcome and a valued part of our community regardless of age, race, sexuality, gender or beliefs, political, religious or otherwise. Summers in Perthshire are always jam-packed exciting affairs, but we are

so lucky to have just gained another fantastic event. I hope to continue to support Perth Pride for many more years to come.

In my recent surgeries across Kinross-shire issues of planning, building quality and infrastructure are coming up time and time again. In order to address these issues, I will be launching a survey and follow up campaigns. I, like many, appreciate the need for more housing. However, it must be of good quality and developments must create new communities that are green and sustainable.

In Westminster, cross-party work continues on the UK Agriculture Bill so that Scotland doesn't get left out of this important piece of legislation. As Brexit draws closer, I am holding regular meetings with the NFUS and other rural groups to ensure we do not end up missing out on important payments for our communities and that our home market of the UK is protected. I will continue to work with all willing parties to ensure we are not left behind or our rural economies put in jeopardy.

The media in the next two months will be dominated by Brexit but my team and I will be staying focused on the Agriculture Bill, rural broadband, redevelopment of the empty buildings in our towns and villages and delivering the benefits of the City Deal.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns please contact me at my office on 2 Comrie Street, Crieff, 01764 680 384 or by email at luke.grahamoffice@parliament.uk.

Luke Graham

Want your child to play the pipes?

A small committee has been set up to establish a Youth Pipe Band in the Kinross-shire schools with co-operation from the Kinross & District Pipe Band. With a few exceptions there has been no facility in the six primary schools in the catchment area, or in Kinross High School, for teaching bagpipes in school. The Kinross & District Pipe Band have a few children being taught on Thursday evenings, but the committee does not believe this fulfils the need to include piping in the curriculum. The committee was formed to try to overcome this and is engaged in on-going discussion with the council with the hope of rectifying the matter.

If your child is interested in learning the pipes or drums and would like more information, please contact Stephen Kennedy (duncrive@gmail.com or on 07736 383755) or KYpipesanddrums@gmail.com.

We are also looking for one or two volunteers to join the committee, especially someone to take on the role of treasurer. If you are interested in helping out, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Stephen Kennedy (Chairman – Kinross Youth Pipes and Drums).

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Smart Villages are 'digital communities' helping rural enterprises to promote their services and providing information points for local community groups and organisations. GrowBiz will be developing new platforms for artisan makers and care and wellbeing enterprises in rural areas.

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Councillor Mike Barnacle

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Councillor Mike Barnacle



I refer to the briefing session scheduled for 8 August 2019 at 9am that I will attend. Quite why we are having these when it is clear we will be directed to accept the Reporters recommendation; however flawed we may feel their conclusions, is a question for me, along with the clear 'democratic deficit' in the planning system as sanctioned by the Scottish Government. The following issues you summarised give me continuing cause for concern and disagreement with the Reporters findings viz –

Issue 02 Policy 1 – Placemaking

The Member Officer Working Group that looked at LDP2 issues decided that a capacity range for house zonings was more appropriate than the LDP1 approach, which simply stated a site number. Since there have been a number of PKC planning recommendations approving site applications in excess of the LDP1 figures in recent times, I was content that the capacity range approach was more flexible but also gave communities some certainty as to the upper parameters of development. I regard the upper figures of the range as something that would have addressed this but the Reporter regards it as inappropriate and has taken the representations from the development sector as 'indicative only'. This is a worse position than before and a 'development charter' which I am totally opposed to.

Issue 14 A Low Carbon Place

I find no reference in your summary that my comments on Policy 31D Spatial Framework for Wind Energy and Policy 37 Landscape have been considered. I have always stated the need for reference to Local Landscape Area Designations and their need for protection from inappropriate development. Equally, stating the need for an urgent review of the exclusion of the Cleish Hills and Devon Gorge from such designation following a deeply flawed consultant's exercise that I took part in along with representatives from the community councils. I maintain strong objection to LDP2 not containing a provision to review this question (I believe there may be an opportunity to comment further on this during supplementary guidance consultation commencing on the 19 August 2019).

Issue 39 Crook of Devon Site MU266

Para 38 of the assessment acknowledges the existence of services in Crook of Devon but maintains there is significant local opposition to the allocation of the site and the historical context. My evidence file would dispute this assessment and I would wonder why 4 local members who supported its inclusion would have done so if such opposition was 'manifest'. The separation between Drum and Crook of Devon referred to in Paras 38-40 no longer exists, having been compromised by PKC planning when they sanctioned the Crook Moss Gypsy Traveller site in October 2013 (I have five aerial photos of the site showing 8 potential pitches marked when only 5 are consented and conditions relating

to drainage on a site within the Loch Leven catchment of questionable compliance). This site was approved against the overwhelming opposition of the community and local members with no reference at any time to the landscape consultant's assessment of the area. This consultant's assessment covered both MU266 and the location of Crook Moss. The Fossoway Community Strategy Group, which included myself, changed their position in August 2015 regarding the land being suitable for development following PKC's appalling decision to sanction the Crook Moss site. The Reporter ignores all this evidence in their assessment. Para 40 is 'astonishing' – the greatest prominence at the eastern gateway to Crook of Devon is the Crook Moss 'eyesore' sanctioned by PKC but ignored at site inspection.

Para 41 cites MU74 at Blairingone by comparison to MU266 but I would argue that sustainable planning would justify MU266 as more appropriate now for development. Blairingone has 'no services' following the recent PKC decision to close its school (the only community building that remained) with PKC forward planning constantly negative about development interest. Despite this, the Reporter favours development here rather than at Crook of Devon, an illogical position.

As regards the A977 mitigation measures referred to in Para 41, it is a stated fact that the available PKC budget for these does not meet the total capital cost assessed as desirable, so the clear possibility of a contribution from site MU266 is discounted incorrectly.

The generous affordable housing element of the site at 50% is a written guarantee and I think there is no possibility of securing same at the alternative smaller sites suggested in Para 42.

For these reasons, I fundamentally disagree with the Reporter's conclusions, based on incomplete evidence, regarding the assessment as an 'opportunity lost' for the community.

In summary, I realise that it may not be possible to depart from the Reporters recommendations and that members will be pressed to accept same. I consider that the 2009 Regulations section (c) on clear factual errors is manifestly the case, certainly in relation to Issue 39 at Crook of Devon. When we debate LDP2 at Full Council in September, it is my intention to have my dissent recorded on adopting LDP2 in relation to the 3 issues I have outlined above.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Michael A Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

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Councillor Willie Robertson

Speedwatch: Please see below an update on progress with setting up a Kinross-shire speed-watch scheme. Councillors Mike Barnacle and Callum Purves and I had a meeting with the police inspector responsible for policing in the area. He told us that the police are now in favour of speed-watch schemes and are working with communities in other parts of Perth & Kinross to take them forward. They are keen to support a Kinross-shire scheme. Following the example of the Fossoway speed-watch trial that took place a few years ago it would work as follows:

- The Police would train and support the volunteers.
- The minimum team required to carry out speed checks would be three people.
- The team would record speed, vehicle make and colour.
- The results would be sent to the police and they would write to all drivers exceeding the speed limit above the margin set.
- If any driver was reported more than once the police would try and personally visit them.

The police would use the information gained from Speed-watch to help target their resources to problem areas. It would be hoped to set up speed-watch teams in all of Kinross-shire's community council areas and these teams would share the equipment.

The next steps is for us to seek funding for the scheme and look for volunteers to be trained to use the speed guns. If you are interested please let me know.

Avenue Road, Kinross: I am very keen to see the shrub beds in Avenue Road cleaned up and the south side of this important street reconfigured to improve its appearance and increase the available parking. I have asked for this to be funded through the council's area-based initiatives (ABI) scheme and am optimistic that this will happen. A site meeting was held in the middle of August with council officers and local residents to consider what can be done with the overgrown shrub beds. It was agreed that they will be cut back and the rogue sycamore trees removed. The beds will then be replanted with low growing ground cover shrubs. The large shrubbed area in front of Coventry Place will require major work to tidy it up. I have asked for this to be included in the ABI scheme.



High hedges: I have had quite a few people contacting me in the last few weeks about overgrown high hedges. Legislation now exists to force owners of hedges which block out light to their neighbours to cut them back. If you have problems with a high hedge and are unable to get the hedge owner to cut it back please let me know and I will send you the information on how to deal with it.



Scotbet building, High Street: I have written to the owners of the Scotbet building (formerly Millers Bar) asking them to tidy their building up. People like Kinross in Bloom and local residents work hard to make Kinross an attractive place to live and visit. This building is an eyesore and is badly in need of a coat of paint.

Sunken road ironmongery: There are a number of sunken service ironmongery (sewer covers etc) on our roads which I am trying to get sorted. The Scottish Water ones in Stirling Road, Milnathort near the junction with Bridgefauld Road have now been fixed. I have also reported the one on the north side of the road near the entrance to Lathro Park, so hopefully that will be sorted soon. Please let me know if you see any type of road defect and I will try and get it repaired.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail: With the huge amounts of rain and heat this summer it has been a big task for Scottish Natural Heritage and their volunteers to keep the verges of the trail cut. I am very grateful for all their hard work in keeping on top of the growth which has allowed all those who cycle, walk and run on the LLHT to do so throughout this summer. I am also delighted that the new underpass is now open. This allows access to the trail to people of all abilities and makes it easy for cyclists and those on mobility scooters to stop at Vane Farm for a well-deserved scone and jam!

Overnight parking, Kirkgate: There is a growing problem with camper vans and caravans parking overnight in Kirkgate Park. I have written to the council to see what can be done to control this. As yet they have not come up with a solution. I have reported the caravan that appears to have been abandoned at the car park opposite the Kirkgate Cemetery.

Willie Robertson

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Liz Smith, MSP

I was delighted to hear of the announcement that the disused Levenmouth rail link will re-open after being closed for decades. The move, understood to cost around £70 million, will see Leven connected to the Fife Circle, and will include improved bus services, cycle and walking facilities.

Several factors won the day when it came to re-opening the rail line and one of the most important elements were the people who were involved in the hard-fought campaign. This included local MSPs, elected councillors and interest groups such as the Levenmouth Rail Campaign.

The announcement that the rail line will be re-opened again underlined the merits of a good local campaign. It was pleasing to see the involvement of Fife Council who had put forward a case that the move would lead to increased employment opportunities and improve access to education, health and leisure services. Campaigners had also pointed out that the re-opening of the Levenmouth rail link would result in more sustainable travel options by making it easier for residents to reach hospitals, schools and visit other parts of the country.



It promises to be an exciting project, with the Levenmouth Transport Study suggesting that there will be around 750,000 passengers boarding or alighting trains in the area by 2037, and that the train journey time from Leven to Edinburgh will be between 70 and 75 minutes. Although it will predominately be used for passenger traffic, the line will also be used for transporting freight traffic.

All this provides an incentive for the Edinburgh to Perth rail line to be updated. The announcement that the Levenmouth rail link will re-open provides hope that there will be a direct rail line between Edinburgh and Perth; an issue I have highlighted for some time. This move would prove to be an enormous benefit for commuters, residents and businesses in the Fife and Perth areas. In order for these communities to fully realise their potential fast and efficient public transport links are necessary.

On a different note, I must emphasise how much I sympathise with the organisers of the Kinross Show, which was sadly cancelled this year due to the inclement weather. An enormous amount of effort had been made to prepare for the annual event, so it was a real shame to hear it could not go ahead. Hopefully next summer will be kinder to them.

Liz Smith

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

Roseanna Cunningham MSP

I am pleased to say that with more aspects of social security coming under the responsibility of the Scottish parliament, disabled people will have more choice in how they apply for their benefits when the Scottish Government takes over responsibility for Disability Allowance next year.

Under the current DWP system, run from Westminster, people can only apply for Disability Assistance by post or telephone. Under the new Scottish system people will be able to choose to apply for the payment in the way that suits their needs: online or face-to-face, as well as by phone or by post.

When the Scottish Government first set out to establish Social Security Scotland as a new organisation it was with the pledge that we would build a social security system that is inclusive and puts people at its heart and that continues to be a guiding principle. By giving people more choice and flexibility about how to apply for assistance we hope to encourage more people who are eligible for benefits to apply and get the money they are entitled to.

The UN Special Rapporteur on Poverty, Professor Philip Alston, recently praised Scotland's 'ambitious' schemes for addressing poverty. He noted Scotland's 'promising social security system, guided by the principles of dignity and social security as a human right, and co-designed with claimants on the basis of evidence'.

That simply underlines how UK Government welfare cuts have increased the risk of deprivation for low-income families across Scotland and the important part that the Scottish Government is playing in protecting people from the very worst of that austerity agenda.

Indeed, the UN Special Rapporteur on Poverty described it as outrageous that the Scottish Government had to divert funds to protect people from Westminster's mess.

Figures out recently show that the Scottish Welfare Fund made nearly 3000 payments to people in Perth & Kinross in the last financial year.

A total of 705 Community Care Grants and 2230 Crisis Grants were awarded in the Perth & Kinross Council area over the year; money which helped people in need with essentials such as food, heating costs and household items.

The SNP introduced the Scottish Welfare Fund in 2013. The Fund is part of a £125 million annual package to mitigate the impact of UK government austerity and, since its launch, has paid out more than £200 million to support over 336,000 households across Scotland, with a third of recipients being families with children.

The fact that so many households in the Perth & Kinross Council area are in need of emergency financial help is appalling, and a sad indictment of the UK Government's record on austerity and welfare changes.

The SNP would prefer these resources were invested directly to tackle poverty rather than protecting people from Tory austerity but we will continue to do everything in our power to tackle poverty and support low income families.

Roseanna Cunningham

Kinross-shire is a Fairtrade County



Sextortion

The police have circulated advice in previous bulletins regarding the sharing of intimate images online which are subsequently used to extort money from victims. It appears that this is now becoming a national trend, often affecting elderly females. Victims usually report that they have had contact from someone through a social media app such as WhatsApp or Facebook who will claim to be a single male (possibly widowed), perhaps from North America. Generally, they claim to have a successful career with medical professions being particularly popular, presumably because it will make them appear trustworthy.

The conversations will start innocently enough and this stage can go on for weeks in an effort to build trust and rapport but eventually there will be a request for intimate photos. Once the offender has those they will request money. This will often be for apparently genuine financial assistance; perhaps to help pay for some medical bills. You'll then be asked to transfer money via a wire transfer company like Western Union.

In the meantime, the fraudster will be attempting to befriend your social media contacts. If they're successful in doing that they'll move on to the final stage of the crime; threatening to expose the pictures to your family and friends and demanding money.

If you find yourself the victim of such a scam then the first thing to do is not to panic.

You have already taken the first step by recognising you are the 'victim' in this and that you may require support to help you through this difficult time. The Police will take your case seriously, will deal with it in confidence, and will not make judgements on your behaviour.

Do NOT pay. Some victims who have paid what the offenders have demanded hear no more about it, many others who have paid have then continued to receive further and often increasing demands. In some cases, even when the demands have been met the offenders will still go on to post the videos anyway.

Do NOT communicate further with the offenders. Obtain screen shots of any communication. Deactivate your Facebook account and use the online reporting process to report the matter to Skype, WhatsApp, YouTube etc. to have any video blocked and to set up an alert in case the video resurfaces. Deactivating the Facebook account rather than shutting it down will ensure data is preserved and will assist law enforcement in obtaining evidence. The account can also be reactivated at any time ensuring online memories are not lost forever.

In general, once they're blocked, the offenders can't contact you. If they are unable to do so then they can't threaten you or make demands, so they tend to move on fairly quickly. However, they may try to utilise other contact routes that they are aware of, so be mindful of all sites where communication has been made or you are linked to.

If you have already paid, check to see if the money has been collected. If it has, and if you are able, then make a note of where it was collected from. If it hasn't, then you can cancel the payment.

The major internet players have online web forms to allow victims to request that websites containing links to any sexually explicit image/video of themselves be omitted from search results.

Local Incidents

Between 5.30pm, Thursday 15 and 9am, Friday 16 August a break in occurred at Heaven Scent, South Street, Milnathort. (CR/21524/19)

Between 4pm and 5pm, Friday 16 August, a quad bike was stolen from Meikle Seggie Farm, Milnathort. (CR/21575/19)

Overnight on Wednesday 31 July, a hide was damaged at Loch Leven Nature Trail, Kinross. (CR/21605/19)

About 4pm, Friday 16 August, a green Merida Mountain Bike was stolen from Sands Road, Kinross. A male aged between 20-25 years old, stocky build, wearing a dark baseball cap, dark North Face ribbed jacket and dark jogging bottoms was seen to take the bike. (CR/21575/19)

Between 5.15pm, Monday 19 August and 8.30am, Tuesday 20 August, The Complete Look, Kinross was broken into. (CR/21903/19)

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

Police Scotland – local community

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Community officers for Kinross-shire:



PC Ben Clark and PC Douglas Stapleton.

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

Community Sergeant (Kinross-shire): **Sgt Michelle Burns.**

Community Inspector for Perth South (Strathearn,

Strathallan, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire): **PI Kevin Chase.**

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Community Watch

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Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Health & Wellbeing

Health and Longevity: Think Tennis – Advantage!

I'm a *Times* reader (once a week) and also a social tennis player. I was feeling rather self-righteous twice last year when I noticed articles featuring tennis as an aid to health and longevity.

'Government activity guidelines suggest that we should be achieving 150 minutes of moderate activity each week, or 75 minutes of vigorous activity for cardiovascular health. But on top of that you need twice-weekly sessions of all-over muscle-building workouts for your muscles and bones. Tennis is a perfect all-round exercise.' (Peta Bee, 15.9.18)

'Danish researchers recently found that people who play tennis live longer than those who take up healthy but solitary activities such as running, swimming and cycling... Tennis, possibly because of the greater social interaction and feelgood factor, was linked to **9.7** added years of life. Badminton and squash are good bets too.' (Peta Bee, 6.10.18)

I'm semi-retired and thankful to live in an area with fantastic amenities for exercise and health. I have had a lot out of my membership of **Kinross Tennis Club** since moving here 10 years ago and, right now, the club has beautifully re-surfaced courts and is expanding its opportunities for health and social benefits at both ends of the age-spectrum.

From two-and-a-half years, children with a participating adult can have fun tennis activities outdoors on Saturdays. There is another group for children of six years and over. In this way, even adults with no previous tennis experience can learn how to play with a child.

Adults may also join the adult coaching sessions for beginners and improvers on a Tuesday morning or a Sunday evening

can be had here between coaching sessions! In winter, this group (*whisper*: some of whom are in their 70s) have the luxury of car-sharing trips to Gleneagles Indoor Courts so we are never totally without our tennis fix!

Children of five years upwards can also join coaching sessions after school on Tuesdays with LTA accredited coach Siobhan MacLeod. Sessions are very



from end of August through till October. We have had so many beginners attending coaching recently that we may consider starting a beginners' club session!

Experienced players are welcome to attend any existing club session. For those available during the day there is a social tennis session at 1.30 on Thursdays (summer). Good practice

popular, but do not hesitate to contact Siobhan to put a name down even if you have missed the beginning of term! Starting tennis very young certainly worked well for the Murrays. However, the majority of us can gain the social opportunities, the fun and the health benefits of tennis by starting at any time.

Vivien Clarke

Coaching bookings to: kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

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News from the Health Centre



Annual Flu Campaign

We will again be holding the first of the season's flu clinics on the first Monday in October on **7 October**. Saturday morning clinics will be held on **26 October, 2 November and 16 November**. Appointments may now be booked with reception. Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible you may make your appointment now. We would encourage all those in the following groups to come for a flu injection:

Over 65s	Those aged 65 and over on 31 March 2020 (Born on or before 31 March 1955)
Those aged 6 months or over in a clinical 'At Risk' Groups	Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions. COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema Chronic heart disease Chronic kidney disease: kidney failure or transplant, nephritic syndrome Chronic liver disease: cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis Chronic neurological disease: stroke, TIA Diabetes Immunosuppression Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
Pregnant women	Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
Long stay residential	Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities
Unpaid Carers and young carers	Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination.

Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

Shingles

The shingles vaccination is available to all those aged 70 to 79. Those aged 80 or over are not eligible. The shingles vaccination is only administered once and it can be given at the same time at the influenza vaccine. If you are eligible for both vaccinations, please advise our receptionist of this on booking your appointment.

Children's Nasal Flu

From October 2019 all children's flu vaccinations will be administered by the Tayside Children's Immunisation Team rather than by the GPs and nurses in St Serf's and Orwell Medical Practices. This will include Pre-school children aged 2-5 years, at risk children aged 6 months to 18 years, primary school children, and mop-up of children who have missed flu vaccination at school. Parents who wish to request the flu vaccine for their children will have to call a central phone number to make an appointment with the Children's Immunisation Team. This number is not available yet, but we will publish it in the *Newsletter* and on our website as soon as it becomes available.

Monday 7 October

Please note that the only patients who will be seen on Monday 7 October are those with pre-booked appointments for flu or shingles vaccinations. Patients who have a medical problem which requires attention on that day should contact NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service on 111.



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Community Council News

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Kinross Community Council News from the August Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on Wednesday 7 August 2019 were: Community Councillors (CCllrs) B Freeman (Chair), I Jack, T Stewart, D Colliar and L McKay, minute-taker C Aird, Perth and Kinross Councillors (Cllrs) C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters and 24 members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs D Cuthbert, D West, M Blyth, J Bryson and Cllr M Barnacle.

Amendments to Minutes: There was a request to amend the wording regarding the bid by the Men's Shed for the Kinross Learning Centre. It was noted the bid would be a sole bid by the Men's Shed, not a joint bid with KCC.

Kinross Hockey Club

Members welcomed Gurdial Duhre from Kinross Hockey Club to the meeting. Mr Duhre advised those present that the hockey club wished to enhance the current facility by developing the western aspect of ground between the existing pitch fence and the wall (approx. 7m x 96m long). It is envisaged that the proposed development would:

- Protect the significant investment made towards the facility
- Increase the lifespan of the playing surface
- Improve the spectator and player experience
- Ensure the surface remains predominantly permeable so changes would not affect surface water in the area

Consultations have taken place with interested parties, namely neighbours and council Greenspace representatives. The development has support of other local sports clubs via the Kinross Community Sports Hub, and the owners, Fields In Trust, have stated 'we view the spectator area as ancillary to the intended use of the site and as such it does not require formal approval', as well as parents who often complain about having to watch through the fence.

Although the proposed development would mean the removal of three trees, Mr Duhre advised that these trees would be replaced and that the public are happy to work with the council to suggest alternative planting, e.g., bamboo.

In response to a question from the audience, Mr Duhre confirmed that the strip of land concerned was not leased by the hockey club at the moment but that the current lease would be amended to incorporate this. Mr Duhre also advised that funding was now in place to allow the work to take place and that a planning application would be submitted in the next four weeks.

It was agreed that the CC would add details of the proposal to their website and Facebook page for the community to view.

New Pharmacy Proposal

The CC welcomed Raymond Kelly to the meeting to present his proposal for a new pharmacy in the town. Mr Kelly gave those present some background information and confirmed that he was looking to open another pharmacy to reduce pressure on the current pharmacy. He felt this second pharmacy was required due to the expanding services which pharmacies now provide, e.g., vaccinations, minor ailment advice etc.

Mr Kelly advised that he was required to apply for a contract with NHS Tayside and was therefore keen to understand the patient experience of the residents and if residents would be supportive. He also asked for advice on where he should advertise, if there were any community groups he should be speaking to and whether people would participate in an online survey. The CC advised that it would be best to place an advert in the *Newsletter* and to speak to the staff at the Day Centre. In response to questions, Mr Kelly advised that the proposed pharmacy would be at 157 High Street and would be open 6 days per week.

Police Report

The latest Police report had not been received by the time of the meeting.

Matters Arising

H46: it was confirmed that CCllr D West had approached the group who might be interested in becoming involved. An update will be given at a future meeting.

Vehicle activation signs: information regarding the siting of the signs had been passed on.

Town Centre Regeneration: members were advised that an email had been received from Mike Morgan (PKC) regarding shared spaces responsibility. Cllr C Purves advised that the main issue related to the junction at High Street and Burns-Begg Street where there were no lines at the junction. A member of the audience advised that she had experienced seven near misses in the last five days involving tourists as well as locals.

Cllr W Robertson advised that PKC were looking to improve the facilities at the main access to the pier at Loch Leven in order to increase the number of visitors and wondered if the CC should write to PKC with comments.

Cllr Purves advised that the land behind the church at the Persimmon Homes development had not yet been adopted by the Council and as such, it was the responsibility of the residents to maintain the area. He agreed to chase a response to the greenspace issues.

Scheme of Establishment changes: Cllr C Purves advised that the financial year would run from September to August, with an AGM in October (first one in 2020) and an EGM later this year. Accounts would run from 1 April 2019 to 31 August. 2019 and CCllr I Jack requested that members advise him as soon as possible if they required to reclaim expenses, as well as asking for clarification of where any surplus should be sent. It was agreed that any surplus funds should be forwarded to the website.

Primary Care Improvement Plan: Cllr C Purves advised that no further information was available.

McDonald Avenue: CCllr W Freeman confirmed that this issue had been reported but no one had checked as to whether the repair had been carried out.

Climate Emergency: Cllr W Robertson advised that PKC aimed to be carbon neutral by 2045 and suggested that residents should be proactive rather than reactive in helping the Council achieve this. No further information will be available until March 2020.

Agenda and Minutes of previous meetings: CCllr W Freeman confirmed that the website team had apologised for their error.

Provost's Lamp

Members were advised that two positions had been proposed previously and that a specialist contractor would be required to lift and replace the blocks. CCllr W Freeman requested that P&K Councillors revert to PKC to discuss why this would be necessary. Cllr W Robertson agreed to do this.

Kinross-shire Forum Meeting

Cllr W Robertson advised that representatives from the local CCs and the four P&K Councillors had recently raised the issue of community speed watch with Police Scotland, where residents in the community were trained to record the speed of drivers in their respective areas. Residents advise Police Scotland of those driving over the speed limit and Police Scotland write to these people to advise them that they had been caught travelling at over the speed limit (no punishment). If caught more than once they receive a visit from Police Scotland.

Police Scotland had previously declined to train volunteers but were now looking for volunteers. Cllr C Purves advised that following the recent community transport survey, three potential routes had been identified. He had met with representatives from public transport providers and the preferred next step would be to set up a community transport group to meet with local bus companies. Each CC can have a representative on the group, with the proposed first meeting being held at the end of August. CCllr D Colliar volunteered to attend the first meeting.

Cllr C Purves advised that a draft scheme of administration had been set up in respect of an Area Committee for Kinross-shire and meetings are to be held with the Head of Governance and Head of Legal Services at PKC. An update will be given at a future meeting.

Cllr C Purves reported that CCllr D West had attended the recent campus meeting and that a strategic plan had been circulated to CC members for comment.

Cllr C Purves advised that the issue of rural broadband supply had been raised again and that if this was less than 30 bps, residents could apply for a payment from BT Openreach. CCllr I Jack reported that BT had openly said that fibre-optic broadband would not come to Kinross. Cllr C Purves advised that if anyone wished any further information on the payment system, they should contact himself or Andrew Mitchell. Cllr C Purves would forward information re the payment system to CCllr W Freeman for uploading to the Facebook page.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received:

19/00845/FLL. Siting of a modular building for visitor reception and air traffic control facility at Balado Park, Milnathort

19/00946/FLL. Alterations and installation of gates and gatepiers at 42 Muirs, Kinross

19/01129/IPL. Erection of a dwelling house (in principle) at land 80 metres NE of The Stables, Hatchbank

19/01122/FLL. Extension to dwelling house at 12 Muirhead Crescent, Kinross

19/01096/FLL. Complete demolition of buildings, erection of 2 dwelling houses, 4 flats and associated works (in part retrospect) at Kirklands Garage, 10 High Street, Kinross.

A member of the public asked if the CC would write to PKC

objecting to this application as it was felt that the builders had gone against the previously approved planning application. It was noted that Kinross-shire Civic Trust had written objecting to the plan.

The current application is a request in retrospect to demolish the building as the owners were required to remove the petrol tanks at the front of the building. Members were advised that the Health and Safety Executive had only requested that the tanks were decommissioned, and it was felt that they had not followed due process.

The CC felt that since the building had already been demolished, there was nothing that could be done now. The CC would not be objecting to the application.

19/01048/FLL. Alternations and extension to dwelling house at 17 Renton Drive, Kinross.

19/01033/FLL. Extension to dwelling house at 12 Alexander Drive, Kinross.

19/01136/IPL. Erection of a dwelling house and garage with ancillary accommodation (in principle) at land 20 metres SW of Braeside House, Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank.

19/01007/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Hawthorn Cottage, Gairneybank, Kinross.

19/01224/FLL. Change of use from bank (class 2) to shop, tearoom and bakery takeaway at The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 55 High Street, Kinross.

19/00917/FLM. Erection of 195 dwelling houses, formation of open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure (phase 2) at land 300 metres NW of Lathro Farm, Kinross.

A resident of Gallowhill Road advised that she had submitted an objection to PKC in respect of this application detailing a number of reasons why it should be refused. These include



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the width of pavements (inadequate for use by disabled people, children etc.), the inadequate road width in phase 1 (bin lorries, fire engines, delivery vehicles cannot get through if cars are parked on the roads), the density of the proposed development.

CCllr W Freeman advised that a number of CC members had written objection letters to PKC on a personal level as they were unhappy with the application details.

It was noted that the GP surgery in Bridge of Earn is closing and those patients will be transferring to Kinross. It was felt that the GPs would not cope with the increase in the number of patients. Concerns were also raised about the number of places available at the primary and secondary schools, and felt that neither would cope with the influx of children.

A member of the public advised those present of a number of issues she had with her home in Phase 1 including no habitation certificate and therefore no house insurance, toilets not being plumbed in, doors missing from bathrooms, lintels being fitted incorrectly, walls not being plumb, brickwork not being right, sewage and drainage issues (concrete in drains) as well as antisocial behaviour.

After a full discussion, it was agreed that CC would write a strongly worded letter of objection to PKC, as well as a letter to the Chief Executive of PKC requesting that the work on Phase 2 is stopped immediately until the issues in Phase 1 are resolved.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

19/00853/FLL. Alterations and extension to garage at Twin Pines, Tillyochie, Balado, Kinross, approved.

19/00946/FLL. Alterations and installation of gates and gatepiers at 42 Muirs, Kinross, approved.

19/00646/FLL. Extension to dwelling house at The Lodge, Gellybank Farm, Kinross, approved.

19/00778/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 12 Talla Park, Kinross, approved.

19/00720/LBC. Internal alterations to Town Hall, 110 High Street, Kinross, approved.

19/00777/LAW. Alterations and extension to dwelling house (proposed) at Craigwell, Milnathort, Kinross, approved.

19/00742/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Strathardle, Cockairney, Cleish, Kinross, approved.

19/00611/FLL. Alterations and extension to pavilion, parking area and associated works at Kinross Rugby and Football Club, King George V Playing Field, Muirs, Kinross, approved.

19/00736/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 13 St Mary's Place, Kinross, approved.

19/00658/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 9 Gallowhill Road, Kinross, approved.

19/00498/LAW. Change of use of building to class 5 general industrial (existing) at 198 High Street, Kinross, approved.

Reports from Councillors

Cllr W Robertson reported that due to the lack of ground maintenance in the Avenue Road/Mill Street areas, he has arranged to meet PKC representatives on Thursday 8 August to discuss this. CCllr L Mackay will also attend the meeting. He raised the issue of grass cutting on the Heritage Trail and has arranged to discuss this issue with SNH and Councillors to see if funds can be made available to repair the paths. He has written to PKC regarding the increase in people camping at the loch and the lack of facilities in the area for camping.

Cllr R Watters reported that funding has now been received from Scottish Government in respect of improving walking

and cycling connections to the town centre from the pier. CCllr L Mackay asked if consideration had been given to space for motorhomes in this area and Cllr Watters advised that this had not been discussed.

Cllr C Purves advised that residents in the Hatchbank Road/Gairneybank area had asked that a footpath be provided for safety purposes. A quote of £385,000 had been received and Cllr Purves is meeting with George Lawrie next week to ascertain as to whether half funding can be obtained from Sustrans. An update will be given at a future meeting.

Reports from CC representatives

CCllr D Colliar advised that a meeting of the website sub-committee was arranged for 5 September 2019.

Licensing

An application had been received from the Green Hotel in respect of a gin distillery. There were no objections to the application.

Correspondence

CCllr W Freeman confirmed that all correspondence had been forwarded to CC members and highlighted one issue relating to the closure of the road at Crook of Devon which would be uploaded onto the CC website page and Facebook page.

AOCB:

September Agenda Items to include War Memorial, Hall Let, Antisocial behaviour.

Surplus Funds: It was confirmed that any surplus funds, after 31 August 2019, would be transferred to the website.

Betting Shop

CCllr L Mackay raised a concern regarding the state of the front of the betting shop. Cllr W Robertson confirmed that

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the shop was owned by a company in Falkirk who appeared not to be interested in repainting the shop but he would confirm this and let Cllr Mackay know.

Crossing at the bottom of the town: it was confirmed that a decision had been taken not to go ahead with this as it would result in the loss of 2-3 parking spaces.

Dog walkers: Cllr L Mackay advised that a resident had raised the issue of the number of dogs being walked by professional dog walkers (one had 13 dogs). Cllr Mackay confirmed that there was no law on the number of dogs which a dog walker can have at any time. A member of the public also raised the issue of the dog bin between Burleigh Sands and the castle which had been full, with dog walkers putting excess bags at the base of the bin. Cllr W Robertson confirmed that this had been an issue as walkers had used the bin to put plastic bottles in, but that the bin had now been emptied.

Antisocial behaviour in Lathro Park – following discussion under item 11, it was agreed that the CC would write to Police Scotland expressing concerns about the amount of antisocial behaviour in the area. The item would also be added to the agenda for the September meeting.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on Wednesday 4 September 2019 in the Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross.

Kinross CC minutes and agendas are posted online at:

www.kinross.cc/cc.htm

You can also follow Kinross CC on Facebook at:

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We have our next Community Council meeting on **12 September, 2019** in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

With elections for new Community Councillors due to be held in November, it would be great if you can come along to the meeting in order to find out more about what we do and whether you might want to consider applying to join us. We have reached a point where really need more people, who have a keen interest in seeking the best for Milnathort, to be on the Community Council in order to make it viable for the future.

So please join us at our next meeting – we would love to see you!

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Portmoak Community Council News from the August Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 August 2019 were Community Councillors (Cllrs) M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), B Calderwood (Treasurer), S Forde, and D Morris; and P & K Councillors (Cllrs) C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters; and 10 members of the public.

The Chairman reported the recent resignation of Cllr Andrew Muszynski. The Council had benefitted greatly from his membership and we were grateful for the contribution he had made. His departure highlighted the difficulty that many younger folk face in combining challenging work responsibilities, often at a distance from Portmoak, with the duties of a community councillor.

Apologies were received from Cllr G Cox; Cllr M Barnacle; and Police Scotland.

Kinnesswood Village Shop. Preparing for the Future. The Chairman welcomed Ishbel Buchan whose presentation reflected her own views and those of her husband, David. The shop would no longer operate from the turn of the year and, unless arrangements to allow it to continue to trade were made, it will close and be put on the open market. Although the garage too will close in due course, there were no plans for doing so at present. Both David and Ishbel had mixed emotions about reaching such a decision driven by the reality of impending retirement. The Buchans have had strong links with Kinnesswood extending back over four generations and have the interests of their loyal staff and the community they serve much in mind.

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Before placing the property on the open market the Buchans felt that the community should have an option to take the shop into community control. This would be an option for the community to determine and pursue. While there are different models through which that might be achieved the Buchans felt that early notice of their intention was important to allow a community plan, were it to happen, to get off the ground. The Buchans would be willing to assist if required in supporting the preparation of such a plan. In discussion there was an acknowledgement that this was sad news. The hard work that the Buchans had undertaken down the years in maintaining this important community service was recognised.

Looking to the future, time is short. An early meeting of Kinnesswood and Portmoak folk to assess potential interest in a community run endeavour is a first and essential step. A local resident undertook to see if that could be organised shortly. This was also a matter that could be explored at a forthcoming meeting of the Interim Kinnesswood Community Trust.

Matters Arising

School Access. The key question was 'Was this matter on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the PKC Environment and Infrastructure (E&I) Committee?' The answer was no. Cllr C Purves would follow this up with both the Chairman of the E&I Committee and the relevant officers.

Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond. No further progress was reported although a meeting with officers on the matter was anticipated. There had been no progress towards completing the agreed option appraisal but TRACKS had been approached on the matter. It was pointed out that a 'Paths Order' made by PKC could enable a path to be constructed without land purchase. Cllr Purves would raise the matter with officers.

Resilience: being better prepared for risks. Community Emergency Plan. Report deferred until meeting on 10 September.

Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils. The CC noted the timetable for CC elections. Nominations are required by 4pm on 26 September 2019.

Portmoak Cemetery. Progress was scant. Comment from PKC on a potential site is still awaited.

Rural Transport. There had been around 250 responses to the questionnaire. The matter would be taken forward by the PKC Transport Committee which would meet shortly. Cllr S Forde would represent the CC on the committee. In view of the restoration of the dedicated school bus from the Scotlandwell area the timetable of the 201 Stagecoach bus will be reviewed.

Road Safety Project Assessment Criteria: The CC noted the E&I Chairman's response to Chairman's letter on this matter. The CC had identified significant flaws in the approach adopted. His response indicated that the criteria as drafted had been approved by the committee but would be reviewed in due course. Therefore the adopted approach would influence the priority accorded current road improvements. The CC Chairman had written again to ask that his comments be taken into account when the review takes place.

Heart 200. The Chairman reported that the organisers of Heart200 had written in support of the CC's concerns around increased visitor traffic passing through the Balgedie Toll junction. Their views had also been shared with PKC Road Safety officers.

Vehicle parking adjacent to traffic-calming Islands. Cllr R Watters to report.

Hedges: 1) Woodmarch; and 2) Bruce Road/A911 junction. The owners of Woodmarch had yet to be contacted while those at the property at the Bruce Road/A911 junction were aware of the matter and would take action.

Pavement improvements in Kinnesswood: Cllrs confirmed that pavement surfacing would focus mainly on the 'north' side pavements.

Police Report: 1) No local report; and 2) The CC also noted the Area Commander Bulletins of: 12, 19 and 26 June and of 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 July and of 7 August. A potential community Speed Watch Scheme supported by trained local volunteers was noted. The arrangements were as yet provisional with support funding provided through PKC. Equipment could be shared across Kinross-shire CCs. The CC would keep the matter under review. Cllr Robertson is confident that there will be volunteers to operate the scheme.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at the month ending 31 July was £700 in the General Account; and £1144.55 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1844.55. The new financial year would run from 1 September to 31 August. The CC would meet that requirement by having accounts to 31 August 2019 ready for audit shortly.

Planning:

New applications:

19/00976/FLL. 1 Gamekeepers Walk, Kinnesswood, Alterations and extensions. No CC comment, approved.

19/00955/FLL. Woodmarch, Kinnesswood, Alterations and extensions. No CC comment, approved.

19/01015/FLL. Land 30m SE of Gate Lodge, Glenlmond, New dwellinghouse. CC objection, refused.

19/01029/FLL. 22 Gamekeepers Road Kinnesswood, Erection of ancillary building. No CC comment. Application withdrawn.

19/01084/FLL. Land 50m SW of Liathach, Leslie. Erection of 2 camping pods etc. No CC comment.

19/00917/FLM. Lathro Kinross, Erection of 195 houses, CC objection.

Progress with Developments:

Lomond Inn, Kinnesswood: Applications. The CC noted that the applications to demolish the Lomond Inn and to replace it with a new build dwellinghouse had been granted planning consent. CCllr D Morris commented that the planning officer's report to the Committee appeared to make no attempt to modify the proposals to take into account any representations made by the Community Council or any local residents. It appeared to be a decision that was entirely officer led and cast doubt on the value of any representations made on PKC planning applications.

Westfield FIFE: Energy from Waste Plant. 1) Application for SEPA Licence. The Chairman had attended a meeting, along with representatives of other CCs, with the senior SEPA officer concerned. The application ran to about 1250 pages. The meeting was well-conducted highlighting the importance of: a) assurance that only non-hazardous waste would be accepted; b) the arrangements for the removal of hazardous waste from the site would be carefully monitored; and c) monitoring of a range of physical and chemical parameters being rigorously discharged. The matter of smell emanating from the site would be pursued. The CC will submit formal comment. 2) A meeting of Westfield Liaison Group will be held on 28 August and will include a site visit.

Roads – To consider progress with road safety improvements:

The B920 bridge over the New Cut. The concern that the damaged bridge had been left abandoned for too long had elicited a response from PKC that, subject to habitat surveys, it will be repaired in October.

Traffic lights at Balgedie Toll. The CC had been approached by Mark Ruskell MSP in respect of constituent concerns about the impact that the proposed Heart 200 route may have on the local environment and community. The Chairman will respond setting out the CC's concerns in respect of the Balgedie Toll junction, offering a meeting and asking the MSP to write to PKC supporting the CC's wish for action on the junction.

Resurfacing B920 around its junction with the B9097. This would commence 16 September for 2 weeks.

Recent flooding. Blocked drains in Scotlandwell (a recurrent problem) and at Wester Balgedie between the Balgedie Toll and the Queens View junction (again a recurrent problem) will be pursued with PKC Roads department.

Paths Group: To consider:

Path from Lochend to Heritage Trail. There had been significant progress and, subject to a formal response from the Scottish Gliding Centre, a meeting of interested parties will be convened by Cllr Willie Robertson shortly.

Dryside Road, Access & Maintenance. Cllr D Morris will take up the issue of clearance of vegetation.

Access on Bishop Hill. No action reported.

Cllr Reports:

Cllr C Purves reported that: a) Within the new Local Development Plan (LDP) improvements to the A911 could be compromised if they were not supported by an 'Action Plan' for the road. Unfortunately officers were reluctant to commit to preparing such a plan if there was no funding to support the proposals for improvements! b) The government's reporters had rejected policies aimed at establishing clear guidance on house quotas, instead preferring a more flexible approach. c) New information aimed at wider use of community broadband per fibre was now available from PKC. *Cllr R Watters* reported that a) A further bid for the Men's Shed to acquire the old learning centre in Swans Acre was underway; and b) PKC would take forward plans to look critically at what in practice might be done to respond to the 'climate emergency'.

Cllr W Robertson reported that: a) The potential closure of the Bridge of Earn GP surgery could mean many patients moving to the Kinross GP practices increasing pressure on them, and b) that in the wet and warm weather we have experienced it has been a challenge to keep growth of vegetation in hand. The Heritage Trail was being 'encroached upon' and would need further maintenance to keep the paths clear.

Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor.

For consultation:

Scottish Land Commission: Consultation by 30 September. For individual response.

For Information:

- a) Local Development Plan2: To note PKC's response to the Government's Reporters' request seeking comment on the CC's views on the provision of 'mixed' housing.
- b) Scottish Government Land Reform – Fact Sheet for Community Councils.
- c) Local Development Plan2: To note PKC's response to the Government's Reporters' request seeking comment on the CC's views on the provision of 'mixed' housing.
- d) Draft Report 'Regional Parks'.
- e) Scottish Ambulance Service 'New Clinical Response Model'.
- f) Scottish Government Register of Community Benefits.
- g) New Broadband Community Scheme: Fibre to Premises.
- h) PKC Policy on Temporary Traffic Restriction Orders TTROs.
- i) Community Investment Fund: Funding Update.
- j) Kinross Community Campus (Self Evaluation) Consultation.
- k) SSEN Transmission Business Plan, Consultation: Invitation to regional roadshow, Friday 16 August, McDiarmid Park, Perth.

The next meeting of the Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 September 2019 in Portmoak Hall.

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the August Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 6 August 2019 were: Community Cllrs (CCllrs) S Bruce-Jones, T Duffy, C Farquhar, G Pye and R Young; P&K Cllrs (Cllrs) C Purves and R Watters and eight members of the public (MoP).

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Barnacle and W Robertson and CCllr Cheape.

Police report: There was one incident to note in our area: overnight on Friday 7 June, an attempt was made to gain entry to a domestic heating oil tank in Carnbo. Updates were received by email from Sergeant Burns who was unable to attend this meeting: Police Scotland does not have the facility for the public to upload dash cam footage directly – instead a call should be made to 101 (or 999) in the first instance; A977 speed signs do not gather data which could be shared with the Police, however the results of other surveys carried out by PKC could be used to identify relevant times and places for speed checks to be carried out.

CCllr Cheape noted that Fly Tipping is becoming a problem on the A91 between the Devon Bridge and Carnbo – this information will be passed on to Sgt Burns.

Community Speedwatch: Cllr Robertson attended a meeting with Inspector Kevin Chase, Cllr Barnacle and Cllr Purves. Inspector Chase said that Police Scotland are very supportive of Speedwatch schemes and are keen to establish one in Kinross-shire. Setup costs would be in the region of £1000, and the Police would train the volunteers. The Police would also agree areas to be studied and ensure that a safe location was used. All vehicles exceeding a defined margin above the limit would be written to by the Police and repeat offenders visited by the Police if possible. Cllr Duffy encouraged members of the public to join this scheme and stressed how effective it had been when piloted in the past. Cllr Purves suggested that initially one set of equipment should be obtained for Kinross-shire.

Matters Arising

Hydro Scheme Fund/Rumbling Bridge Gorge Bridge: Alastair Smith and Fred Whalley from TRACKS presented the proposed location and design of the new bridge. The bridge would be located at the site of the old bridge but with a slightly different landing on the west bank. It would be constructed from two lattice masts which are manufactured in short sections to be assembled on site. The beams would then be surfaced with wooden planks 1.2m wide covered in non-slip material. It's unlikely that a large crane would be able to access the site, but the lattice masts chosen are light enough to be installed without. The landing at the west end would be formed by burying a concrete pipe in the ground and filling it with concrete. There are no detailed costings at present but it is estimated that the scheme would cost approximately £100k in total – based on pro rating the price of £14k obtained for the previously proposed bridge to 24m plus install.

There was some discussion about whether the Army could help with, or perform, the installation as they have been involved in this sort of project before – Jim Duffy agreed to contact Andy Middlemiss who knows how to get in touch with the Army.

Alastair Smith suggested that it would be a good idea to get a tree surgeon to look at the area upstream and possibly remove any trees or branches that could harm the bridge in future. Alastair also stated that SEPA were happy with the

proposed location, as it would be high enough above water level to be safe. The proposed landings would be level with the paths so there will be good access for disabled.

A MoP asked about land ownership in the region of the bridge landings, and in the area required by the contractors – George Lawrie would know. A MoP asked if PKC would adopt the bridge. George Lawrie is going to discuss this with PKC shortly, and could also discuss the potential planning application that will be required. TRACKS will prepare some more detailed costings.

Powmill in Bloom: CCllr Farquhar reported that they will enter the 'Well Kept Village' competition this year.

Powmill Play Park: CCllr Farquhar reported that it is due for significant development later this month – a refurbished, level, football area will be created and new play equipment installed.

Ivy Cottage Powmill: Some tidying and decoration has been done by Powmill Bloom members. Cllr Barnacle had forwarded a letter from David Littlejohn stating that PKC were about to contact the owner and ask if they would sell the property at market value. MoP asked if that would be a compulsory purchase, Cllrs answered that would only happen if the owner wouldn't sell it voluntarily.

Fossoway Area Transport/DRT: Cllr Purves is planning to set up a group consisting of the local Councillors, plus representatives from each CC, if interested, to implement a solution based on the survey results. Three bus routes is the likely potential solution. The Rural Outreach volunteer drivers will also be involved.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle has asked Tam Carroll's stone mason to provide an estimate.

A977 Mitigation: As described in the last meeting, Crook of Devon resident Sarah Campbell submitted a complaint together with a petition about the condition of the A977 to PKC. The response from Lachlan MacLean was rather disappointing – the request to address the dip in the road in Crook of Devon, left after utility works, was met with the answer that there is a future resurfacing scheme for this section of road but there is no date for it to be implemented at the moment. Cllr Purves suggested it might be possible to reorder priorities so this could be done sooner. CCllr Duffy will write to Daryl McKeown to try and get this addressed.

The speed sensing traffic lights in Blairingone are now fully operational. There have been some suggestions from the public that the speed threshold is set too low which then causes noise as vehicles accelerate again, however the aim of the system was to reduce the speed of vehicles through the village, which was what local residents asked for.

Community Council Business

CCllrs Bruce-Jones and Cheape attended the Kinross Forum on 24 June at which the following items were discussed: The proposed Community Transport group described above; Cllr Purves is trying to get draft schemes of administration agreed by PKC's legal and finance departments; Cllr Robertson agreed to organise a meeting with the Police to discuss Community Speedwatch as described above; A presentation was given about Community Fibre projects – a grant of £1500 per household is available to get fibre network connectivity if less than 30Mbit/s is currently available. Although this would not be enough on an individual basis, it could be if a number of residents in an area all applied. Cllr Purves encouraged qualified residents to contact him if they are interested in applying for this scheme so that big enough groups can be

assembled; Cllr Barnacle is hoping to establish a local litter collection campaign.

Councillors' Reports

Richard Watters: Cllr Watters is keen to arrange a Community Asset Transfer meeting to assess whether there is enough interest from the community to take over the school building. However, the meeting can't be held at the school as it's now closed! Cllr Watters will try and arrange the meeting somewhere else towards the end of September. There is funding available and a team from PKC available to help. The Action Partnership would give £1200 to each village hall to provide WiFi – the sum would cover making the connection and funding it for two years, letters are being circulated, it's possible that two halls could be connected via the local school's network.

The Men's Shed in Kinross is struggling to purchase their building via Community Asset Transfer, since there is a loophole that the building is currently owned by an educational establishment and hence is not included in the scheme. Cllr Watters asked the CC to write to Margaret Cook, principal of the College to support the bid from the Men's Shed.

Callum Purves: A MoP asked about the Carnbo bus shelter problem with the verge being impassable – Cllr Purves will chase. LDP2 has been returned by the reporter: Cllr Purves' amendment for developers to take account of the route action plans for the A977 and B9097 was accepted; The Member Officer Working Group had included an amendment to LDP2 which would require developers to include a range of house numbers along with any development. Not only did the reporter reject this proposal but watered down the requirement on developers to only specify an indicative number of houses.

Mike Barnacle: Although Cllr Barnacle was unable to attend the meeting but sent updates as follows: There will be a meeting at Fossoway Church Cemetery regarding the proposed church car park on 27 August – Cllr Barnacle asked if a member of the CC could attend, if possible bringing a copy of the planning application previously made by the CC; On the 29 August there will be a meeting at Fossoway Church regarding possible adoption of Drummond Park.

CC Election Process: PKC have changed the CC's financial year to finish at the end of August. Consequently, CC members will need to submit expenses for the period April to August and a set of accounts will be prepared and audited. There will then be an AGM at the start of the CC's October meeting to hear reports from the chair and treasurer and to approve the accounts.

In addition, all the CC members become liable for re-election, with nominations opening on 15 August and closing on 22 September. Should an election be required, this will be held on 7 November. Cllr Duffy requested that anyone interested in becoming a member of the CC should submit their nominations along with the existing members, who it is hoped will all stand. Finally, there will be an EGM at the start of the CC's December meeting to form the new CC.

Planning Matters

19/01001/FLL. Extensions to dwelling house at New House, Powmill, no CC comment.

19/00962/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 34 West Crook Way, Crook of Devon, no CC comment.

19/01073/FLL. Formation of five pitches and associated works at land 50 metres east of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge, no CC comment.

19/01141/FLL. Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Fossoway Schoolhouse, Crook of Devon, no CC comment.

Decided Applications

19/00473/IPL. Residential development (in principle) Land 110 metres south-east of 3 Birkfield Park, Rumbling Bridge. Application refused – the CC objected.

19/00622/FLL. Erection of a shed Fairview, Drum, Kinross, approved, no CC comment.

19/00710/FLL. Erection of a dwelling house and garage Land 50 metres south-east of 4 Pitcairnie Lane, Carnbo approved, no CC comment.

Correspondence: To mark their 100th year, Tesco have launched Bags of Help Centenary Grants – applications for grants of £25,000 from not for profit organisations for a broad range of projects that will provide community benefit are invited.

The B918 at Balado will be closed for five days from 9 September for resurfacing.

AOCB: A MoP reported that the Aldie road has branches overhanging road which are dangerous to cycles if they meet an oncoming car. The CC will write to Garry McConnell to ask for this to be addressed.


The next meeting of Fossoway Community Council will be held on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School.

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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 and District Art Club

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Excitement was building in August as members looked towards our exhibition in September. As the first regular painting afternoon of the autumn session got underway on 20 August, members volunteered and prepared for the many tasks ahead to ensure yet another successful exhibition.

Our annual art exhibition, which takes place in Kinross Parish Church from 12-14 September (inclusive) is part of the Perthshire Open Studios turquoise route (venue 53) along with eight other venues.

This year the exhibition opening evening is planned for Wednesday 11 September and we are thrilled to welcome Pauline Smith, Head Teacher of Kinross Primary School, as our special guest to open the event. We are also delighted to be exhibiting some artworks by pupils from Kinross Primary School this year alongside a wonderful variety of members' artworks, crafts and cards as well as our 2020 calendar.

Also in August two of our members had artworks chosen to represent KADAC at the two Perthshire Open Studios showcase exhibition, which take place from 31 August to 15 September. Stewart Niven's 'White Rhino' is on display at The Bield, Blackruthven and Barry Carnegie's acrylic painting



'Angel's Bridge, Rome' is exhibited at Pitlochry Festival Theatre. Well done to both!

If you are interested in joining the club and developing your own creativity, you will find more information and contact details on our website. We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays (2-4pm) in Millbridge Hall.



Exhibition sub-committee members, Stewart, Carole and Glenys, displaying the KADAC Calendar 2020

Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

All photographers are welcome to our 2019-2020 season which begins on **Thursday 12 September**. We have an

exciting new syllabus of events lined up including talks from external speakers, practical club nights and competitions. This autumn we have a range of talks including 'A photographer's

year' by Stephen Lipton, 'Composition' by David Hay and 'A tutorial on monochrome photography' by John Farnan. Club

nights delivered by members include sessions on workflow, preparing for competitions and images for critique and discussion. We strive to ensure that the club offers a friendly and welcoming atmosphere whilst delivering a wide range of interesting and educational photographic material.

We meet at 7.30pm on Thursdays in the Church Centre, 64 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AJ. You can find full details of our new syllabus on our website and we would love to see you at the club this season. If you are new to us, you are welcome to try up to three sessions before having to commit to joining. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk.



'The Vennel, Edinburgh'
by David Sharman

Kinross 50-Plus Club

The monthly meeting is on **Thursday 5 September** when the speaker is Mr N. Hunter who will give a talk on 'Eagles'.



Away Days

12 September No bus available

26 September Kenmore & Aberfeldy.

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

Notices

Our outing to '42nd Street' on **26 September** will be £21. The coach will leave the Green Hotel at 6.15pm.

Friday Walkers

6 September The Fish Supper walk from St Monans.

20 September The Pineapple and Dunmore Village (if rain stays off this time!)

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

Hillwalkers

13 September Glen Quay (no bus). John and Noreen – 9am.

27 September Callander. Richard – 8.30am

Contact Pauline Watson on 01577 862685.

Activities

Most activities have finished for the summer.

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.

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Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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Weekend Walks

Saturday 7 September: St Ninians and Loch Fitty, 7 miles.

Walk around Loch Fitty then around the abandoned opencast mine area and on towards the tyre sculptures at the top of a man-made hill, to take in the views.

Sunday 22 September: Glen Quey, 7.5 miles.

From Castle Campbell, following forest tracks to Glen Quey reservoir then over the hills and back to Dollar.

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.

New Midweek Walks

We are trialling a monthly midweek walk of approximately six to seven miles on the first Thursday of each month. New walkers will be made very welcome.

Thursday 5 September: Spittalfield, 8 miles.

Meet at 9am at Kinross park and ride to share cars. The walk starts at Spittalfield Bowling Club at 10.30am. Circular walk on undulating good tracks and some minor roads with views over the River Tay.

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 regarding these walks, please contact Moira McCauley on 01383 839795.

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 3 September: 'The Pineapple', Airth and Dunmore conservation village.

From the stunning stone building in the shape of a pineapple, owned by the National Trust, a circular walk through Dunmore Park Estate down to the River Forth and into the very pretty village of Dunmore.

Tuesday 17 September: Raith Estate, Kirkcaldy.

A short stretch of road walking then along various paths in the Raith Estate woodland. Around Raith lake with a glimpse of a lovely landscape which is gradually being urbanised.

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

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

July Draw

1st	No 105	George Brown	Kinross
2nd	No 52	Chris Cowe	Kinnesswood
3rd	No 71	Sylvia Herrington	Scotlandwell

Kinross in Bloom

General Update

August has been a busy month for us. Despite the rain, the waterers have been out and about checking on the baskets and planters. We have also been looking at our sustainable planters around the town; removing some, cutting back and replacing some.

There was some vandalism to one of our four tier planters at Burnbank. The plants were removed from all the tiers and left lying. We managed to replant all four tiers. The planters at the Co-op corner were also subjected to some vandalism with plants uprooted and earth thrown about.

We will soon be planting up the pansies for our winter display and making decisions on what we want to order for next summer's displays. The signs at the geese statue have



One of Kinross in Bloom's colourful flowerbeds

also been cleaned and repainted. The plaque for Lady Delia Montgomery has been placed on one of the planters at the Co-op Corner.

The Crosswell Fountain continues as a project for Kinross in Bloom. If you would like to support us, please visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/kinrossfountain. Many thanks.



Crosswell Fountain

200 Club August Draw and Donations

1. No. 65 Susan Snowden; 2. No. 39 Margaret Lyon; 3. No. 30 Ian Hayles; 4. No. 34 Dorothy Hutton.

Our 200 club runs from September to August with the first draw in October. If you would like to be part of this and support Kinross in Bloom, please message Aileen Sorbie or email her at aileen.sorbie@lineone.net.

We were pleased to receive support from Springfield Properties who made a financial donation to the Bloom and also planted flowers and erected a sign at the roadside beside their housing estate.

Our thanks also to Sainsbury's who gave us a gift voucher and the offer of compost following the recent spate of vandalism. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4 September at 7pm in the Church Centre. We would welcome any new volunteers to help with our work. If you are interested, please contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com.

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42 volunteers and friends had a most entertaining charity dinner at the Reya Indian Restaurant in Leslie. Food and service were excellent while the entertainment (spot the lucky town, Indian bingo and quiz) made sure there was plenty to talk about! Thanks to all who contributed to the evening's success, which saw a very healthy £371 being raised while enjoying ourselves.

We are now looking forward to our September project lunch as detailed below. A warm welcome awaits all.

Projects: Our project for September will be chosen at the volunteer meeting in early September.

Project Lunch: Our next project lunch is on Tuesday 17 September when we will welcome back our guest speaker Jo Middlemiss from the charity Ethiopia Medical Project. The lunch is at 12 noon in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Following the speaker there will be a lunch of homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and Fairtrade tea and coffee. Everyone welcome.

Check out our website. Our opening hours are still 10am-12.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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



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July Meetings

'City Boy to the Country'

Breakfast meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Kirklands Hotel from 7.30 to 8.30am.

On 16 July, associate member Archie Hipwell traced his recent life from a background in warehousing, productivity and performance in Edinburgh and West Lothian to his present rural life at Wester Cockairney.

Archie described his working life with as being 'qualified to sit and watch other people work'! After many years of urban working life, he and his wife, a vet, moved to Wester Cockairney with 1.5 acres of garden and 6.5 acres of grazing. They set to adapting to their new life, including mastering the 'dark arts' of the resident Aga. They decided to keep Shetland sheep.

These friendly, intelligent creatures are (usually!) easy to handle. Although their black sheep managed to escape daily, Archie and his wife gradually learned the way with sheep. They are easy to manage, don't eat a lot and are easy to lamb. There is a huge variety within the breed (11 colours and 30 different markings) with names such as 'Moget Face', 'Shaelit' and 'Fleckit' reflecting their Norse background.

Now registered with the Shetland Sheep Society, this was now a consuming enterprise. They started showing the sheep to establish the breed name; Cockairney Shetland Sheep. They show fleeces and produce sheepskin rugs. Fleeces are judged on the qualities of softness and bounciness and Archie demonstrated this with samples. They have achieved third and sixth prizes for the sheep at the Royal Highland Show this summer. At the Breed National Show in August 2018 their fleeces achieved first prizes in both the white and coloured Shetland sheep classes and the championship.

The couple have been constantly learning new skills whilst maintaining old ones. They sell rugs, meat and fleeces (these going to hand spinners for hand knitting) and horns for carved crooks, walking sticks and buttons. By doing so, they help to keep all these traditional rural skills alive, while guaranteeing provenance.

After seven years of keeping the dream alive, Archie believes that they are still on a steep learning curve, but their rural dream is fulfilled. They are preserving breeds and crafts and learning how best to use them.



The Battle of Arnhem, Part 2

On 22 July Rotarian Andy Middlemiss delivered the much-anticipated second part of his talk.

The battle was one of the great epic tragedies in the history of the British Army. It was planned in the light of intelligence, which proved to be false. It was characterised by a succession of miscalculations and disasters and it ended in surrender and retreat.

Out of nearly 10,000 men, who had landed, scarcely more than 2,000 returned; but it was a victory for the human spirit. The battle has a special quality; a flavour almost of mystique. Men who were there (Germans, Poles and Dutchmen, as well as British soldiers) talk of it as though it were fought yesterday.

Andy's Regiment, 7 KOSB, became glider-borne troops with the 1st Airborne Division. In September 1944, they were flown into the landing zone west of the village of Wolfheze, near Arnhem. At Johannahoeve Farm, and later at The White House, the battalion, along with other airborne troops, found itself surrounded by an enemy force, superior in numbers and equipped with tanks. They fought gallantly, but never really had a chance. When the order to retreat was given on 25 September, what had gone in as a 740 strong Battalion had been reduced to 4 officers and 72 men. The KOSB's losses at Arnhem were very high; 90 per cent were killed, wounded and taken prisoner.

Andy used readings from war diaries and personal testimonies to illustrate his slides and paid tribute to all who fought there on both sides.

Once again, Andy captivated his fellow Rotarians and guests with his detailed and passionate delivery. We look forward to his next talk in September.

'Miscellany'

For the meeting on 29 July, various members took to the floor and entertained us with some amusing and interesting memories.

Mike Thomson recalled his days carrying out National Service. He took us back 61 years to July 1958 and his time in Germany with BAOR (British Army of the Rhine.)

Mike was reminded (by Andy Middlemiss' description of Operation Market Garden) of a visit he made while there to his aunt and uncle in Ghent, Belgium. Travelling by rail in uniform, as required, he was bewildered by the attention he received from two women, embracing and applauding him. Unable to understand their Flemish, Mike had to have it explained to him that the object of their attention was the insignia of the 4th Guards Brigade on his sleeve; the 'ever open eye'. The ladies had recognised this as the insignia of the troops who liberated their village. This moving story was a further example of the measure of immense gratitude towards British troops during World War 2, as described also by Andy at Arnhem. The debate about National Service was saved for another day!

David Hill took us on to 1967 when he was on leave from his teaching post in Uganda. This intrepid young man decided to travel to New Delhi via Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Russia! It all started well. He flew to Kabul (peaceful then) and was stunned by the beauty of the surrounding countryside. While there, he was approached by an Afghan in the market and offered roubles at a remarkably favourable rate.

Next day David travelled to Tashkent and began to feel anxious about these roubles, so he stuffed them into the spine of the

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book he was reading. He got through customs successfully but had his apprehensions confirmed by the confiscation of his copy of The Times.

He then arrived in Moscow and set off in a taxi. Within two miles he found himself surrounded by forest and in total darkness. His anxiety escalating, he was much relieved when the return of street lights proved he was on the outskirts of Moscow and not at the iron gates of the Lubianka prison.

On arriving at his hotel he mounted three flights of stairs, observed on each landing by a formidable woman, each of whom he convinced himself had x-ray eyes. He searched his room nervously for imagined secret cameras.

The following day David crossed Red Square and froze with terror on hearing a police whistle behind him. He went into some shops but realised that he couldn't spend these illicit roubles as he would have to account for them. The only way out was to seek the seclusion of his toilet, check again for cameras, tear the roubles into the smallest pieces possible and flush them away. Yet he still remained anxious that he would be detected when the pieces arrived at their eventual destination! In fact complete relief came only on a seemingly vertical departure from the airport on a British Airways VC10. Exciting days in a very different political climate.

Stanley Bayne was also in a reminiscent mood but brought us much closer to home. He recalled wartime spent on the family farm, Springfield, Kinross. Italian POWs worked on the farm. He recalled that they were very talented people and busied themselves with various crafts. They would share family meals and taught their language to Stanley; he could speak Italian by the time he started primary school!

He recalled the removal of iron gates in the 1940s to assist with the war effort. This had an impact on farming as great care now had to be taken when moving stock. The young Stanley had the task of running along at the front to prevent stock from entering people's gardens. He told us about sheep dog trials on the golf course and of milk delivered straight to the customer's pitcher from the tap, before milk was bottled. He also reminded us of times pre-Beeching when the railways were a prominent feature of Kinross and life was conducted at a gentler pace. Stanley's father, if running late, would telephone the station master and ask him to hold the train until his arrival! Some wonderful memories of Kinross at that time.

President Phil Teale closed the proceedings with a humorous tale of growing up in a large family in Arbroath. He was taken to visit his auntie's new baby who had surprisingly ginger hair. Inevitably, the joking started; 'Whose is she? The coalman's?'. Just at that moment the coal delivery arrived. The coalman arrived at the door and took his cap off to reveal a mop of bright ginger hair!

This concluded an evening of great fellowship and entertainment.

August Meetings

At our business meetings, we discuss the many and varied projects in which we are involved. On 5 August we had much to discuss including the finalising of arrangements for our support at Kinross Show. We have been providing support for this community event for many years and we are always eager to be involved. Regrettably, the show was cancelled due to the exceptionally heavy rain the day before, so our members and supporters were spared the mud bath this year.

We also spoke about planning for our partnership with Kinross High School and the pupil Interact group for the forthcoming school year. More information on this is available online at www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/interact.

Planning and preparations for our annual boat race event, 'The Great Escape' at Kirkgate Park on 1 September were also discussed. This event requires the various skills and talents of our members and, at the time of writing, we are hoping for good weather to complete the experience!

On 12 August, Jim Duffy, Secretary of Awards Network, presented his talk on 'Youth Awards, Recognising Achievement'.

The Awards Network was established in Scotland in 2008 as a forum for providers of non-formal learning opportunities for young people to recognised by youth work awards. Its members work together to raise awareness of the range and impact of awards accrediting learning and achievements of young people aged 12 to 25. It recognises awards that use youth work approaches and are available throughout Scotland. The Awards Network includes over 30 youth organisations such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Scouts, Sea Cadets, Army Cadets and Air Cadets, to name but a few. Unfortunately, although promoting many youth programmes, Rotary so far does not appear on the list. The Network recognises achievement and the value of extra-curricular activities through which young people should be able to present a well-rounded portrait of themselves as individuals to potential employers, universities, and so on, by reflecting their interests hobbies, aspirations and volunteering activity. Non formal learning youth awards were issued to 104,000 young folks in 2017/18, but more awareness of the awards is needed. One of the many awards available is the Saltire Award, issued by Voluntary Action Scotland. There are four levels of progression for this award; the challenge, the approach, the ascent and the summit. This award can recognise all volunteering activity components of other youth awards including Duke of Edinburgh, uniformed organisations, Dynamic Youth Awards and Youth Achievements Awards. It recognises 10, 25, 50, 100, 200 and 500 hours of volunteering activity, plus outstanding achievement. Skills and competences achieved include citizenship, commitment, community action, personal development and employability

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skills along with CV development. This is the Scottish Government's national youth volunteer award, recognising volunteering undertaken by young people. It helps them to reflect on, capture and communicate their personal development gained through volunteering and is free of charge. Disappointment that Rotary is not recognised among the list of partners was voiced. Our absence is notable despite our several youth programmes. An invitation was issued to Jim to allow further dialogue with Rotary with the hope of rectifying this.



*President Phil Teale introduces new member
Captain James Dawson*

New Members

Following Jim's presentation, President Phil Teale introduced and inducted into full membership of the club Captain James Dawson who gave a brief resume of his career in the Army and was welcomed by the members.

Are you interested in what you've been reading? Or have you met us recently at Kinross Show or 'The Great Escape', Mary Queen of Scots event? Would you like to be involved? Why not come along to one of our meetings and find out for yourself what it's all about? You can be assured of a warm welcome.

September meetings

- 2 September: Business/Project meeting.
- 9 September: Trish Colton, 'Perth and Kinross; A Pocket Handbook'.
- 17 September: Breakfast Meeting.
- 23 September: Brian D'Arcy, 'Economic Benefits of Loch Leven'.
- 30 September: Andy Middlemiss, 1919, WW1 The Aftermath'.

For further details, contact Dugald McIntyre, club secretary, by email at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com or check our Facebook page.

Club Correspondents

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

Kinross Museum

www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk

www.facebook.com/Kinross.Museum



The museum played host to friends at the opening of a new set of displays held on 27 July. The following week, we welcomed members of Kinross Town Twinning Association, accompanied by guests visiting Kinross from Gacé in Normandy. Unfortunately, Kinross Show was cancelled so we were unable to attend. Our summer raffle, designed to raise funds for the museum, continues into September with lots of prizes to be won before the draw at the end of the month.

Amongst the items gifted to us in the past month was, 'A Seceder's Notebook of Sermon 1698-1721' by William Flockhart of Annacroich. This volume was sent to us from a church in New Brunswick, Canada. A framed photo of Isabel Downie, Queen of Loch Leven, taken in 1936 was also donated to us. This is now on display, along with the necklace she was given (made by Harkness and Son, Jewellers in Kinross) and the 'Royal Proclamation' designed by Arthur Emslie, grocer in Kinross and Provost from 1947 to 1951.

Do drop by to view our new displays and, on Thursdays and Saturdays, visit our study room where volunteers are ready to help with any historical queries you may have.



Isabel Downie, Queen of Loch Leven in 1936

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

We welcomed two sets of judges at the end of July; the first from Beautiful Scotland followed two days later by those from Take a Pride in Perthshire. We had new judges John MacLennan and Gregor McGillivray for the first visit and they were pleased to be shown round the village, hear about the history and view the areas which we maintain. It did not rain despite threatening clouds and we had a soup and sandwich lunch followed by a very pleasant tour.



The judges from Beautiful Scotland enjoyed a rare rain-free day!

As usual our volunteers worked hard to make sure the village was spotless with last minute checking for litter, washing signs and last minute weeding. Pat's soup was delicious and much appreciated by all. The new head teacher joined the judges at the school and discussed the work KIB do there and her own plans for a new garden. We had already shown them a bit of the intergenerational film made by the school. Gordon Croll from Take a Pride in Perthshire has visited us before but this time was joined by new judge Brian Cunningham from the Beechgrove Garden. Gordon was pleased to see Benarty View completed after five long years of planning. Brian was enthusiastic about his week of judging and really excited by his visit to the school. Once again the weather was kind, especially when we heard there had been downpours in Kinross and Wester Balgedie. The showers are certainly quite localised this summer. Once again we finished with afternoon tea in the Bishopshire Golf Club premises. Many thanks to them once again for their help in providing a venue. Thanks also to all those who provided home bakes.

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A low maintenance area has been developed at the bottom of Buchan Avenue. It has a gravel surface, a lovely bench and pots. Thanks to everyone who has donated to this garden. It makes another lovely entrance to the school.

After such a busy week we had the Saturday off. Since then we have returned to our usual work parties with a couple of extra ones to spread the seven big bags of mulch in Benarty View. Hopefully that will suppress some of the weeds in the area.

The Beautiful Scotland award ceremony will be held in Dumfries on 12 September and the Take a Pride in Perthshire ceremony a week later.

We also entered a Solheim Cup competition with our lady golfers in Benarty View. They have been named 'The Solheim Sisters' and the song, 'Straight Down the Middle' has been adapted specially for them (with apologies to Bing Crosby).

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Bramble Coulis

Ingredients

250g brambles
 50g caster sugar
 ½ tsp vanilla extract

Method

Put the brambles and sugar into a pan with 100ml water. Bring to the boil then simmer for five minutes until fruit is soft. Stir in vanilla and cool a little.

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We are delighted to announce that we have a new co-ordinator. Gwen Upcroft took on the job on 12 August and, by the time this issue is published, many of our regular service users and drivers will have spoken to her. Having lived in Milnathort for many years, Gwen is well known in the area. We all welcome Gwen and wish her a long and happy association with the group.

Our phone number stays the same (01577 840196) and the email address is still administrator@kvgandros.org.uk. Gwen will be happy to hear from anyone struggling to access appointments due to a lack of personal transport and inability to use public transport.

In memory of Ann Munro, who had been the co-ordinator for over 30 years, we are planting a silver birch in the grounds of the Loch Leven Health Centre on 27 September. The tree will be planted by Ann's daughter Jane and son Ross. The planting will be followed by a sandwich lunch to say 'thank you' to all our hard working drivers and as an opportunity for them to meet Gwen, Jane and Ross.

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks our pool of drivers has decreased due to ill health, one driver moving away and another one retiring. Nesta Hogg has decided to retire after over 20 years' involvement with us. Nesta first joined as a committee member, then secretary and latterly as a driver. Nesta's cheery smile is going to be badly missed by everyone. Elsewhere in the Newsletter there is a plea for more volunteers. If you are interested please give us a call. We would be delighted to hear from you. Contact Pauline on 01577 862685 or Sandy on 01577 862536.

Circle Dancing

The long summer holidays are almost at an end so now it is time to dig out those dancing shoes and get back to circle dancing. If you have never tried this before and would like to know more about it, then please do come along to either The Millbridge Hall on a Tuesday morning at 10.30am or the Dance studio in Junction Road on a Wednesday at 10am. The first session is free where you will be assured of a very warm welcome. No previous experience is necessary, and you will not require a partner. If you would like any further details please phone Lynne on 01259 742173 or email at lynn244@btinternet.com

Guide Dogs

We would love to see new volunteers join us and give us their ideas to raise funds for more life-changing Guide Dog puppies just like Charlie. He is eight weeks old in this photo. Please feel welcome to come and meet puppy walkers, service users and fellow fundraisers at our next coffee and chat and hear more about Guide Dogs in



your area. We next meet on **Tuesday 17 September** at 10am at Café Kisa, Caulders Garden Centre, Kinross. For more information please contact Anne Rowse on 07766 505249 or at anne.rowse@guidedogs.org.uk. This will be a regular event with further dates to be confirmed.

Kinross Flower Club

www.kinrossfloralartclub.org

Kinross Flower Club is a friendly club whose members all have a love of flowers but not necessarily an expertise in arranging them. Each month a demonstrator shows her skill in doing at least five very different arrangements while entertaining us with funny stories and some hints on flower arranging. We meet at **2pm** (one hour later than last session) in **Millbridge Hall**, Kinross (new venue) on the fourth Thursday of the month.

We welcome everyone to our new season, which starts on Thursday 26 September at 2pm, when Shamima Hasan will give us a demonstration entitled 'Memory Lane'.

We look forward to welcoming both old and new faces.

The Kinross Bridge Club

The Kinross Bridge Club will resume on **Wednesday 11 September**. We meet in the lower hall of the Kinross Church Centre at 6.30pm for a prompt 6.45pm start. We look forward to welcoming back our regular members but also anyone who wishes to come to see if they would like to join us. For further details, please phone Catriona Marshall, secretary, on 01577 864482.



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Portmoak Film Society

Aye, 'the nights are fair drawing in'... which can only mean that Portmoak Films' new season is about to start again, and this year we have selected a truly international mix of memorable movies which we hope you will enjoy.

We kick off with *Joy* on **Saturday 14 September**, the true-life story of put-upon, single mother Joy Mangano, played by Jennifer Lawrence, who became a millionaire in the 1990s by inventing a self-wringing mop via the QVC channel. It's an intergenerational story of a dysfunctional American family, with Robert de Niro going a bit crazy as her dad and Bradley Cooper as the QVC boss who believes in her. It's followed on **Saturday 12 October** by a German thriller, called *In the Fade* and on **Saturday 9 November** by Icelandic comedy-drama *A Woman at War*. The pre-Christmas film on **Saturday 14 December** is the wonderfully comic 2018 US crime drama *Can you ever forgive me?* set in 1990s Bohemian New York, starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E Grant. To find out more about the featured films and 2019-20 dates, visit: www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

Films are shown every second Saturday of the month in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell. A season's membership costs £32, available from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood (01592 840638) or you can pay £5 on the door. Films start at 7.30pm and hot drinks and refreshments are generously provided afterwards by Helen from Lochend Farm Shop. You may also bring your own bottle. Newcomers as well as our loyal regulars are all welcome!



Kinross Pipe Band

Well, that's the 2019 competing season finished, and after a well-earned break the band will be starting back in earnest from **Thursday 3 October** (7pm, St Serfs Hall, the Muirs) working on an exciting new selection of competition tunes for the 2020 season.

After a somewhat challenging start to the year, having lost a number of players to various university and distant working careers, we were delighted to welcome Stuart Scott to take over the helm as Pipe Major at the end of June. Stuart, a grade 1 player with St Lawrence O'Toole and a previous pipe major of Crieff High School, has worked wonders with the band's tone and confidence, and it's fair to say everyone is looking forward to going into next season with an exciting new sound!

Of course, the more players the band has the better strength and depth we can field, so once again, if you are an experienced piper or drummer in the general Kinross area we'd love to hear from you! Come along and have a chat and a listen on Thursday evenings. No obligation, but we know you will find us to be a friendly crowd, all of whom are committed to putting the work in to constantly improve the band. We are particularly on the lookout for a bass drummer for the drum corps ... and as many pipers as we can find for the pipe corps! But really, all potential players of any instrument will be more than welcome.

Learners, too, are always welcome – we ask them to come along from around 6.30pm on Thursdays. Just contact secretary@kinross-pipe-band.co.uk for any info.



Kinross Garden Group.

The summer garden visits are continuing – the August visit to Glamis Castle was very much enjoyed by the members who went, and we have the final visit to Wallington Hall in Northumberland on 12 September – 8.30am departure from The Thistle Hotel, Milnathort. There is a waiting list for places on this outing but it is very likely that places will become available so do check with Caroline Anderson. Members can pay for this trip at the Kinross Church Centre on Thursday 29 August between 2-3pm or drop the payment to Caroline Anderson or Ann Walker. More details about the outing programme, and also for more details about membership of the Kinross Garden Group contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.



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Kinross-shire U3A

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People occasionally ask what the University of the Third Age is. The first thing to make clear is that it isn't a University; there are no exams, no degrees, no formal courses. Pedantically, it could be argued that the original Latin word *universitas* refers in general to 'a number of persons associated into one body, a society, company, community, guild, corporation, etc' but that's not what most people understand by the term.

Therefore, the national organisation has changed its logo (as the eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed at the top right of this article), removing the words 'University of the Third Age', and replacing them with 'Learn, laugh, live'. However, they're keeping the name.

The second thing to point out is that the 'Third Age' part is not clear. It is not simply over 65 or any other arbitrary age. Nor is it limited by occupation or employment. Roughly, it is 'that time of life when people are no longer in full-time employment or raising a family and are free to engage in other pursuits'.

It is generally more useful to know what things are, rather than what they are not. So here goes. The U3A movement aims to encourage groups of people to come together to enjoy learning and participating in subjects and activities of interest to them. The guiding principles are to promote lifelong learning through self-help interest groups covering as wide a range of topics and activities as chosen by their members.

Kinross-shire U3A started last year and membership costs £25 for 12 months, or £20 if you are a member of another U3A group. We are just about to begin our second season of open meetings. These

are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at Kinross Parish Church (oh, more things we're not; religious or party political). The meetings are open to all members of Kinross-shire U3A, but if you are interested and not a member, please come along as our guest to give us a try. We think we have lined up some interesting topics, starting on 3 September with Stephen Kirkham's topic of 'The Worst of Times, The Best of Times: Heart Transplant!' Later in the season we have talks on Potions and Poisons, Community Policing, a Charity Challenge in Southern Ethiopia, Loch Leven Nature Reserve, WWI Memorialisation and Gardening for Bugs.

In addition to these meetings, the U3A self-learning structure is based on 'special interest groups'. We already have several up and running (or just about to be) covering a wide variety of interests. So far we cover Scrabble, crafting, military history, a book club, famous Scots, science discussion, cinema and film, poetry, website maintenance, meditation and essential oils, genealogy, rummikub and places of interest. These groups are run by and for members and we're always keen to help anyone start a new group.

So there you have it. No exams, no essays, no qualifications. Just the chance to do or learn things you've always wanted to. For more information, please visit our website (hopefully our website maintenance gwill have maintained it recently), email us at kinrossshireu3a@gmail.com or come to our first open meeting of the season on 3 September. Doors open 2pm for 2.30pm start at Kinross Parish Church.

A few final words from one of our members, Maureen Lyall. Maureen will

publicise news of group activities and forthcoming events for the coming session:



'I moved to Kinross in December 2017 and, as I settled into my new home and considered how I would fill my leisure time, the Kinross branch of U3A was under consideration and planning to be launched. I attended the first meeting, met some acquaintances from my working life and made new friends. The organisers were welcoming and keen to involve Kinross residents in a range of interest groups. The monthly speaker programme has been interesting and there's always time for a chat over a light refreshment at the end of each session. I opted to join two interest groups (Famous Scots and Scrabble) which met monthly throughout the year. As an incomer to the town, I have benefited greatly from the warmth, friendship and welcome from other retired and partially retired members..... many of whom I would gladly refer to as my new Kinross friends!

I am looking forward to the monthly speakers planned for this session. This programme has been created from existing U3A members' interests, contacts and proposals. Many of last year's groups plan to continue but new groups are being set up too. Personally, I have proposed to have a group which will visit and learn about places of interest in and around Kinross. I look forward to learning more about Kinross. I hope you will give some thought to joining us, sharing your own knowledge, experience and friendship and helping us all to keep our grey cells activeeven in our old(er) age. I look forward to meeting you!'

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Milnathort in Bloom

Well, that's our annual village competition over for another year and what fun it was! Entries to the Scarecrow competition were judged on 31 July and 2 August. The judges were very impressed with all the entries and were entertained by the different characters and the creative effort made by everyone who entered. Entries included Tufty, Tin Tin, Heilan Willie, Rob, Dennis the Menace, Davey Doolittle and another Rob.

Results were as follows: First prize in a group entry, Tufty, created by residents at The Stackyard, E Kirkham, S Brown, and families. The judges commended this entry for the teamwork, multiple skills, and the ability to create a larger than life model of a squirrel which has major impact. First prize joint winners for an adult entry were H MacGregor with Tin Tin and N Crawford with Davey Doolittle. These were very different; one was commended for the clever use of recyclable materials and the other for the appropriate inclusion of 'creatures' hiding in the clothing of Davey. Joint first prize for children were Archie MacGregor and Rob and Katie MacGregor with another Rob. The group entry, second prize, went to the grandchildren of J Paterson with Dennis the Menace and Heilan Willie by D Thomson was also rewarded with a prize.



We would like to thank everyone for participating in the competition. Thanks also go to The Tack Room, Stewart and Smart, Heaven Scent and Carrs Billington for their generous support.

If you have any ideas for a competition for next year please let us know via our Facebook page.

In other competition news, the judges for the Take a Pride in Perth Competition were in the village on 8 August. They were very impressed by the cleanliness of the village and with the effort made by local residents in all the many tubs and window boxes that were on display this year. The village was looking fantastic for the judges. We would like to pass on a huge thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work and also to Milnathort residents for doing us proud once again. Results will be announced towards the end of September.



Scarecrow competition winners

Left: Rob and Tintin the scarecrow

Above: Davey Doolittle

Below: Tufty

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Portmoak Community Woodland Group

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Apple pie, apple pancakes, toffee apples, apple scones, crab apple jelly, apple juice! Is your mouth watering yet? Let's try another list; eating apples, cooking apples, pears, plums, brambles, hazelnuts.

They're all to be found in the Portmoak Community Orchard in Scotlandwell where the trees and bushes are heaving with fruit.

Once again we hope you'll join us to celebrate a successful harvest. Our annual Apple Day will be on Sunday 22 September, 2-5pm. The orchard is across the road from the kirk and Portmoak village hall. We have our lovely new, levelled play area (Chris's Place) for putting up the tent and a big apple press. Fingers crossed for a fine day but if wet (ha, ha) we'll be in the hall.

There'll be lots of apple-themed baking and apple juice from the fruit on our own trees as well as from any apples you bring with you. It's a great opportunity to get the best out of windfalls. Remember to bring containers to take away the juice.

The apple press is provided by Andrew Lear, aka apple tree man, from Bankfoot in Perthshire. He'll be with us to help identify apples from your garden. All you need to do is bring an apple or two and a twig and leaf (from the

same tree, of course) and he'll do the rest. He'll also bring a wonderful display of the many varieties of apples found growing in Scotland.

While the grown-ups are guzzling tea and cakes there'll be activities for the kids. It's a free event but we appreciate donations for the refreshments, to help cover the costs of apple day and future events.



Portmoak Community Orchard, heaving with fruit!

Potager Garden

www.kinrosspotagergarden.com

It has been an unpredictable summer weather-wise, but our volunteer sessions have continued over the summer. We have produced some good crops for the school children to harvest and taste sometime in the next few weeks.

We have an unclaimed quilted jacket (dark pink/beige) which has been left

at the garden, possibly at the coffee morning in June. It says size large, but probably a child's size; there is an umbrella cover in the pocket (white with a large pink flower on it). If you think it is yours, please get in touch with Amanda.

We will be holding our annual big coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support at the garden on **Saturday 28 September**, 10.30am-12noon.

Donations for refreshments and plant sales for garden funds. We look forward to seeing you then.



We were lucky to have a lovely sunny afternoon on 15 August when the Sparks group visited the garden.

The garden is accessible for wheelchairs and everyone had a look around. We spotted bees and other insects, such as the butterflies, on the buddleia bush. We had a cuppa outside with lovely homemade orange cake kindly provided by Shona.

If you would like to visit the garden, do call on a Monday morning when our volunteers are there, or let Amanda know if you would like to arrange a group visit.

Please also visit and follow our new Facebook page!

Contact Amanda James by email on amandajames1577@gmail.com or by phone on 07963 476803.



The Sparks group visit the Potager garden

Loch Leven Community Library

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Closure: Thursday 5 September 2019 (morning only)

All Culture Perth and Kinross Libraries will be closed on the morning of Thursday 5 September 2019 for staff training. Loch Leven Library will re-open at 1pm

'Arnhem'

An evening talk by retired Col. Andy Middlemiss. Wed 18 Sept 7.15pm. Adults. Tickets £5. Booking required.

In September 1944, after the victorious end of the Normandy Campaign, Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery devised a daring operation to open the way to the Ruhr by seizing a bridgehead north of the Rhine at Arnhem. Of the 10,000 men who landed at Arnhem 1400 were killed and over 6000 captured. It heralded the military disaster that popularly became known as 'a bridge too far'.

Andy brings the story to life and remembers the men who gave their lives in his illustrated talk to mark the 75th anniversary of this major WW2 battle.

Bright Sparks Club

Exercise your brain and have fun! Activities, crafts, experiments, brainteasers. Third Sat of every month at 11.30am-12.30 in the library. Suitable for age 5-10 years. £2 per session: Sat Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16
Please book a place. Tel 01577 86725
Email: lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk

Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

- **Bookbug Rhymetimes** Sat 10.30-11am. Wed 2-2.30pm.
- **Pre-school Story Time** Tues 10.15-10.45am.
- **Stay and Play** Wed 2.30-3.30pm Sat 11am-12.

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

Pop into the library where you can meet other parents, have a coffee, chat, read a magazine or just relax while your child plays. Toys provided. Family-friendly. These sessions are suitable for pre-school children and their parents or guardians.

Book Groups at the Library

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

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

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

Cafe: Once a month on a Saturday 11.15am.

Resumes Sat 7 September.

Children's Come along to our first meeting and find out more. Friday 6 Sept. 4-5pm. Suitable for children 7-11yrs.

Please contact the library for any further book group dates

IT Help Sessions: Free sessions but booking essential as spaces are limited. Monthly on a Thursday 2pm onwards.

Next session: Thursday 12 Sept.

Coffee and Crochet: Fancy coming along to a crochet club? Chat, enjoy coffee and share hints & tips while working on your project. Weekly on Thursdays at 10am. Come along and join this small friendly group.

(Please note although help will be given this is not a teaching class for beginners.)

Creative Writing Group. Always wanted to try your hand at creative writing? Come along, its free, interesting and supportive to budding writers. **Next meeting: Tues 24 Sept 6-7.45pm.**

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

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Visiting on Tuesdays 10 & 24 September

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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
Crook of Devon	Village Inn	1345-1445
Carnbo	Pitcairnie Lane	1500-1530
Whyte Court	Kinross	1545-1615

For more information, see: www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries and click on 'Services in the Community'

Friends of Loch Leven Community Library

Volunteers Required!

FOLLCL volunteers extend Kinross Community library opening hours on Mondays (10am-1pm) and Saturdays (1pm-3pm) throughout the year, excluding public holidays. Should you be interested in becoming a volunteer with the Friends of Loch Leven Community Library, why not come along during the hours mentioned above to find out what we do? We look forward to meeting with you.



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Have a good Blether at this year's Kinross-shire Winter Festival

KLEO is a Bookweek Scotland partner and during the winter festival we hope to bring some exciting blether themed events!

Mining Sense Memory – a writer's workshop with Janis Mackay

Janis Mackay is an award-winning children's novelist and storyteller and creative writing tutor. She teaches creative writing at Edinburgh University. She will facilitate a session entitled 'Mining sense memory' where participants are invited to remember things such as the sounds and smells of their childhood, and transform these into a piece of writing. No experience needed to enjoy this creative writing workshop, just a willingness to play and explore creativity. Mon 18 Nov, 7pm, campus, 7pm. £10. There are only 20 spaces, so please book in advance at bouwien@kleo.org.uk.

Artie's Tartan Tales with former Singing Kettle Star Artie Trezine (Tue 19 Nov, 4pm, Kinross Parish Church) £5 adult, £3 child.



Janis MacKay

Gerda Stevens (poetry and songs), (Wed 20 Nov, 7.30pm campus), £5.

Jess Smith (Scottish traveller stories), (Thur 21 Nov, 7.30pm, campus), £5.

The Blether Bus, a bus tour on Sun 24 Nov with stories around Loch Leven (11am and 2pm), bus leaves from campus, £10. For more crime and mystery events keep an eye on the KLEO website www.kleo.org.uk



The Blether Bus....The bus tour is back again this year!
Illustrator: Esther Kent

Other Winter Festival events

Talent Showcase (Fri 8 Nov, 7pm, campus).

Mamma Mia Abba Sing-a-long (Fri 15 Nov, 7pm, campus), £5. What's not to love about shamelessly belting out the words to your favourite ABBA songs!

Billy Kirkwood: All Talk, 8pm (Sat 16 Nov, 8pm, Milnathort Town Hall), £10.

Choirs Together, (Sun 17 Nov, 7pm Campus), £5 (£3 concession).

Dougie MacLean (Sat 7 Dec, 8pm, Campus) £2.

Festive Street Market/Light Up Kinross

The Festive Street Market/Light Up Kinross event will take place on the High Street of Kinross on **Saturday 24 November** (4-7pm). 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

For more information and tickets for the above events go to www.kleo.org.uk.

Tickets are also on sale at Morgans Solicitors and Estate Agents in Kinross and Light Up My Heart in Milnathort.

Kinross Farmers' Market

The next Farmers' market dates are **28 September** and **26 October**.



Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

Always wanted to play your instrument in a group but never had the chance? This is an orchestra for adults, with all abilities welcome, but it is handy if you read music. Wednesday evenings with conductor Dougie Flower from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. The fee is £5 a session.

Leven Voices

Leven Voices is a fun, informal drop-in singing group which you can join anytime. No music reading or singing experience is necessary. Tuesday evenings with Horsecross Arts Tutor Alice Marra from 7.30pm-9.30pm at Kinross Parish Church. Fee is £4 (£3 concession).

For more information about KLEO events please go to www.kleo.org.uk or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk.

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Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



A total of 26 members of the Gacé Town Twinning organisation spent a week with their Kinross hosts. They enjoyed a varied flavour of Scotland during their short time here.

The party arrived at the Loch Leven Community Campus Museum where they enjoyed refreshments and an exhibition of twinning history organised by local historian Dr David Munro. Following an evening meal our guests took part in a variety of activities with their host families. Some went to the Scottish Deer Centre near Cupar whilst others visited Falkland Palace and the Loch Leven heritage trail. Saturday was spent in Dundee where our visitors enjoyed the V&A Museum, Science Centre, Discovery and McManus Galleries. The party then visited Cairn o' Mohr winery for a guided tour and tasting session before returning to Kinross. Families in Dollar were also hosting guests from another French town, La Ville aux Dames. So the Kinross twinningers spent the afternoon and evening with their Dollar counterparts. Everyone enjoyed a barbecue, a 'non-language' treasure hunt and volleyball before the heavens opened, putting an end to the outdoor activities.

On Monday the party travelled to Edinburgh where they were given a guided tour of the Scottish parliament at Holyrood. A mini-cruise on the 'Maid of the Forth' under all three Forth Bridges and a stop at Inchcolm Island completed the itinerary for the day.

The bowling competition involving Scottish bowls followed by French boules had to be adapted due to heavy rainfall. The bowling green was waterlogged resulting in the group heading to the local campus where they played petanque on the two outdoor rinks. After forty minutes of play the heavens opened again causing the games to be halted and the scores totalled up to that point. The Gacéans were ahead on both petanque courts when the rain stopped play so they were declared as winners

of the perpetual trophy which is awarded each time an official twinning visit takes place. This means that Kinross will have to wait until 2021 to attempt to win back the trophy which they had won in Gacé in 2018.

A farewell buffet meal was held at Milnathort Bowling Club where Provost Dennis Melloy was the guest of honour. After the meal Provost Melloy welcomed everyone and spoke about the benefits of organised twinning visits. He concluded by proposing a toast to both twinning organisations. Kinross twinning chairman, Dale Coldwell, thanked the provost for his kind words before going on to present a twinning gift to the Gacéans; three engraved empty whisky bottles each with light strings in the colours of the French flag. Gacé president Michel Brodin thanked Dale for the gift and handed over their gift to Kinross; a high powered water jet plaque shaped in the form of Normandy, mounted on a base featuring the towns' twinning logo.

A musical evening followed featuring piper Douglas Mair and folk singing by local languages' teacher Paul Becher. Paul was later joined by Marie France Brodin who played an unusual wind instrument with button keys like an accordion. Local DJ Bill Freeman then played a range of music featuring Scottish dance music and more modern music, concluding with Loch Lomond.

On Thursday the party assembled at the local campus for departure. It was heartening to see a number of youngsters in the Gacé party. This is a positive sign for future twinning visits, especially as the September school visit is the thirtieth anniversary of the first school link with Gacé.

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Crook & Drum Growing Together



Our beds and planters around the villages have not needed too much watering this summer with all the rain, but thank you to the volunteers and business owners who have looked after them and deadheaded flowers to keep them blooming.

Once again we have a local young man volunteering with us for his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We have been particularly pleased with the wild flowers in areas such as the Drum grass triangle, inside the church yard, and at the bus stop by the green on the main road, which have continued flowering all over the summer. Flowers such as ox eye daisies and marjoram have attracted bumble and honey bees, and hoverflies, and also butterflies. The two buddleias



The Drum grass triangle

in the bed on the green are being visited by tortoiseshells, painted ladies and peacock butterflies looking for nectar, as shown in the photo below.

We are also developing another wild flowering area on the verges on Naemoor Road beyond the stone bridge. This should fill out more by next summer.

We are taking part in the Civic Trust's Well Kept Village initiative, which will be judged on 11 September this year. Judges will be visiting most of the streets in the villages and we would welcome residents' help with keeping their frontages tidy, and removing hedge trimmings for example. Please let us know if you would like any help with this, or if you have ideas for new growing initiatives in the area. Please visit our Facebook page for latest news and photos.

Contact Amanda James on 07963 476803 or by email at amandajames1577@gmail.com.



Buddleias attract all manner of butterflies!

Kinross Centre

Well, what about the weather? We have had all four seasons in the one day! Bikinis and wellies, what a picture!

We have been very busy in our coffee bar over the summer holidays, which has been great. Toasties and baked potatoes have been very popular, not forgetting our full cooked breakfasts (before 11.30am). So, if you haven't been in, please come along to sample our menu.

We have had a few volunteers from Sainsbury's taking part in activities such as a day trip to Aberdour beach, painting nails, bingo and art. This has been greatly appreciated by everyone. We had a fantastic concert last week with singer Jim McNulty. It was a great afternoon with lots of dancing and singing along to songs from the 1970s and 1980s right up to present day. There were also a few Scottish songs thrown in.

As well as the many exciting days out, our usual activities continue to run during the week. Our art group on a Wednesday afternoon is particularly popular. We also have bingo on Monday and Friday afternoons along with dominoes and a singing group on Tuesday afternoons. There are also various exercise classes. We offer something to suit all tastes so pop along to see if there is anything to interest you.

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

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Persimmon expansion at Lathro Farm

Thank you and well done to everyone who took the time to object to Persimmon's proposal to increase the number of houses on phase 2 of Lathro Farm to 195, which would take the total across the whole site to 386 houses. (PKC Planning ref 19/00917/FLM.) This is a site with an allocation of 260 in the Local Development Plan.

Aware that only properties within 20 metres of a proposed development receive a 'neighbour notification' letter, and that few people read the tiny print notice in the local newspaper, the Trust leafleted some houses that would be most affected as well as drawing attention to the proposal via Facebook. And of course the two-week period of comment was in July, when many people are away on holiday! (It's amazing how many consultations for large developments take place in December or July.)

The Council received 172 objections, though they are stating this as 156, because they only count one objection per household. We are seeking justification of this practice from PKC as we are aware that Fife Council has no such restriction on objections per household.

Many and varied concerns have been expressed. These included: the high density of the development; the poor design of phase 1, which this proposal would replicate; the effects on local infrastructure; and the unsuitability of Gallowhill Road to act as another access road for the development.



Most of Lathro Meadows phase 1 has no pavements, only 'service strips' which are unsuitable for prams and wheelchairs

Interestingly, PKC's own Transport and Planning engineer is objecting to the application, which proposes 5-metre wide shared use space for much of phase 2. He said: 'I am of a view that this is not in compliance with the National Roads Development Guide, which advises that the minimum width for two way traffic (light traffic volumes of mainly cars) with cyclists on road is 4.8 metres, while pedestrians should be provided with 2.0 metre clearways.'

Yet much of phase 1 has no 'clearways' or footpaths for pedestrians, merely 'service strips' which are made up of pavements at the ends of drives alternating with patches of grass. These are impossible to navigate with a pram or

wheelchair, forcing vulnerable people on to the road. This begs the question: How did the original application get planning permission if it does not comply with national roads standards?

Around 23 residents turned up to the Kinross CC meeting at which Persimmon's new application was considered. Home-owners from both the established Lathro Park estate and phase 1 of 'Lathro Meadows' spoke of experiencing anti-social behaviour.

Phase 1 home-owners also revealed shocking details of the poor build quality of their homes, such as walls out of plumb, a bowing lintel and crumbling bricks. It was also revealed that some houses were inspected by PKC Building Standards and failed, i.e. the council did not issue a completion certificate, yet Persimmon went on to sell these houses anyway! It was also revealed that PKC has been taking Council Tax from the very people living in homes that were refused completion certificates by PKC. Many of them have now been issued with 'temporary' completion certificates which are only valid for a few months. The situation is quite astounding. Some phase 1 residents are taking legal action.

Kirklands Garage

Following their unauthorised demolition of the original sandstone manse which formed part of Kirklands Garage in the Kinross Conservation Area, the developers have now submitted a new full planning application for the two houses and four flats they plan to build. This is similar to the proposal they previously had consent for, except that it involves building a replica sandstone east and north wall instead of using the original building. One difference from their previous consent is that the extension to the sandstone building would be grey and brown brick instead of sandstone facing the street. The proposal (planning ref 19/01096/FLL) is open for comment until 3 September. The Trust is in the process of objecting.

Raingardens Project

The Trust has taken a strong, well-informed interest in Loch Leven over many years, in particular through the difficult years when algal blooms and pollution were such a feature of the loch. We are therefore looking forward to working on a project devised by Brian D'Arcy to bring raingardens to Kinross-shire. Raingardens are attractive, nature-friendly features that are specially designed to allow rainwater run-off to drain away slowly (see feature on p 16). Slower run-off should benefit Loch Leven. Raingardens can also help prevent excess flooding on roads and in car parks.

Well Kept County Competitions

Judging of Hamlets will take place on 10 September and of Villages on 11 September. The presentation will take place at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 25 September** in the Masonic Hall, Kinross.

Visit to the V&A, Dundee

Members of the Trust are taking a V&A Highlights tour on **Friday 27 September** at 11.45am. The cost is £6 per person. Members have been sent a booking form by email. If you have not received yours, please phone Eileen Thomas on 01577 863714 or email: KinrossshireCivicTrustSecy@gmail.com

Sports News

Kinross Road Runners

<http://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>.

Our winter training programme is now being planned – where has the summer gone? It's been a busy couple of months with lots of races over differing distances and terrain. The club's very own Path of Condie Half Marathon was in August in good conditions with around 100 runners. That's the last of the club's organised events for the year so we can now focus on enjoying running in cooler temperatures as we move into autumn.

Evening running sessions are held every Tuesday and Wednesday with a fortnightly Thursday session as well – so there's plenty of options for runners of all abilities. New members are always welcome – just come along to any of the sessions to try it out first. Club training for September is outlined below. We meet for all sessions at the health centre car park opposite the campus. For Tuesdays and Thursdays meet at 7pm and for Wednesdays a little earlier at 6.45pm to



car-share to the start of the run. Tuesdays will focus on interval type sessions with a programme designed to improve your running speed whilst Wednesday evenings are mainly group trail runs, excellent for developing strength and stamina and there's always time for a blether! The fortnightly Thursday evening sessions provide additional speed or endurance sessions. If you still have any energy left at the weekend, there are plenty of local parkruns to choose from every Saturday morning at 9.30am and we meet for an informal Sunday morning run at 9am at the health centre (either a trail or hill run) at a very leisurely pace. Check Facebook or our website for further information.

KRR Programme for September

Tues 3	2 mile time trial, kit sale and hot chocolate
Wed 4	Strathmiglo
Thurs 5	Fife Cycle Park for speed training
Tues 10	12 x 45sec intervals
Wed 11	Christmas 10k handicap route
Tues 17	Winter training commences



KRR at Balmullo Trail Race

Kinross Curling Trust

Kinross Curling Rink is beginning to stir from its aestivation; the new glass is in place, schedules have been scheduled, and the floor is gleaming white. There is still plenty to do (any volunteers to finish laying a carpet?), especially the crucial flooding and freezing, but we will be ready to go for the new season on 9 September.

There are 35 curling clubs that regularly curl at Kinross so, if you would like to curl, you should find a club to suit you. In addition, we will be holding 'Try Curling' sessions; the first is on Saturday 12 October. For more information contact our coaching co-ordinator at jimsteele@kinrosscurling.co.uk, or Steven Kerr at iceman@kinrosscurling.co.uk (but not when the rink is being flooded!).



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.

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Kinross Swimmers

Hi readers! For various reasons I've missed a few issues, but hopefully normal service can be resumed from now on!

We have been continuing to meet in the pool on Tuesday evenings at 8pm. Numbers in the pool have dipped this year and this has been made worse due to the usual summer decrease in swimmers. We'd love to see some other swimmers popping along to join those of us diehards who continue to swim.

To that end, if you are thinking of coming along, we'd like to pay for your first two sessions by way of encouragement. So you have nothing to lose and now even less excuse not to join us.

Remember that swimming is a great, zero impact, part of an overall fitness regime. It works on all your major muscle groups, assists in your maintaining your core strength and improves your overall physical and mental health.

For a varied and challenging swim we continue to meet every Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre for an in the water start at 8pm, swimming until 9pm. Our intention is to improve the stroke, stamina and style of those attending so that any other swimming is more worthwhile, effective and enjoyable.

For further information please either contact us on Facebook (Kinross Swimmers) or Ian Shepherd via email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944503074.



Kinross Rugby Club

Minis Section

We started back on Saturday 17 August and, as training continues each week, we will focus on learning new rules for the season ahead. Sessions will incorporate AGLV's (Age Grade Law Variation) which exist to make rugby safe, fun and appropriate for a child's stage of development. These rules are in a trial period but they provide a format for playing the 15-a-side game. Players get the chance to master the basics of running, evading, catching and passing the ball before tackling and contact skills are gradually introduced. The main emphasis is on player safety. At P1-P3 level we focus on the 'FUNDamentals' of rugby using a combination of fun games, activities and multi-sport drills and practices.

In P3, the children play the occasional tag/touch festival. Then in P4-P7, they play regular fixtures of contact rugby of according to AGLV rules. Again, the rules are designed to keep the games safe and allow our young players to improve their skills whilst having fun.

The minis have three games this month; two away to Peebles and Perthshire followed by our first home fixture on 29 September. We look forward to welcoming Kirkcaldy, Perthshire, Dunfermline, Mackie (Stonehaven), Boroughmuir and Howe of Fife to Kinross for that.

For more information, please contact our Youth Convenor, Robert Allan, on 07831099315 or by email at Kinrossrugby.juniors@gmail.com.



Orwell Bowling Club

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We have been very busy since the last report.

Also the weather become more unsettled, with sunshine one day and heavy rain the next, sometimes both in the same day.

Unfortunately the Scottish Ladies Triples were beaten by one shot in the first round of the National finals at Ayr.

The ladies played their fellowship game against Newburgh on Monday 12 August. Both the home and the away teams won their games.

The gents have had good results in the county this year. They were beaten in the semi-final of the Balfour competition. The four bowl pairs and the rink were both runners up in the county finals. The club was also successful in reaching the semi-final of the Golden Age competition. Well done to everyone.

We won all of our last three friendlies. The results were:- Saturday 13 July, away to Freuchie, Orwell 65 Freuchie 45;

Thursday 19 July, away to Kinross, Orwell 51 Kinross 32;

Wednesday 31 July, home to Carnbo, Orwell 64 Carnbo 51.

Our game against Alva South was unfortunately cancelled as six of our players were in Ayr and we were unable to fill the teams. We also cancelled the away game against Glencarse as the gents were playing in the county finals. The Leslie game was also cancelled by them due to the lack of players.

The reekie mixed pairs took place on Sunday 21 July with six pairs playing in a round robin format. The winners were Anne McGouldrick and Bobby Brian.

We had nine players in the Roy Dougray trophy on Sunday 4 August. The winner was Tom Reid.

The Haig cup was played on Friday 9 August. The gents' winner was Tom Reid and the ladies winner was Maz Thorn. Congratulations to all the winners in these one day competitions.

The bowling season will soon come to end as there are just a few weeks left to play our internal competitions.

Members please note that the green closes on **Saturday 28 September** with a charity game in aid of the RNLI. It will be held at 1.30pm for 2pm start. Please come along and give your support to this worthy cause. Raffle prizes would be most welcome as well.

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Volleyball

Kinross Teams in Belgian Volleyball Competition

Two Kinross teams which compete in the Perth and District Volleyball League travelled to Belgium in August to take part in the 46th annual De Haan Tournament.

Kinross Scotrange and Kinross Mongrels were joined by local rivals Team Fife on their travels and they entered under team names featuring 'McDuvels.' The Fife and Kinross men's teams were competing in the top regional league with the Mongrels' side competing in the mixed recreational league. It was a very windy Saturday which made it difficult for every one of the sixty teams competing in the annual tournament. Teams play only two sets and the Kinross men's team opened with a drawn match winning the first set 25-21 and losing the second set by the same score. They lost their second match to Mortsel VC of Antwerp before drawing again against The Bluebeards (die blaubaren).

They defeated a Dutch side at their final match on Saturday and finished third in their section.



Action from Team Fife (left) versus Kinross (right)

The Kinross Mongrels found themselves in a section of six teams playing KVCM Maasmechelen; a Belgian side which boasts 11 teams playing in national, regional and youth leagues. In a close fought first set the Kinross side lost out 22-25 before losing the second set 1-25. Next up was The Apologies and again the Kinross mixed team lost out by two sets to love. Team Bazooka were up next and again the Kinross side failed to make an impact on the eventual

competition winners. The final two games against French side Spiritouze saw Kinross finally record a 2-0 victory, following this up with a drawn match against Schovoc Beverst; another club operating 11 teams.

The Kinross and Fife men faced each other the next day. Kinross led the first set 23-16 but an amazing fightback and some errors from Kinross meant that Fife eventually won 26-24, 25-22. Team Fife fared better on the Sunday than their Kinross counterparts; a victory over their neighbours meant that they finished in sixth place overall with Kinross finishing seventh.

The Kinross mixed team also fared better on the Sunday. They changed their formation slightly, winning three games and losing one to round off a wonderful weekend of international competition.

Indoor volleyball starts back at the campus on the first Monday of September. Sessions start at 8pm and finish at 9.45pm. Old and new members are welcome in preparation for the new season in the Perth and District Volleyball League. We compete at Premier League and Recreational League levels. Games are played at Bell's Sports Centre on Sunday evenings from 6-10pm.



Kinross mixed team and the Kinross men's team

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Kinross Golf Club

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Congratulations and well done to Colin Henderson on his hole in one on the 16th on the Bruce Course in summer league; round eight on Saturday 20 July! Colin will automatically receive membership of the H1 club (www.h1club.co.uk) and qualifies for a limited edition commemorative Hugo Boss watch.

Kinross hosted our junior section Golf Sixes fixture on Saturday 27 July; 36 junior members from 6 clubs playing a par 3 course that was specially created for the event. Thanks to Greig McSporran Golf, Kinross Golf Courses, Andy Crawford, our volunteers, Lyn and the team for their support. A win for Kinross and we are now leading the league. Then, on 3 August, our junior Golf Sixes team were at Scotsraig. This is a tougher and longer course but they finished in first place again. Well done!

Results of our Junior Open are as follows:

Under 18 years 1st Handicap, Lee Clark; Runner up Duncan McBride; Scratch winner, Josh Dolzanski. Under 14 years 1st Handicap, Luke Volland; Runner up, Ramsay Scott; Scratch winner, Lewis Seath. Best Overall Net Score, Luke Volland. Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to all who took part.

Thanks to all members and guests who took part in the Gents Invitational 4Ball Better ball competition. Results are as follows:

Handicap; 1st Rodney Duncan and Jimmy Duncan 63, 2nd George Duncan and Gordon Dickson 64, 3rd William Mitchell and A Harrow 65 (count-back), 4th Joe McCormack and J Chapman 65.

Scratch; 1st Fraser Sneddon and D Mitchell 65, 2nd Neil Cairney and Ian Brown 71, 3rd Bertie Wilson and Tom Ferguson 74.

Closest to Pin; 3rd Andrew Johnston, 11th Fraser Sneddon, 13th M Hanley, 16th Rodney Duncan.

Longest Drive; Fraser Sneddon.

Two's Sweep; Fraser Sneddon, David Mitchell, Alex Glancy, Stuart Dickson, M Hanley, S Forbes, A Morton, J Duncan, R Duncan, S T Wilson & J Arthur.

Kinross Ladies enjoyed a fantastic away day on 6 August playing at Strathmore Golf Centre. We decided to adopt a Solheim Cup theme and the players were split into two teams; Team Europe and Team USA.

Following the golf, players all enjoyed a two course meal in the clubhouse. Then it was time for prizegiving:- Winner, Ann McCrorie, net score of 76; Runner Up, Betty Brannen, net 77; 3rd Heather Gough, net 78 BIH; 4th Rena Duncan, net 78; Scratch prizewinner, Ann Smith, score of 89.

Team Europe won the overall match by five games to four. Fingers crossed it's an ominous sign for the Solheim Cup at Gleneagles in September!



Kinross Ladies at Strathmore Golf Centre

The 4th Seve Charity Golf Day on Friday 12 July raised nearly £3000 for Cancer Research. Thanks to all the golfers who participated and donated raffle prizes.

The 2019 Ladies Open Stableford will be held on Saturday 14 September. Our Mary Queen of Scots diamond earrings are still waiting to be won! The earrings, kindly donated by Mary Queen of Scots Enterprises Ltd, will be awarded to the first lady who achieves a hole in one on the Par 3-s. The competition entry fee is £10. To enter, please download an application form at www.scottishgolf.org or www.golfempire.co.uk or email office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk.

The 2019 Gents Senior Pairs Open will be held on Wednesday 4 September. The format is 4Ball Better ball, age 55 and over, handicap limit 28, entry fee £20 per pair. To enter, please download an application form from www.scottishgolf.org or www.golfempire.co.uk or email office@kinrossgolfclub.co.uk.

Social Events

If you have a birthday, anniversary, family dinner or indeed any type of celebration coming up, book the golf club and let us do all the organising for you. We can cater for numbers as little as a group of ten to a party up to 90 people.

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Dates for the Diary

Friday 18 October: Ladies night with Elvis tribute.

Saturday 26 October: End of season party with Vel Amour.

Saturday 16 November: Prize Giving evening with Guest Speaker/Comedian Les Peters.

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Summer Vaulting Camp

Our annual summer camp on 16-18 August was very well attended this year. Once again, we managed to secure two days of top level coaching from Michela Callegari, one of Italy's most senior equestrian vaulting experts and a Level 3 FEI judge. This was combined with sessions with Andrew McLachlan, a former European vaulting champion and now a top level BEV coach and national judge, plus further instruction from our in-house coaching team, making for an intensive and challenging three days.

After an energetic dance workshop with Becky at Dance Connect in Kinross on Friday morning, the vaulters spent the rest of camp in sessions with Michela and Andrew, training on various club horses and static barrels to try out new moves and to perfect technique. Drawing influences from multiple disciplines, from ballet to pilates, gymnastics to athletics, Michela and Andrew worked everyone hard



both physically and mentally, reminding all our vaulters what an all-encompassing sport equestrian vaulting really is.

The KVG committee are extremely grateful to the external coaches who attended our camp this year, to Becky at Dance Connect, and to our own coaches and lungers who so generously gave their time and expertise in order to assure the smooth running of the camp.

Scottish Championships 2019

This year's SEV Scottish Championships will be held on Saturday 21 September at SNEC, West Lothian. Approximately twenty of our vaulters will compete on five horses; all are determined to bring home a good haul of rosettes, trophies and podium places for Kinross! Spectators are always welcome at vaulting competitions; we would be delighted to see you there to support the team.

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CARNBO – Members enjoyed our summer outing to Backhouse, Rossie Estate on a glorious day at the end of June. We were given a slide show and talk by Caroline, then had a tour of the gardens before a delicious lunch was served. Jay Hutchison gave up a Saturday morning to give members a class in needle felting where seals of varying shapes and sizes were produced and also miniature gardens in a pot. Great concentration produced lots of lovely items. We had all been working hard to get everything finished in time for Kinross Show. The day came with heavy rain but we battled on to get our items to the tent through the rain and mud. Everything was set up, when we are told the show was cancelled. We were disappointed, but understood as we were up to our knees in mud! However, we were told our judging would still go ahead on Friday afternoon. Presentation of prizes was to take place on Saturday morning. Success, Carnbo had won the Aldridge Sealy trophy for the most points overall.

Josephine Paterson, Group Rose Bowl for Floral arrangements

Molly White, Ann Watson Trophy for Handicraft.

Linda Band, Arnot Lea Trophy for most points in the baking and produce section.

Diane Mitchell, Arbuckle Cup for Novice.

Josephine Paterson, the Paterson Rosebowl for the most points overall.

Well done to all participants! Our first meeting back is 16 September at Carnbo Hall at 7.15pm. All welcome.



The prize-winning carnbo display at the (sadly cancelled) Kinross Show

CLEISH – Our first meeting after the summer is on 9 September and will be a registration and fun night. Meetings are held in Cleish Village Hall, at 7.30pm. New members are welcome. Cleish SWI is hosting a coffee morning in Cleish Hall on Saturday 21 September 10am to 12 noon. Admission including refreshments is £3 and £1 for children. There will be a raffle, tombola and a sales table. All proceeds go to cancer charities. All welcome.

BISHOPSHIRE – Although there have been no meetings over July and August, our members have been busy preparing entries for the Kinross Show. Despite the weather, and the show being called off, we managed to deliver our offerings to the tent and judging took place. Well done to all who entered, it was great to see so many fabulous entries, especially the Junior dippers and children's sections. Bishopshire meetings will resume on Thursday 12 September. Our speaker that night will be from P&K Council discussing recycling, a subject close to many a heart and becoming more urgent with every item of plastic we cannot reuse. This will be an open meeting and all are welcome to come along and join us for what should be a very interesting talk. We meet in Portmoak Hall at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of every month.

POWMILL – Powmill members competed enthusiastically at Kinross show. In the community home skills section they were placed 2nd. Sharon Buchanan was awarded the Frances Drysdale Quaich for her floral art exhibit. Well done to all those who took part. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 18 September where we will have a talk on forensics. If you would like to come along please contact Fiona Buchanan on 07855 180858 or email powmillswi@gmail.com.

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I'm pleased to announce the new underpass at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven is open to the public. As many of you will know the completion of this comes quite a bit later than we had expected, but we got there in the end.

The underpass provides a safe crossing point under the B9097, replacing an old tunnel that had steep steps at either end. It is accessed by gently sloping paths that are suitable for wheelchair and mobility scooter users, cyclists, and families with pushchairs. The new accessible underpass will make it much easier for anyone to visit the lochside trails and hides at the reserve, but it also links up the Loch Leven Heritage Trail with the toilets and other facilities in the RSPB Visitor Centre.

The work was made possible due to generous support from the Scottish Government through the Sustrans Scotland Community Links programme, which donated fifty per cent of the costs. Funding was also provided by Perth and Kinross Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, The Gannochy Trust, and many other organisations and

individuals, as well as a crowdfunding campaign.

There will be an official opening in October and an Open Day on 19 October, when the Wetland Trail will be free to visit, plus lots of family activities. More information will be available closer to the date.

I'm writing this month's article as one of the easiest ways to say hello to our local communities. I've taken over from Uwe Stoneman as the new Senior Site Manager for the RSPB Tayside Reserves, based at RSPB Loch Leven. Uwe has moved north to head up the team at our Abernethy reserve in the Cairngorms. I've been with the organisation for 17 years in various roles, but most recently as a Senior Conservation Officer based in the Glasgow office. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the sites and working with the wonderful team at Loch Leven. I feel very lucky indeed.

We will be hosting our annual Halloween trail again this year at Loch Leven. Drop in anytime this half term between 14-31 October for a spooky Halloween hunt. Pick up your treasure sheet from

the visitor centre and see how many objects you can find! Expect nature wonders, spooky stuff, and of course, the odd trick. Suitable for children of all ages, no booking required, £2 per sheet.

I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight some volunteering opportunities at Loch Leven. We're looking for cafe volunteers – no experience necessary, but if you are a people person, who works well in a team, has a positive attitude and willingness to learn and you'd like to find out more please contact karen.caldwell@rspb.org.uk. We are also looking for admin volunteers to help us keep on top of all the behind-the-scenes work at the reserve. If you're organised with basic computer skills and would like to find out more then please contact lauren.smith@rspb.org.uk. Alternatively, please just call into the reserve.

*Yvonne Boles
Senior Site Manager,
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Local Attraction Opening Times

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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.

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It's been pouring with rain this month. The loch level is well above average for the time of year and more like an average winter level.

Autumn is well underway. We've already had decent counts of teal and tufted duck, and geese will arrive shortly from Iceland. The dabbling ducks may struggle to get food if the water level remains so high. We've also had a few interesting visitors to the reserve. A marsh harrier, garganey, long-eared owl and little-ringed plover have been spotted around the reserve in recent weeks.



A little-ringed plover

There has been a lot of talk about algae around the loch. While the signs are up we recommend people keep pets close and remain out of the water, as well as washing hands when we get home. The environmental health put the signs up and will take them down when the bacteria is at a safe level.

We have a new team member at the Kinross office. Chris Boyce is on a student placement with us for one year after just completing a Master's degree in Wildlife Biology and Conservation at Edinburgh Napier University. He'll be helping with wildlife surveys, working with volunteers, and practical tasks around the reserve. If you see him out and about say hi.

During the October holidays we are having a bushcraft club. This club is for kids aged between 8-12 years who can come along and learn to make fires, build shelters and learn other survival skills. The days are on Wednesdays 9 and 16 October from 10am to 12 at Mary's Knowe.

On Saturday 26 October we are celebrating the magic of trees. Come along and learn about the lore of trees, follow the trail and have a go at making your own wand just in time for Halloween! This will be from 12 until 3pm at Burleigh.

I will be leading the annual pink-footed goose walk from Burleigh on 27 October from 7-10am. Come along to see the annual spectacle when large numbers of geese descend on the loch.

We have had a couple of instances of folk complaining about other users. Courteous trail user signs are in place. And we would appreciate it you could

adhere to these so everyone can wholeheartedly enjoy the trail.

There have been a few incidents of vandalism around the reserve, especially damage to the screens that help protect our resident birds from disturbance. Most are happening around the Factory Hide and over £500 worth of damage has occurred during the summer. These incidents are being investigated by the police.



A long-eared owl

The boardwalk between the Pier and Kirkgate is being replaced at the start of September. Please follow the 5-minute diversion (*See p 10*). The details are on the Facebook page.

We now have an Instagram account called Loch Leven NNR. There are lots of images from around the reserve going up right now so get following! For more details on the events and news, please keep an eye on the blog and the Loch Leven NNR Facebook page. TTFN.

Jeremy Squire – Reserve Warden

Farming

The two Claas combine harvesters that belong to my husband, Andrew, have been referred to in this column as 'the green dinosaurs' for so long now that I can't remember if it was me or my fellow farming columnist, John, who awarded them their title. They were almost certainly given this name from the Jurassic period because the machines are rather slow-moving lime green relics of the past that trundle through the barley fields slowly cutting the crop in a rather primitive (but effective) manner. The two Dominators are approaching 30 years old but due to the quality of the machines they are still going strong and hundreds remain working on farms. Andrew enjoys looking after them and each year they harvest about 500 acres at home and for other local farmers.

It's maybe not surprising that evolution has taken its natural course and a new larger, up-to-date machine, more adapted to a modern harvest, a Lexion 450 Evolution with 22ft header, to be precise, has found its way to the farm. It's still lime-green but it's only 16 years old and has a more efficient threshing mechanism meaning that it should be able to harvest about 45 acres per day, which is 15 acres more than the older model.

Andrew has to adapt to owning a very different type of combine. It has at least 30 circuit boards, so the electronics

are much more sophisticated. This will almost certainly mean that if there is a breakdown it will need to be plugged into a computer by an engineer rather than fixed at the side of the field with tools from the farm workshop. As you would expect it's also much heavier so in a wet harvest this may mean it could sink into the ground more easily and get stuck. I think John may share this news if it does happen.

The other really major difference is that it is much wider than the older models. The rules mean it can be moved between farms without an escort but on its first trip out our son drove in front in his car with the hazards on. However, it seems that even taking this precaution it was a nerve-racking experience with drivers not slowing down in time and failing to anticipate the width of the machine. I asked Andrew what the best advice is if you meet a large agricultural machine on the roads in Kinross-shire. He says that part of the vehicle is likely to be over the white line so pull in as far as possible to let it past. If you need to overtake, wait until the road widens and it's safe.

Hopefully the weather will come good and the fields locally will have many different colours of combines bringing in the harvest. I hope it goes well for everyone involved.

Fiona

Gardening

The nights are fair drawing in, aren't they? The time is fast approaching to start clearing the garden and planning for next year.

Now's the time to start taking out the beautiful, short-lived annuals that have given so much pleasure during the summer. They're starting to fade now and looking a little messy, so if they've finished flowering, take them out. However, all is not lost – you can save the seeds of your favourite ones so that you can do it all again next year. Pick a dry day and pluck off the seed heads. Put them in a plastic tub (lid off) on a piece of kitchen towel and leave them to dry out. I usually do this on my kitchen window sill. When the seed heads are dry, remove the seeds and put them in an envelope, clearly mark them and store in a cool dark place ready for sowing again next spring. You might choose to leave the seed heads on sunflowers so that the birds have a source of food in the autumn.

You might still get some flowers in tubs and baskets by regularly dead heading and feeding – we want things to last as long as possible, what with the cold dark winter ahead.

You can also sow hardy annuals straight into the garden for early summer flowering next year. This includes cerinthe, ammi, scabiosa and

cornflowers. There's still some heat in the ground, so they should germinate fairly quickly. Thin them out as they grow, and you have a head start on next year.



Pot with strawberry runner

Remember you 'pegged down' some strawberry runners a few months ago? They should have developed some nice roots by now, so snip off from the mother plant and replant into your strawberry bed. Strawberry plants have a productive life of about two to three years, so clear out your old plants to make way for the new ones – and all free of charge.

If you sowed bi-annual seeds in July, these should be healthy young plants in September. The wallflowers I'm growing (fiery orange ones) are now about five inches tall and I'll be planting them out towards the end of the month to give some much-needed colour early next summer. Now's also the time to plant any pansies, forget-me-nots and other spring bedding for next year.

Some perennials are starting to look a bit sorry for themselves now. Give them a good trim and lift and divide any that have got too big – more free plants! Replant and maybe throw some manure on to keep them protected over the winter and to feed them to encourage big healthy plants next year. It's also a good time generally to manure your borders – over the winter the worms will drag the manure deep into your borders to give you a great start for next year.

September/October is the time to plant any spring flowering bulbs for next year. The choice of bulbs these days is vast – so choose for your preference and pocket.

Autumn is a busy time of year for the garden – you'll probably get wet and muddy with all the digging and clearing, but your garden will thank you for it.

Teresa Stirling

Local gardens to visit in September

There are several local private gardens that remain open (by arrangement) for visits throughout September. Admission is usually £4/£5 per person, with children free. All money raised is donated to charities; 60 per cent to the charity of the garden owner's choice and the other 40 per cent to Scotland's Gardens' designated charities; The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Maggie's and Perennial (Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society).

Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart, Dollar FK14 7JW.

elizwyatt@aol.com 07973 374687. This is a tranquil one acre garden, overflowing with unusual trees and shrubs and plenty more to see. It featured in January 2018 *Country Homes & Interiors* and is well worth a visit in any season.

Parkhead House Gardens, Parkhead House, Burghmuir Road, Perth PH1 1RB. maddy.tinson@gmail.com 07748 186 815 This is a hidden gem of a garden for all seasons and houses the National Plant Collection of Mylnfield Lilies.

Pitcurran House, Abernethy, PH2 9LH. patricia@pitcuran.com 01738 850933. An evolving garden first created 15 years ago, incorporating rare shrubs, trees and much more.



Logie House, Crossford, Dunfermline KY12 8QN. Mr & Mrs Hunt 07867 804020. Lovely walled garden with woodland walks beyond.

Glassmount House, by Kirkcaldy KY2 5UT. Open daily (except Sundays) 2pm-5pm. Densely planted walled garden, plus naturalist planting in surrounding woodland areas.

If you are looking for something new or special for your garden, why not check out:

Hill of Tarvit Plant Sale and Autumn Fair. Hill of Tarvit, Cupar KY15 5PB.

Sunday 29 September 10.30am-2.30pm. Admission £2, children free.

This long-established plant sale offers an opportunity to buy bare-rooted and potted plants from an enormous selection. Specialist nurseries and bulb suppliers will also be taking part. Hill of Tarvit is one of Scotland's finest Edwardian mansion houses, with lovely walks through the surrounding woodland.

Please see the Scotland's Gardens website, www.scotlandsgardens.org for details of these, and many other, gardens open for charity all over Scotland this summer.

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Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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Church office and church open: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.
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Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
Ordained Local Minister:
Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and Events

Sundays: 10.30am: Morning Service with creche. Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.
7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre.

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service.
3.15pm: 'Talkback' for P6/7 in the garden room, Church Centre.

Wednesdays: 10.45am: Mid-week Worship, Church Centre.
1.30pm: Craft Group.

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

Saturdays: 10am-12noon 'Coffee Stop', Church Centre.
Coffee, cakes and book sale most Saturdays.

Other Events and Services

September

- Sun 1** 10.30am: Quarterly Communion Service – come and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Retiring offering for 'Malawi Fruits'.
- Mon 2** 8am: Silent Meditation.
7.30pm Kirk Session.
- Tue 3** 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.
4pm: Service at The Sycamores.
- Thu 5** 7.30pm: Thursday Group, church centre: 'Old Kinross in Postcards'.
- Sat 7** 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office).
- Sun 8** 10.30am: Morning Service, including annual dedication of the Guild.
2.30pm: 'Let's Sing' – sing along, cup of tea and a chat. Primarily for those with dementia and their carers.
- Tue 10** 7.15pm: Guild, church centre: 'Immanuel House School, Debrecen'.
- Thu 12** 6pm for 6.30: All Friends Together – Pizza Night at the Courthouse.
- Sat 14** 10am Presbytery of Perth, open Conference session. Business meeting in the afternoon. At Muthill Parish Church.
- Thu 19** 9pm: late evening service of Compline.
- Tue 24** 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.
- Sun 29** 10.30am: Morning Service: Harvest Thanksgiving. Retiring offering for 'Malawi Friuts'.
6.30pm Informal Evening Service.

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

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Session Clerk: Neil Maclure
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Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org
Sunday Services 11.15am



September

- Sun 1** 11.15am **Morning Worship** followed by refreshments served by Guild members in aid of Guild funds. Traidcraft Stall.
- Mon 2** 3.15pm **Messy Church** open to all children and their carers.
- Sun 8** 11.15am **Morning Worship.**
- Sun 15** 11.15am **Morning Worship.**
- Sun 22** 11.15am **Morning Worship.**
Guild Dedication Service.
- Sun 29** 11.15am **Morning Worship.**
- Mon 30** 2pm **Cleish Guild** meet in Cleish Village Hall.

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

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050)

Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven Community Campus, at 10.30am each Sunday.



Forthcoming services:

- 1 September** Nehemiah 1 - Prayer (Richard Gibb).
8 September Nehemiah 2 - Vision (Josh McLellan).
15 September Nehemiah 3 - Building (Tim Power).
22 September Nehemiah 4 - Battle-ready (Stephen Jones).
29 September First Year Anniversary Celebration.

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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.

Messy Church starts up again on **Saturday 28 September** in Orwell Hall from 4-6pm.

Dates and events for your diary

1 Sept Joint All-age Service in Portmoak Church at 10.30am without the Praise Band.

No morning service at Orwell Church.

24 Sept Kirk Session meets at 7.30pm in Orwell Hall.

27 Sept Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room at 10.15am. Talk and Craft Demonstration by Heather Kirkham.

Everyone welcome!

Church office & shop open Mon-Fri. 10am-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

Trinity Church

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Sunday Service

We meet every Sunday at the Old Coach House, Lendrick Muir, off Naemoor Road, KY13 0QA.

The gathering starts at 4pm.

The style of worship is informal and friendly. After the gathering, there will be time for refreshments and conversation.

For more information about who we are and what we do, please visit our website (www.trinity-church.co.uk) or call Jerome on 07843 873 091.

Kin-nections

The new issue of Kin-nections, the magazine of Kinross Parish Church of Scotland, is now available covering September-November. Copies are delivered to the congregation but anyone can pick up a copy at the church, church office, church centre, library and some of the town's cafes.

Fossway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

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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.

Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

September

Sun 1 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship followed by refreshments.

Sun 8 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 15 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 22 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 29 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.

Refresh Thursday

Thursday afternoons 2-4pm. Join us for a friendly blether with delicious home baking, tea and coffee, all are welcome.

House Group

The House Group meets on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm till approx 9pm. All are welcome. For more details please phone Debbie Hill 01577 842268.

Film Evening

Friday 6 September, 7.30pm-9.30pm in the Church Hall.

Our next film is: *Green Book*¹², set in 1962 America and winner of the Academy Award for Best Picture. A working-class Italian-American bouncer, Tony Lip, becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist, Dr Don Shirley, on a tour of venues through the racially charged deep south. Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.

Fossway Babies and Toddlers

Every Friday during term time 9.30-11.30am, Fossway Church Hall. Snacks, play and blether.



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You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

St Paul's is inclusive, friendly and welcoming to all age groups (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do.)

We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. *(The Rector is now licensed by the Registrar's Office to conduct same sex marriages at St Paul's).* Our aim is to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile.

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

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

1st Sundays 4pm Evensong with hymns.

1st Mondays 10am Pastoral Care group (Side chapel).

Tuesdays 11am Informal Holy Communion (Side chapel).

Thursdays 10am Thursday morning discussion group (usually in the meeting room). 1.45-2.45pm Rector's Hour. An opportunity to drop in and speak to the Rector in the church office.

Forthcoming services and events – all welcome

September

Sun 1 Pentecost 13 (Proper 22)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

4pm Evensong with hymns.

Tue 3 Kinross Churches Together meeting

Sun 8 Pentecost 14 (Proper 23)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 15 HARVEST SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch.

Sun 22 Pentecost 16 (Proper 24)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 29 Service for Creationtide

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Lay-led Liturgy of the Word and Sung Eucharist.

At this time of Climate Emergency, we will consider some theological implications of our faith about how we might live more sustainably.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday 10.30am Breaking of Bread.

12.30pm Sunday School.

4.00pm Gospel Meeting (1st and 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).

Perthshire Pride

The Rector of St Paul's Church in Kinross, and his family, joined a group of clergy colleagues from across St Andrews' diocese at the recent first-ever Perthshire Pride march. The Scottish Episcopal Church voted to allow clergy to apply to be signed up as legal celebrants of equal marriage services in their buildings. Fr David, whose own church community supported him becoming licensed to do so, commented that, 'All across Horsecross and around the Perth Concert Hall, there was a real spirit of togetherness and camaraderie. It was very moving to see so many gathering together to celebrate people's love and respect for one another.' A particular highlight for many was Sir Ian McKellen addressing the crowd, having led the parade



to Horsecross along the banks of the Tay. 'Although we were all rather tired out by the end, we're so glad we went to show that having true equality for people who love each other really matters.'

Fr David Mackenzie Mills and family at the Perthshire Pride march



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Regular Services

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

Confessions also on request.

Prayer Group meets on a Monday, 8pm-10pm, in the church hall and is open to all.

Children's Catechism class meets every Monday during term time, 3.45pm-4.30pm in the church hall.

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

'Let's Sing' – a dementia-friendly singsong

The next 'Let's Sing' will be on Sunday 8 September at 2.30pm in Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross. The Let's Sing afternoons include a cup of tea and a chat followed by songs around a theme such as Broadway Shows, Scottish songs and other popular favourites. One of the organisers, Isobel Watt says: 'We were delighted with the response to our first "Let's Sing" in June so we now plan to hold them on the second Sunday of the month, with the next being on 8 September. The invitation is primarily for those with dementia and their carers but anyone who enjoys singing is very welcome to join us'. One of those who attended said: 'My mother really enjoyed the whole event, coming alive with the music and the feeling that this was something she knew and was comfortable with.' For further information contact the office of Kinross Parish Church on 01577 862570 or at office@kinrossparishchurch.org.

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 cafe – 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.

Deaths

Irene Stuart Brydon was formerly of Torridon Place, Kinross. Mum passed away peacefully on 4 August 2019 at the Rowans Hospice, Waterloo, Hampshire after a valiant battle against cancer.

Stuart & Sandy, Fiona & Bret and Irene's grandchildren would like to thank her neighbours in Torridon Place, friends in Kinross and beyond, for the support and friendship during the many happy years spent in Kinross. They are also grateful for the continued contact since her move to Hampshire to be closer to the family in 2017.

Anyone wishing to remember mum is welcome to make a donation in mum's name to the Rowans Hospice.

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

Monday Garden Guddle: 9am-3pm

Tuesday Playgroup: 9.05am-11.50am

Rising 5's including Lunch Club: 12.10pm-3.10pm

Wednesday Playgroup: 9.05am-11.50am

Thursday Playgroup: 9.05am-11.50am

Friday Playgroup: 9.05am-11.50am

Garden Guddle is an outdoor session in the grounds of Swansacre Gardens. The children can expect lots of mud, water, fun and exploration. Aimed at 3-5 year olds.

Playgroup is aimed at children from 2-5 years of age. The children have a vast variety of equipment and resources to help them learn through play.

Rising 5's is aimed at children in their pre-school year. It aims to sit alongside school nursery, and the sessions are more structured and filled with activities to engage children.

Please contact Victoria for availability or more information on the above sessions: enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com

Swansacre is also available to hire for Private Functions. For more information or to book please contact Lesley on: facilities.swansacre@gmail.com

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GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer

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

Contact Catherine Mason on 07583 022608 or just come along!

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Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30-11.15am, Fridays 9.30-11.15am

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.



FOSSWAY TODDLER GROUP

Fridays 9.30 and 11.30am

Fossway Church Hall, Crook of Devon

£2 for 2 hours play

Warm and cosy space

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Tea/coffee and biscuits for adults

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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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-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



Networking Breakfast Wednesday 4 September

At Loch Leven's Larder, 7.15am-9am

Kinross-shire Partnership is back after a summer break and ready to provide your Wednesday morning with a power start on Wednesday 4 September. We will begin with some gentle networking followed by a chance for everyone to tell their fellow attendees who they are and what they do, whilst enjoying a sumptuous breakfast.

We can then hear Mr George Lawrie, a Director of the James Hutton Institute, talk about its up-to-the-minute work on crop production in Scotland and its recent £62m grant from the Tay Cities Deal.

Today we are being urged to eat more vegetables and less red meat – but back in 1920, the then Government realised that more research was needed into the crops we grew, because food production in Scotland was lagging behind the rest of the world. In answer to this the Government set up the Scottish Plant Breeding Station at Invergowrie. Several merges and name changes later and the James Hutton Institute (JHI) is still delivering crop research and is recognised for its cutting edge science in the development of soft fruit, potatoes and barley. It has been able to increase yield, provide crops that grow better in our climate, and enhance their eating quality. The Institute continues to look at new ways to carry out research and secured the Tay Cities Deal award to establish a Centre of Excellence for barley, and to look at way of growing new crops with the Advanced Plant Growth Centre. Both these projects continue on the same path that was set out 100 years ago. George can give us an insight into how they managed to secure City Deal money, the hurdles that remain, and what they hope to achieve with their new facilities.

As always, the meeting will be at Loch Leven's Larder from 7.15 to 9am and we welcome local businesses, individuals and groups. If you've been before, you'll know how good it is, so tell your friends and colleagues. If you haven't, to come along on Wednesday 4 September 2019, we'd like to meet you!

To book, please email Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk. You can pay online or with cash on the day. The meeting cost, including breakfast, is £10 per head.

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www.visitlochleven.org www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven

Scottish Country Dancing

Scottish Country Dancing starts again in Milnathort Town Hall on **Wednesday 29 September** at 7.30pm. New and old members are always welcome. For further information please contact Cathie on 01577 861103.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.foundationscotland.org.uk



'Let's Sing!'

An informal singing group for people with dementia and their carer(s).



When? **Sunday 8 September** 2.30-4pm

Where? **Kinross Parish Church**, Station Road, Kinross.

Come and join us!



For more details please contact

Brenda Frier	bj.frier@gmail.com	07771 985265
Isolbel Watt	issiewatt@yahoo.co.uk	07961 919967

Who is the group for?

It is primarily for people with dementia who enjoy singing and who are accompanied by their carer(s), but anyone who likes singing is welcome.

What is our aim?

We aim to encourage a feel-good factor for everyone. We are not a choir, and the emphasis is on enjoyment.

What Happens?

We meet for tea and a chat and an opportunity to make new friends. Then we sing some well-known songs together for about 45 minutes. We have singing leaders and accompanists, and all the words are projected on to a screen.

How much does it cost?

There is no charge, but a small donation towards refreshments is welcomed.

Milnathort filmhouse at Milnathort Town Hall

Saturday 14th September 2019



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Glenfarg Folk Club

Singaround: Monday 2 September

All £3

'September, it was the most beautiful of words, he'd always felt, evoking **orange flowers, swallows and regret**' (Alex Theroux) Let your mind wander and settle on what emerges.

Anthony John Clarke: Monday 9 September

Members £8; Non-Members £10

A Glenfarg folk club favourite, the hugely popular Anthony John Clarke returns to entertain us with his Irish wit and insightful songs and stories.

Singaround: Monday 16 September

All £3

Agatha Christie was born at this time in 1890 and became a bestselling writer of murder mystery, crime fiction and thriller genre. So, let 'death' be your very easy theme- or maybe not?

Damien Barber and Mike Wilson: Monday 23 September

Members £8; Non-Members £10

Norfolk meets Teeside, as together Damien and Mike bring us their rich heritage of traditional and modern songs and musical skills.

John Hinshelwood Band: Monday 30 September

Members £8; Non-Members £10

Along with Tim Black and Ed McGlone we welcome the John Hinshelwood Band back to the club to enjoy the well-crafted songs and music for which they are renowned. Sit back and enjoy an evening of Americana/Folk/Country with style.



Kinross Garden Group



2018/19 Season

Summer Garden Visit

Wallington Hall, Northumberland

Thursday 12 September

Coach departs Thistle Hotel at 8.30am

Waiting list- but check for places

Refresh

In association with Light & Life

The next meeting of REFRESH takes place on **Thursday 26 September** from 7.30 to 9.30pm at The Kirklands Hotel, 20 High Street, Kinross.

We will have our usual team of volunteers ready to minister to you in different ways including hand massage, prophetic art, healing prayer and encouraging destiny words. You can choose whichever way you feel is appropriate for you!

Every time we have one of these events, we receive very positive reports about the benefits of such experiences. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and there is plenty of room to relax with a cup of coffee and chat with your friends while you wait for your appointments.

No charge for entry. Everyone is welcome!

Contact us via refresh@lightlife.org.uk or visit lightlife.org.uk or www.facebook.com/refresh.kinross

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.



The Gaelic Society of Perth

The Gaelic Society of Perth will start their winter ceilidh season at St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St, Perth on **Friday 13 September** at 7.30pm. There will be a variety of Gaelic singers and some instrumentalists. Admission is £6 for members and £7 for non-members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! Membership of the Society is £3 for the year – excellent value. Further ceilidhs will take place on: 25 October, 15 November, 6 December 2019 and 10 January, 7 February and 13 March 2020. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589. You can also access our website at www.gaelicsocietyofperth.com and find us on Facebook – we are Gaelic Society of Perth. On the Facebook page you can also find lots of information about Gaelic events in Fife as well as in Perth and Kinross.

Music In Dollar

The Music In Dollar Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday **14 September** from 10-12am at the Burnside Hall, on the Burnside, Dollar. You will be able to support the society by coming along and having a coffee and a scone and buying your season ticket for the concerts detailed below! Entry is £2.50 with music provided and you can also find out more about the society. Can you bring your donations for the cake stall on the morning of 14 September to the Burnside Hall.

Programme for 2019-20

Saturday 5 October 2019, 7.30pm – Fergus McCreadie Trio – Fergus McCreadie was a finalist on the 2019 BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year, and is gaining an array of musical accolades.

Sunday 17 November 2019, 3pm – Charlotte Rowan – violin with piano accompanist, Charlotte Stevenson. Expect some virtuosic pieces on the violin from Charlotte!

Sunday 19 January 2020, 3pm – Top Floor Taivers – Traditional Scottish songs and music with the BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2015 Clair Hastings as the singer.

Sunday 23 February 2020, 3pm – Christina Lawrie – Solo Piano – and the winner of many musical prizes.

Saturday 21 March 2020, 7.30pm – Roxburgh String Quartet – the quartet in residence at the Lauriston Hall in Edinburgh. All concerts are held in the Gibson Hall at Dollar School.

We hope this eclectic mix – both of musical styles and time – will tempt you to come and try the society out if you have not been before, and we hope you will renew your membership if you have been a member previously.

Further information can be had from the concert secretary on 01577 864589, or from the society website www.musicindollar.org.uk.

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC can arrange delivery of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

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



(Supportive Project for Activities & Recreation in Kinross-shire)

THURSDAYS 1pm – 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

Are you an adult with a disability?

Would you like there to be more for you to do in Kinross?

SPARKs have activities such as –

- Boccia, Indoor Kurling, Quoits
- Technology – iPads etc
- Music
- Quiz
- Crafts

Or just a blether and a cuppa! Come along on Thursday afternoons and tell us what YOU would like to do.



NHS P&K Healthy Communities, PKC Adult & Family Learning and Live Active Leisure

Contact: Shona Fowler 07896 280843 or Roseanne Gray 01577 867216
shonafowler@nhs.net rgray@pkc.gov.uk

Band to donate gig proceeds to CHAS

The Sabres, the popular local sixties band, are once again donating the proceeds from all of their gigs this September to CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland). They will be playing as a threesome in September, as the usual two (Johnny and Bobby) will once again be joined by their Canadian friend, Drew. Last year they collected just under £1400 for CHAS and are very confident that they will far exceed that total this year. They will be playing a total of 12 gigs, mainly in Sheltered Housing and similar complexes across the Lothians, Fife, Kinross and Perth. These are mainly private venues which are not open to the public. However, there will be a few public performances during the month to which everyone is welcome.

One of the public events that may interest residents of the Kinross area is in Crook of Devon Hall on 18 September from 7.30 to 10pm. Entry to the event will be by charity donation at the door. Feel free to bring your own bottle, so you can wet your throat and sing along with your favourite songs, and kids are more than welcome.

For more information please contact Johnny Graham (Sabres leader), 11 Seaforth Drive, Kinross on 01577 862156.

Funding Alert!

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

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



Everyone needs a bit of HELP sometimes...

The early years before children go off to school are vital in a child's life. Parents play a key role in creating a secure childhood for their children... and sometimes they need a bit of help.



Matches parent volunteers with families who need a bit of help

Infant Massage classes for parents with babies up to 6 months old

Peer support for breast feeding mums

Contact Jill or Fiona for more information on accessing Home-Start support or joining our great group of volunteers.

www.homestartperth.org.uk
 @HomeStartPerth

Home-Start Perth
 Unit B11 Highland House
 St Catherine's Road
 Perth, PH1 5YA
 t: 01738 638847

Funded by: 

Dr Donald Duncan Bequest Committee

The above Committee have for many years provided bursaries for educational purposes for persons whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received at least three years education in the County of Kinross (primary or secondary school). Applications are welcome from anyone meeting these criteria and who are to undertake further education. This includes attendance at University, College or other establishments as long as the Committee is satisfied as to the course or training in question. Includes full time or part time studies. Awards may be given for one year and subsequent years at the discretion of the Committee.

Applications must be lodged by 30 September 2019 to be considered at the Committee meeting to be held in November 2019. Application forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross or by emailing mail@andersons-kinross.co.uk

Community Investment Fund

The Community Investment Fund (CIF) provides £1.2million to community led projects over 2018/19 and 2019/20. It is an opportunity for local people to make an impact on the issues that matter most to them. Grants of £3,000-50,000 are available to eligible groups in this round of funding.

The Community Investment Fund for 2019/20 is now open! As before, each ward has £50,000 to use to support community projects. All of the information is available on the website at www.pkc.gov.uk/cif. The final deadline for applications is **Thursday 12 December**.

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

2nd September 2019
Handling & Moving
Awareness
(Tanya Aitchison)

7th October 2019
Vision PK
Action on Hearing Loss
(Rhona Campbell)

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





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



Contact Gail Boath
Tel. 01577 867306
Or Anne Gray
01738 567076



Orwell, Portmoak and Glenfarg District Girl Guiding

Due to an increase in guide numbers and the new exciting programme recently rolled out, we are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to open a unit in Portmoak and a unit helper for our Milnathort unit.

There will be full support from our great team. If interested, please give Alison a buzz on 07764 750212.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts. Bikes are refurbished by qualified expert mechanics and sold on to the public at affordable prices with a three-month warranty.

Donated bikes and parts are collected from all Perth & Kinross Recycling Centres, including the Kinross centre at the Bridgend Industrial Estate.

Bike sales are held at The Bike Station, 284 High Street, Perth, PH1 5QS, Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm.

The Bike Station also offers a Repair Service, a Fix Your Own Bike facility and a Dr Bike mobile service.

Tel: 01738 444430. Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

The Perth Bike Station is an accredited Revolve organisation.



Kinross & District Pipe Band Are Looking for a Bass Drummer!



Kinross & District Pipe Band, with new Pipe Major Stuart Scott, would like to welcome a new bass drummer to the drum corps for the 2020 competing season.

If you are at all interested in being a part of the band, please contact our Facebook page directly for more information.

KINROSS CARERS THERAPIES



IF YOU ARE AN UNPAID CARER* REGISTERED WITH PKAVS CARERS HUB YOU COULD ENJOY A FREE COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY SESSION!

BOOKING IS REQUIRED & DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

Therapy Days are the 2nd Monday of each month
with Shirley Morgan @ Heart and Soul Centre,
High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AN

 @PKAVSCarersHub
 pkavscarershub.org.uk

For more info on support for unpaid carers in Kinross contact Carer Support Worker Annette Bond on 01738 567076

Bookings open the 1st Monday of each month. Please call the Carers Hub on 01738 567076 to book an appointment.



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Befriending Kinross



**Are you new to the Area?
Would you like someone to talk to?**

**Someone to have a coffee with?
Help to feel less socially isolated?**

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com

t: 07747 018 550



Kinross-shire Fund



The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the area a better place to live, by making grants to a wide range of local charities, organisations and projects which make a positive difference to the community. To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly. The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

The next deadline is Monday 4 November.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

Ceilidh Dancing

Mondays: From 2pm until 3pm every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun. Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit. All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Monthly Sunday Ceilidhs: These take place in Milnathort Town Hall, 2pm until 5pm with a break at 3pm for tea and biscuits. Cost: £5. There is no pressure to dance; what better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than hearing these top players? People wishing to learn dances could attend the Monday classes (see above). All money left over after paying the band and hall will go to charity. To make charity suggestions, contact Vi Todd, 01577 863244.

Sept 22	Leonard Brown	Dec 1	Christmas Concert
Oct 20	Colin Brown	Dec 15	Peter Bruce
Nov 17	Johnny Duncan		

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.

Dollar Museum

1 High Street, Dollar, KY14 7AY

Open from Easter to Christmas at the following times:

Saturdays 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm

Sunday 2pm-4.30pm

Free Entry

Access also possible by arrangement.

Email: dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

www.dollarmuseum.org.uk

Dollar Museum is a lively, award-winning visitor attraction. It is situated at the top of the Burnside, beside the entrance to the Mill Green and Dollar Glen. We are open at weekends: from 11am-1pm and 2-4.30pm on Saturdays and 2-4.30pm on Sundays. Entry is free and all are welcome. There is parking and disabled access.

There are displays on the History of Dollar, Dollar Academy, the Devon Valley Railway, the Japanese Garden at Cowden and Prehistoric items excavated in the local area. Granny's Kitchen, Victorian toys and dressing-up clothes and a dolls house will entertain children. Local photos, maps and books are available in the Reading Room. Our current temporary exhibition is on Housing in Dollar over the last 100 years.

Kinross & District Pipe Band Are Recruiting!

Kinross & District Pipe Band, with new Pipe Major Stuart Scott, would like to welcome new and experienced Pipers and Drummers to the band for the up and coming competing season – 2020.

For more information on joining please contact us through the band page or Stuart Scott on 07449937008.

Kinross Recovery and Conversation Café

This weekly group is for anyone with an interest in improving their wellbeing and needing support on their recovery journey from addiction or substance misuse. The café aims to get people speaking about recovery and wellbeing in all its many forms and provides the opportunity to:

- share ideas, information and resources
- explore support networks and ways of moving forward
- breakdown isolation
- improve health and wellbeing

The café takes place **every Tuesday**, 1pm-3pm, at Millbridge Hall, Kinross. Drop in and have a cuppa and a chat.

For more information, contact:

Shona Fowler: 07896 280843, shonafowler@nhs.net

Richard Lister: 07885 971298, richard.lister@cairscotland.org.uk



Supported and funded by Broke Not Broken, a local charity tackling the effects of poverty.

Broke Not Broken

Drop off donations at:

Sainsbury's, Kinross
Glenfarg Village Shop
Co-operative, Kinross



Open to clients:

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm

The Beacon, St Paul's Church, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU

Contact: Tel: 07518 913107

Email: admin@brokenotbroken.org



Broke Not Broken. Tackling the effects of poverty. Scottish Registered Charity SC046033

Grants for good causes

Kinross Community Council

Newsletter Limited (KCCNL)

Charity No. SC040913



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

31 March and 30 September

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

Give a Greyhound a Home
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Forever homes needed for rescued greyhounds.
Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!

Please call or email for details
Tel: 01577 850393 (evenings)
07826 244765 (daytime)
Email: femiejimmyf@aol.com



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

The Cafe where everything is
FREE!

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

🍲 Soups 🍲
🥪 Snacks 🥪
☕ Hot Drinks ☕
🥤 Cold Drinks 🥤
🍽️ Home-cooked lunches 🍽️

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer
Prayer For Any Need



La Leche League meetings in Kinross

First Thursday of the month,
10am-12 noon



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

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

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

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461

www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Mindful Relaxation Class

Mondays, 7pm-8pm

Loch Leven Community Campus ITC Room.

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

The sessions are run on a drop-in basis. Entry is by donation.

Further information from Vincent Johnston at:

Vincent.johnston@icloud.com



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

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)

People needing help to identify and claim the right benefits or needing advice to help them to negotiate the benefits system in any way can access assistance from Perth Citizens Advice Bureau's 'Benefits Advice In Libraries' project in Kinross at Loch Leven Library. The service is available on Tuesdays by appointment only. Telephone the bureau on 01738 450581 to make an appointment.

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (senior debt adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Looking for a venue that can tick all the boxes?

Crook of Devon Village Hall

- ☑ **Space** We can seat up to 100 for a formal meal; 120 for meetings, theatrical performance, talent shows; 80-90 for discos, family gatherings, community events. We can even accommodate bouncy castles for that "all weather" children's party.
- ☑ **Car Parking** - ample parking for the hall.
- ☑ **Catering** - Kitchen with oven, dishwasher and microwave, plus a great serving area.
- ☑ **Stage** and back stage area for performances, costume changes, etc.
- ☑ Plus the usual facilities - toilets, disabled toilets, changing areas.
- ☑ We also offer chair and table rental for functions at home.
- ☑ **Weekly bookings** taken for activities, e.g. yoga, ballet, fitness classes, badminton, youth clubs.



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

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.

Community Councils

Kinross: Chair: Bill Freeman, 01577 865045
Email: kinrosscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Milnathort & Orwell: Chair: Craig Williams, 07885 722125
Email: craig@stovestuff.scot
Secy: Caroline Flory
Email: communitycouncilmilnathort@gmail.com

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
Bill Freeman (Chair)	64 Muirs	01577 865045
Ian Jack	Burnbrae Grange	01577 863980
Lynne McKay	5 Springfield Road	01577 531076
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	01577 864603
David West	30 Muirs	07824 313974

Portmoak Community Councillors

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

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

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

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Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 10 & 24 September

Glenfarg	Main Street	1200-1300
Forgandenny	Rossie Place	1545-1615

Visiting on Wednesday 4 & 18 September

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
Crook of Devon	Village Inn	1345-1445
Carnbo	Pitcairnie Lane	1500-1530
Whyte Court	Kinross	1545-1615

For more information, see: www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries and click on 'Services in the Community'

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.

Local Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

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 Susan Mitchell at: susan.mitchell50@gmail.com

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.

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.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum: The Museum Trust is looking for volunteers to help care for Kinross-shire's heritage collections and man the Museum Study Room in the Loch Leven Community Campus on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would like to know more, drop by or contact the Museum on 01577 867153 or email: information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk.

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 contact our Facebook page.

Common Grounds: Charity café staffed by volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays in Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Open to public 10am-12.30pm. Opportunity to serve in café or bake for the café. Also opportunity to gain recognised hours towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Saltire Awards for young people 16 years and over. Funds raised are used to support charities mainly in Africa. Contact: Convener Elspeth Caldwell on 01577 863350 or Secretary Linda Freeman on 01577 865045 for more information.

The Potager Garden is a small community garden in Bowton Road, Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, a main aim being to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or amandajames1577@gmail.com

Children's Hospices Across Scotland: Can you spare a few hours of your time? We are looking for volunteers in our **kitchen, housekeeping, driving, childcare** and **garden** teams.



Anyone who is interested is welcome to come for a visit. Please contact us by phone on 01577 865777 or email volunteering@chas.org.uk. To apply online visit 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 call 01577 840307.

Milnathort Town Hall committee: Can you spare a couple of hours a month? We are looking for volunteers to join us. For further information please contact us at milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.



Volunteering with Aberlour!

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to support Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. If you have a genuine interest in the wellbeing of children and families and live in the Perth and Kinross area we would love to hear from you.



Volunteer Mentor

If you are looking to try something new in 2019, develop new skills or meet new people, volunteering is a fantastic way to achieve this. To find out more, visit www.aberlour.org.uk/ volunteer, or contact Shonagh (Volunteer Coordinator) on 07864 625069/shonagh.ferguson@aberlour.org.uk.



SPARKs are a group allowing adults of all ages who have support needs or disabilities to meet together with their carers to improve their health & wellbeing. They meet in Loch Leven Community Campus every Thursday 1-3pm. Volunteers will be supported by workers Roseanne Gray – P&K Community Learning & Development Worker and Shona Fowler – NHS Project Worker. For more information please call 01577 867216 / 867218 or 07769 243282 / 07896 280843

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.

Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit

www.kinross.cc

Lip Reading Classes

Do you or someone else you know have a hearing loss? Lip Reading Classes can help.

Advice is available on tinnitus, cochlea implants, access to work and getting benefits.

Learn how your hearing aids work and about equipment to help you with your hearing loss, e.g. smoke alarms, television aids, flashing doorbells and more. The above equipment is free. Classes start in Kinross in October and a few places are still available on Fridays in Perth. Classes are funded and free to participants. To book a place, or for more information, contact Susan Brown Tel: 01250 872861 or 07940 333924, or by email at Perthshirelipreading@hotmail.com.

Facebook-Perthshire Lipreading

Scottish Mining Trust Holidays Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 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

Hedges, bushes or 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.

When undertaking work on hedges, check that there are no birds nesting. It is an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. The bird nesting season is usually considered to run from March to August.

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm
Saturday: 9am-5pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9am-1pm & 2pm-6pm
Saturday: 9am-12.30

Tel: 01577 862219

Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is
Asda, Dunfermline



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.

Bookcase/Display Unit

£45

With glass doors, 2 adjustable shelves, cherry melamine.
H 115cm, W 80cm, D 45cm.

Seller Details:

C Campbell

07783 931005

Kenchriscampbell@yahoo.co.uk

Wooden garden chair and side table

£65

Single wooden garden chair and separate side table in excellent condition.

Seller Details:

Gordon Haggart

07983 565190

e.kelly37@outlook.com

Granny's Mahogany Chest of Drawers

£65

Mahogany chest of drawers which belonged to my grandmother. Rather battered but useful storage. W102cm x D50cm x H103cm.

Seller Details:

Janet Irving

01577 861518

rosalind_irving@yahoo.co.uk

Baby bouncy seat

Free

Good, clean condition from non-smoking household. White and pastel colours. Suit 1 to 6 months.

Seller Details:

Blair

07986 235793

Cupboard Office

Offers

Looks like a wardrobe but opens up as a home office. Place for monitor, pull out keyboard shelf. Storage space. H180cm x W89cm x D59cm. No longer needed by charity. Buyer collects.

Four drawer filing cabinet

Offers

No key. Well used. Plenty of pockets. No longer needed by charity. Buyer collects

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Pauline Watson

01577 862685

secretary@kvgandros.org.uk

WOOL WANTED

I knit matinee jackets for premature babies born in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. I would be really grateful for any wool donations which would keep me knitting. There will be a collection container beside the 'Broke but not broken' box at Sainsburys Kinross, during the month of September. If you can't manage to drop wool off then I would be happy to collect it. Please give me a ring on 01577 862778. Cath Soper.

Newsletter Deadlines

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check *Newsletter* website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
October	Friday 13 September	Saturday 28 September
November	Friday 18 October	Saturday 2 November

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class 11.15am Scrabble, cards & other games 1.15pm (except 16th) Bingo 1.30pm (except 16th) '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 Tai Chi 1.30pm (11th, 25th) Fantastic Fun Quiz 2pm Art Class 1.30pm
Thursday	Carpet Curling or Boccia 11am Film or music Afternoon 1.30pm Dominoes, Scrabble, cards 1.30pm Balance & Strength Class 1.30pm
Friday	Balance & Strength Class 11.15am Dominoes, Games or music 1.30pm Bingo 1.30pm

Coffee Bar open to all

8.30am - 4pm

Older Adults Lunches Daily

Our activities are open to everyone.
Please feel free to come in and have
a great afternoon.



01577 863869

kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

Film shows • Cards
Dominoes • Art Class
Exercises • Chiropody
Trips • Daily Papers



Additional Events for September

Chiropody (Tel 01577 863869 for an appointment)	9.45am-1pm
Hearing Loss Support and Advice	11am-12pm
The 'Sabers' 60s, 70s & 80s	1.30pm-3pm
Library Trip	1.30pm

Thursdays 5th, 19th
Monday 2nd
Monday 16th
Thursday 26th

Useful telephone numbers

Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252
NHS 24	111
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111
Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

Police, non-emergency 101

Police, Fire & Rescue, Ambulance & Coastguard emergencies 999

Gas (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

Water (loss of supply, foul water emergency) 0845 600 8855

Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages 0345 988 1188

Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)

Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm)	01738 475000
Reporting non-emergency Road and Lighting faults (CLARENCE)	0800 232323

PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

Adult care services	0345 301 11 20
Anti-social behaviour helpline	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

Loch Leven Community Campus 01577 867200

Kinross High School 01577 867100

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2018-19

Term	Start (for pupils)	End
Inservice days	Fri 4 Oct, Thur 14 Nov, Fri 15 Nov	
Autumn	Wed 21 Aug 2019	Thu 3 Oct 2019
Winter	Mon 21 Oct 2019	Fri 20 Dec 2019

Need a wheelchair?

The British Red cross will be in Sainsbury's car park every
Wednesday 10am-12noon
for more information please call 01506 409927
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Fri	13	Deadline for submissions to Kinross Newsletter	98
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Sat	14	Milnathort Filmhouse show <i>Aladdin</i> and <i>The Favourite</i>	94
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