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Editor's Page

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Letter from The Editor

Like many people in Kinross-shire, I was appalled to hear about the loss of the Stagecoach 23 Bus Service which currently runs between Stirling and St Andrews. This is a vital link for rural communities and the only bus service that connects many smaller villages with bigger towns (see pp7-8). Without it, many elderly people will become isolated and unable to access basic services, and our teenagers will lose some hard-fought independence.

Thankfully, our local councillors are on the case and fighting for it to be re-instated or replaced. I know many of you will already have signed the petition organised by the Scottish Greens. If replacement services are brought in, it's unlikely that they will cover the same distance across county boundaries,. The consequence will be that it will take two or three buses instead of one to go between the two destinations - meaning, of course, two or three separate fares as well as the inconvenience and the extra time the journey will take.

How good it was to see the spirit of Kinross Show alive and well on 8 August as a procession of vintage tractors, a magnificent float and some gorgeous horses made their way through Kinross-shire (see pp 12-19). Lots of people turned out to cheer and

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wave, and to appreciate the work and thought that had gone into organising such a spectacle. We'll all have the date of next years show in our diaries and our fingers (and toes!) crossed.

Portmoak community woodland group are hopeful that their popular Apple Day event, featured on the cover will go ahead this year, but as with everything else at the moment, we are waiting to see if government restrictions allow. It's scheduled for the afternoon of 27 September so put the date in your diary!

Hopefully it will be worth reinstate our Diary Page next month, with a list of What's On and When.

At the time of writing our schools are finally open again, and, despite the new pockets of Covid-19 that seem to be popping up in Perth and Kinross, many will be looking forward to getting back into swimming pools and gyms at the end of the month as they open up.

It was superb to see the Kinross Farmers' Market back in full swing in August. Well done to all at KLEO and all the organisers who made it possible. It was lovely to see the High Street busy (at a socially distanced level) and I hope that we can enjoy more markets in 2020.

Hannah Phillips, Editor

About The Kinross Newsletter

The *Newsletter* has been informing and supporting the community for over 40 years.

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

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Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to **Johnny & Eileen Graham**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 22 August.

With love from Claire, Lee & Simon



TRAFFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING PIER ROAD – KINROSS

In order to permit the Scottish Water Works on the above section of road, a temporary traffic regulation order will be effective from the 12th November 2020 for a period of one day.

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We at the salon and all the clients past and present wish him a **VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT**. We appreciate all his hard work and commitment to the salon and his clients for so many years.

There is a plan to give Howard a monetary gift. If you would like to contribute please contact Nicola at Salon T.Elle.

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Letters

'Extreme Dismay' At Loss Of 23 Bus

I WISH TO HIGHLIGHT the extreme dismay I feel at the short-sighted proposal to cut the 23-bus service between St Andrews and Stirling. It means that for many rural communities around Kinross there will be little or no public transport. Rural isolation and poverty are very real issues on this route. I feel this is likely to worsen in view of the current coronavirus situation.

As a foster carer for many years, we have actively encouraged all our children to confidently use public transport as a life skill. It has afforded them a level of independence and been their first step to freedom. They have learned to visit friends, maintain employment and access university. In addition, they have been able to reach Kinross Park and Ride to travel further afield. It is a service we categorically cannot do without.

Kathryn Wright, Bower Park, Gateside

IT'S REALLY BAD THAT there will be no bus service at all through Crook of Devon. There are a number of residents who don't drive in the village and rely on this service as a way of getting to the doctors, chemist and shops; or just as a change of scenery. Unless children can rely on an adult to transport them, they have absolutely no way of getting out of the village to socialise with friends, take part in activities (swimming / library) or get a Saturday job. How do I educate my teenager to use public transport? I feel so blessed to live

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in a beautiful rural community, but having to rely on a car with climate change and the current financial crisis is frankly terrifying.

Heather Cheung, Waulkmill, Crook of Devon

Enough To Drive You Barking Mad...

IT HAS BEEN A LOVELY summer and it has been a joy to work and potter in the garden, a place where I love to spend my days. Unfortunately, this year it has been spoiled by the barking of neighbours' dogs. Perhaps dog owners don't think of them as being a disturbance to others. They open their doors and let the dog out where it barks incessantly for most of the day. It really affects the quality of life for those around.

Now, I am a dog lover and for most of my life I had one, but it was properly trained and was never allowed to bark for no apparent reason. I also have neighbours whose dogs do not cause a problem, because they have been properly trained. (If the shoe fits) take your dog inside. It will soon learn barking and yapping is not acceptable so that those of us who wish to sit and read in the garden can do so in peace.

Mrs A Turnbull, The Muirs, Kinross

They Wander – I Wonder...

I WAS WONDERING if it was possible to have signs placed along Kinross High Street to direct people to the track — as far as I can see there is not one anywhere. I have people coming a mile up our road to get on to the track and it is only our house at the end of it. We do have signs up saying nothrough-road but they are ignored. It would be nice to see a few signs up.

Ever Hopeful... Rita Wilson (address withheld)

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Fury as Stagecoach axe vital rural lifeline service

BUS GIANT STAGECOACH has been urged by local councillors and furious residents to drop their plan to withdraw the 23 bus service which runs between St Andrews and Stirling.

With limited public transport available during lockdown, many local residents and commuters have been horrified to hear that Stagecoach intend to axe the only service which connects many of the local villages which lie along the A91 from Stirling to St Andrews. An important route for rural communities, it serves as an important transport link, and will leave many people stranded with no other means of travelling to their places of work, to urban centres for shopping, or to collect prescriptions.

The 23 bus route links some of north east Fife's rural villages as well as Kinross. Pensioner Sandra Farrer, from Gateside,

'To axe such an important bus service that connects the communities and villages along the A91 in my constituency with those in Kinross-shire and beyond is an illadvised decision by Stagecoach.

The public outcry deserves a new response from the company and a reversal of the decision.'

Willie Rennie Leader, Scottish Liberal Democrats

said 'In January I had to give up driving, but thinking I could use the buses helped soften the blow. Since lockdown I have been isolated from friends outside the village. The thought of this continuing is frightening.

'As I am disabled, socialising and getting out of the house is important in giving me a reason to go on and the 23 is my lifeline in keeping mobile. I run crochet clubs, use the library, doctors, physio, chemists, dentists and hairdressers which are all in Kinross. Now I will no longer be able to access the Park and Ride with its routes to Inverness, Dundee and Edinburgh.'

Stagecoach, who had a revenue of



The 23 bus – is this the end? (pic: Scottish Parliament / flickr)

£1.9 billion in 2019, said the route was operating at a loss and was under-performing before Covid-19 struck, claiming that passenger numbers have fallen. However the fall in usage has been explained by Stagecoach's unpopular policy of cutting the number of buses on the route just a few years ago (especially those at peak times) which has since made the service much less viable

Local representatives were unanimous in their condemnation of the move.

In a letter to Margaret Roy, head of PKC's Public Transport Unit, independent local councillor Mike Barnacle described the cut as 'community vandalism', saying '... if such cuts are replicated elsewhere in PKC then we should review our subsidy to the company', while Councillor Willie Robertson was equally critical, saying 'This is a real blow to rural communities. It leaves west Kinross-shire with no bus services whatsoever.

'The funding the Council receives

from the Scottish government for public transport has been reducing year on year so the Council struggles to fund rural bus services. On top of this Stagecoach have a virtual monopoly position in bus services. When the Council put a service out to tender often the only bid is the Stagecoach one. This is a very unhealthy situation as we have to take the price they quote.

When the 23 service was reduced to a three hourly service it became unsuitable for most people to access employment or for shopping, etc. This led to a drop in usage.'

Councillor Callum Purves said: 'I think it is very disappointing that the Stage-coach have initiated the withdrawal of this service during the pandemic as clearly travel patterns are not what they would usually be. It is also the case that the times that the bus had been running up until now had not been ideal and did not connect well with other services, meaning the numbers using the service have, to some extent, been artificially run down. Stagecoach have form on



Crook of Devon - no more buses?

things like this and it does affect rural communities particularly badly.'

A spokesperson for Stagecoach East Scotland said: 'Following a full review of our routes, we have proposed to withdraw service 23 as it continues to operate at a significant loss, resulting in us no longer being able to commercially run this service.

'The service runs through four different local authorities, with a choice of different services to replace the 23. This means customers can use different services and operators for the same journey, some of which are of a much higher frequency, allowing them the flexibility to travel more often. There is one part of this route which will no longer be served and we are in discussions with the local authority regarding this.'

But even this has been criticised by locals and service users. One user described their actions as 'cavalier' saying: 'It's all very well replacing one service with three, but imagine the time standing around waiting for the connections to arrive! And paying three or four fares instead of one – who can afford that?'

SNP MSP Roseanna Cunningham stated she was 'extremely concerned' about the forthcoming plan, also citing proposals to scale back the 56 service running between Perth and Dunfermline.

She said: 'I know how important bus services are to the connectivity of local communities and I am extremely concerned about plans by Stagecoach for routes serving Kinross with the 56 being cut back and the 23 withdrawn altogether. I have written to Stagecoach expressing those concerns and urging them to rethink.

'In both cases, Stagecoach cite commercial viability but reducing the frequency of a route reduces its usefulness and creates a negative spiral of demand. I want some detail from them on actual passenger numbers and for an indication of what efforts have actually been made to advertise and encourage an increased uptake.'

Scottish Conservative MSP Liz Smith said: 'There is clearly extremely strong feeling amongst the local communities – the length and breadth of the 23 bus route – and much of that also relates to

moves several years ago to downgrade the service.

'It is deeply regrettable that local communities, many of them very rural and already very hard-pressed, are being let down in this way. Local authorities have few resources at this time to step in and help out, so I would repeat my calls and strongly urge Stagecoach to think carefully about its plans.'

With the emphasis from local authorities and the Scottish Government on the avoidance of excess car usage and the importance of tackling climate change, public transport is to be encouraged rather than discouraged, and it has been pointed out that for Stagecoach to remove a service across such a wide area seems dismissive of this national policy.

Councillor Richard Watters said: 'It is unacceptable that Stagecoach are cutting more crucial services throughout Kinross-shire, deciding to only run the most profitable buses on certain routes. There is a clear need for Perth and Kinross Council to have a complete review of the public transport provision, not only in Kinross-shire but throughout the whole council area.'

The Scottish Greens have launched a petition which calls on Stagecoach to scrap its plans. It can be found at greens.scot/SaveTheNo23Bus.

There has also been an increase in the calls for local authorities to provide their own bus services.

Councillor Willie Robertson said: 'I would like Councils to operate their own bus services in partnership with other Councils. This idea is not supported by the Scottish government. But it would mean we could meet the aims expressed by the government which is to tackle social exclusion and isolation and allow us to address what is happening in West Kinross-shire and other parts of rural Perth and Kinross.'





PITDOWNIES APPEAL UPHELD



THERE WAS MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT among campaigners as the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government to consider the appeal with regard to the Pitdownies came down in favour of the developers, Springfield Properties.

The company's appeal against PKC's decision to refuse the application to build 59 houses and eight flats on the site has been upheld in principle, subject to certain conditions being met, and the final determination will be issued in three months' time.

Over 160 objections were received to the plans and both Milnathort Community Council and the Pitdownies Action Group put up a vigorous fight, citing traffic issues, lack of infrastructure and the impact on the water quality of Loch Leven as their main concerns.

However, the Reporter, David Buylla, concluded that the development would 'complement its surroundings' and that associated impacts on infrastructure, open space and residential amenity could be successfully addressed.

And he said that the development would not have a significant effect on Loch Leven and that the Milnathort

wastewater treatment works had the capacity to cope.

'I am satisfied that phosphorus discharge into Loch Leven is not a reason to withhold planning permission,' Mr Buylla said in his findings.

The application was unanimously rejected by councillors in February after refusal was recommended by planning officials on the grounds of over-development and the lack of a biodiversity report on the marshland within the site

But the Reporter questioned the need for a biodiversity report at the area concerned as it has been designated as an open space in the plans, and concluded that the plans would represent 'an efficient but not excessive development of the available space.'

'I find that the development would deliver an efficient and attractive solution to a long-standing housing allocation,' concluded Mr Buylla. 'I am satisfied, overall, that it would be in accordance with the development plan and that there are no material considerations that would justify refusing permission.'

For full details, visit www.gov.scot/policies/planning-environmental-appeals

Kevin Heneghan of the Pitdownies Action Group, which was set up in conjunction with Milnathort Community Council, said: 'The Scottish Government Reporter's decision to enable the Pitdownies development to go ahead is bitterly disappointing. The Reporter ignored the grave concerns residents have regarding the huge increase in traffic the development will bring in and around the village. He was also dismissive of the evidence around the strain on local infrastructure and the negative impact on Loch Leven, which is a Site for Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a National Nature Reserve (NNR), and a Special Protected Area (SPA).

'PKC councillors unanimously rejected the application only for the Reporter to sweep away the evidence that demonstrated this development should not have gone ahead. We accept that some housing development has to take place, but not on this scale and at this rate.'

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Through Doors Open Days 2020, historic and new buildings across the country are opening their doors physically and virtually and welcoming visitors for free. Here in Perth and Kinross, Doors Open Days will take place across the weekend of 19 and 20 September and, although a little smaller than in previous years, it promises not to disappoint.

Headlining the event is the Lower City Mills in Perth, the home of PKHT since October last year, which will be made accessible to the public for the first time in almost 20 years! With social distancing in place, we will be offering visitors the opportunity to see inside this incredible water powered building, to hear about how central it has been in Perth's food production for centuries and about the Trust's exciting plans for its future. To complement the Mill experience, we will have outdoor historical walking tours of Perth's lade upstream and downstream

DOORS OPEN 8 DAYS

of Lower City Mills. Follow the open and underground route of the city's manmade canal with esteemed archaeologist David Bowler and hear how the waterways once fed the mills and formed the burgh's medieval defences.

Beyond Perth, there will be several buildings opening their doors including Innerpeffray Library – (Scotland's first lending library) and the ever-popular Quarto Press in Coupar Angus with its unique collection of working antique printing presses. In line with the rest of the National Doors Open Days programme, this year will see an increase in digital doors opening with online tours, talks and resources giving access to buildings that are rarely open to the

public or have prepared something special for the occasion and all from the comfort of your own home.

Opening their doors for the first time for the Perth and Kinross programme are the Railway Boxing Club, Perth, offering the opportunity to learn about its long legacy, and the newly opened Perth Creative Exchange, which will be providing the opportunity to tour some of the artist's studios remotely through their website.

A leaflet detailing this year's full Doors Open Days programme in Perth and Kinross will be available at venues, libraries and museums across the region from late August and available online at www.pkht.org.uk/dod. Pre-booking is required for all visits, walks and some online tours with further information on venues, times and digital accessibility available on the national website www. doorsopendays.org.uk

Whether you are keen to get out or happy at home, we hope Doors Open Days 2020 has a little something for everyone. Look out for the blue banners and balloons marking the open venues and enjoy Doors Open Days!



FIRST PESTILENCE, NOW FLOODS!

AFTER THE PESTILENCE OF the pandemic, Kinross residents were recently subjected to heavy rain and flooding of almost biblical proportions. The south of Kinross was particularly badly hit, with some homes in Kinross suffering flooding issues for the second time in six months.

P&K council officers carried out welfare checks on residents in around 100 properties after the storms of Tuesday 11 August, when parts of the county were badly hit with heavy rain and flash flooding overnight. This was a storm that lasted longer than any that many Scottish residents had ever seen or heard before, with continued heavy rain and stormy weather from the afternoon of 11 August right through the night.



Lightning over Kinross (pic: Lynne Mackay)

Several streets in Perth, Alyth, Rattray and Kinross were badly affected by the floods. Officers visited the worst hit areas to speak to residents and assist with the clear up where necessary. Perth & Kinross Council say they will continue to contact households affected by the storms to offer assistance and support where necessary.

Thanks to Mike Cormie for this picture of Milnathort



Flooding on the Heritage Trail

The amount of rainfall measured overnight in Kinross from 11-12 August (during the thunderstorm) was 61.6ml, which equated to 2.46in of rain.

One Facebook post, from a local policeman, gave an insight into the problems the emergency services faced.

'Just finished night shift. Bad flooding at bridge at crossroads at Stronachie and Gallowhill Road. Also at bridge at Carnbo and the B918 golf ball road at junction with the A91. Cars stranded. Just for info, drive slow and steady as standing water bad along that stretch to Muckhart.'

What's next - locusts?



KINROSS SHOW

- lots of fun and a tractor run!

ON 8 AUGUST 2020, to mark what should have been Kinross Show Day, a procession with a spectacular float, parade of colourful tractors and proud Clydesdale horses rode through Kinross and the surrounding villages to celebrate and showcase farming in Kinross-shire. All along the route spectators lined the streets to show their support.

Kinross Show President Andrew Turnbull, said: 'I was keen to keep the spirit of the show alive so we came up with the idea of a tractor run, hoping it would be a good way to take the show to the people. I drove the float and around every corner there were people waving and cheering us on.'

The procession drove from Fruix Farm through Kinross High Street and then on to Milnathort, Balgedie, Kinnesswood and





GARDEN COMPETITION

Judges

Claire Paton, Lizzie Montgomery, Vivien Hebblethwaite

TOWN GARDENS

1st Prize: IAN PRYDE, KINROSS 2nd Prize: Lynsey Allan, Muckhart 3rd equal: Michael Wilson, Kinross 3rd equal: Jane Smart, Kinross

FARM GARDENS

1st Prize: DOROTHY THOMSON TILLYRIE 2nd Prize: Jane Smith, Hilton 3rd Prize: Heather Turnbull, Easter Aldie

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1st Prize: JOHN GETLEY, MILNATHORT

OVERALL CHAMPION NEW GARDEN COMPETITION TROPHY

Winner: IAN PRYDE, KINROSS



Photos by Adam William Young

Scotlandwell, then followed the B9097, passing the Kinross showground at RSPB Loch Leven.

A huge thank you from all at Kinross Show to the drivers, horses and carts and to all the great supporters who came out to wave and cheer as they made their way through Kinross-shire.

One driver said 'It was great to see all the mums and dads, boys and girls, grans and grandads coming out and giving us a cheer!'

A vote of thanks to all at the Kinross Show for their hard work and community spirit.

The team at the Newsletter and everyone in the Kinross Community are keeping everything crossed for the 'real thing' next year.

Roll on August 2021!





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1st SAGE (CHRIS WELLS)

2nd Sonny (Aaron Wood)
3rd Archie (Robert Drysdale)

SPORTING

1st MONTY (DAVID MORGAN)

2nd Archie (Suzy Bell)
3rd Casper (Kate Hill)

NON-SPORTING

1st BAILEY (JACKIE RATCLIFFE)

2nd River (Kate Hill)
3rd Olivier (Charlotte Giacopazzi)

BEST TERRIER

1st SAM (LUCY MORAN)

2nd Mhuc (Jackie Ratcliffe)
3rd Rex (Mary Hamilton)



Monty – Winner, Best Sporting Dog







Bailey – Winner, Best Non-Sporting Dog

MOST APPEALING EYES

1st MR MAGOO (JULIA SLATER)

2nd Coconut (Sam Ebrahim)

3rd Phoebe (Ashleigh Henderson)

BEST ACTION SHOT

1st ARCHIE (OWEN PETERS)

2nd Oscar (Ann Marie Ritchie)

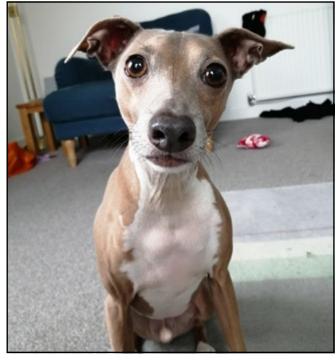
3rd River (Kate Hill)

FUNNIEST DOG

1st MEG (JOANNE DRYDSALE)

2nd Iggy (Jasmin Dewar)

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Mr Magoo – Winner, Most Appealing Eyes



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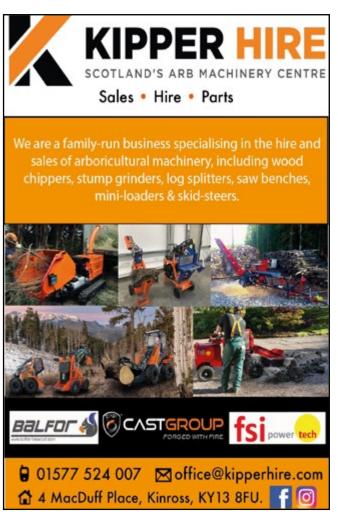
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CROP RESULTS FOR 2020

CEREALS

Spring Crop Judge – Mr Bill Hamilton, Cupar Winter Crops Judge – Mr J Turnbull Jnr, Kincardine

CLASS 1 SPRING OATS THE WALLACE CUP

presented to Kinross-shire Agricultural Society by the late Mrs M.Wallace, Drum, Fossoway. for the Best Crop of Spring Oats in Kinross-shire

1st W PATERSON GOLLAND (CONWAY)

2nd: W S Young, Mawcarse (Conway) 3rd W S Young, Mawcarse (Conway) field at Lethangie 4th M King, Gairnybank (Conway)

CLASS 2 SPRING BARLEY THE THOMANEAN PLATE

presented by the late
Alexander Harley of Thomanean,
for the Best Crop of Spring Barley in Kinross-shire.

1st W S YOUNG MAWCARSE (LAUREATE)

2nd W S Young Mawcarse (Diablo) 3rd W Nelson Brackley (Fairing) 4th S Black Mawmill (Laureate)

CLASS 3 WINTER WHEAT THE BAYER CUP

presented by Bayer UK Ltd, Agrochem Division, Kinross, for the Best Growing Crop of Winter Wheat in Kinross-shire.

1st S BLACK MAWMILL (JACKEL) FIELD AT ANNACROICH

2nd J Weir Laceston (Jackel) field at Blairnathort 3rd W S Young Mawcarse (Estase) field at Lethangie

CLASS 4 WINTER BARLEY THE FORDELL CUP

presented by The Late Rt. Hon. Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, MP, for the Best Growing Crop of Winter Barley in Kinross-shire.

1st J THOMSON HILTON OF BEATH (ORWELL)

2nd W S Young Mawcarse (Valerie) 3rd J Baillie Colliston (Funki)

CLASS 5 WINTER OATS LETHANGIE TROPHY

presented by Graham & Mrs. Claire Paton, Lethangie, Kinross for the Best Field of Winter Oats in Kinross-shire.

1st R BAIRD & SONS, A BAIRD, KIRKNESS (DALGUISE)

2nd Harley Seeds Blairfield (Dalguise) 3rd Harley Seeds Blairfield (Gerald) G Paton, Lethangie

POTATOES

Judge for the Potatoes – Doug Durie, St Andrews

CLASS 6 SEED POTATOES THE SEAMAC TROPHY

has been presented by Seamac Agricultural Limited, by Chippenham, Wiltshire, for the Best Crop of Growing Seed Potatoes in Kinross-shire

Winner – JOHN BAILLIE, COLLISTON

2nd Rob Doig with a crop of Valor 3rd Alexander Harley seeds with a crop of Saxon



Penney's Community Woodland

VOLUNTEERS WHO LOOK AFTER Penney's Community Woodland required a new lawnmower for the paths, and as their fundraising opportunities this year were dashed, they set about seeking other ways to raise money to keep the woodland in good order.

A grant from Fossoway Benevolent Fund set the ball rolling, and they set up a fundraising enterprise making cotton face coverings, which we all now wear to help protect each other from Covid-19.

Unstinting support from Andrew and Jean Shearer, proprietors of Fossoway Stores, ensured steady sales from the basket of masks at the local shop. Thanks to generous support from locals and beyond and a substantial donation from WL Gore, of Dundee, they are delighted that they can now achieve their goal.

The enterprise was inspired by committee member Julie King who had made masks for her family and friends. Fellow members Gill Kerr and Helen



Gill Kerr, Julie King and Helen Cassidy of the Fossoway Community Woodland Trust

Cassidy quickly came on board and the enterprise snowballed.

Penney's Community Woodland is a wonderful resource for us all, particularly in these trying times.

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Andrew and Jean Shearer, of Fossoway Stores

MOORELANDS TRAVEL CLOSES DOORS

DUE TO THE ONGOING Covid-19 Pandemic, it is with deep regret that Moorelands Travel is to temporarily close the doors of the Kinross branch. However, customers can continue to operate remotely servicing all bookings and future bookings to their usual award winning standards.

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Roseanna To Stand Down

ROSEANNA CUNNINGHAM MSP will stand down from parliament at the 2021 election. She said: 'It has been a massive honour to have represented my constituents for the past 25 years and to have been able to serve my country. I have always been hugely grateful to all those who have put their faith in me. The support of one's constituents is not only essential ... it is immensely humbling and I am very thankful for it.

It has been a great privilege, too, to have been in government. After a quarter of a century as an elected politician, I have had to do some hard thinking. By the time of the next election I will be less than two months away from my 70th birthday. I have taken the very difficult decision to inform my local Constituency Association that I will not be seeking nomination as an SNP candidate for the 2021 Scottish Parliament elections.

Roseanna was first elected to Westminster at a by-election in 1995 representing the Perth and Kinross constituency, and re-elected at the 1997 General Election for the redrawn and renamed constituency of Perth, making her the first SNP by-election victor to hold the seat at the subsequent General Election.

On the establishment of the Scottish Parliament, Roseanna was elected as the MSP for Perth in 1999, re-elected in 2003 and 2007, then redrawn and renamed constituency of Perthshire South & Kinross-shire in 2011 and 2016. With that continuous quarter of a century of representation, Roseanna is now the longest-serving, current Scottish parliamentarian.



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Councillor Willie Robertson

Pitdownies Planning Appeal: I was very unhappy with the Scottish government reporter's decision to grant planning permission for the Pitdownies housing development. The system seems to say that we should build as many houses



as possible whatever the impact that might have on local people, services or the environment. Every community needs available homes but I think that we in Kinross and Milnathort are being forced to accept far more houses than we should. Government ministers love boasting about the number of houses that are being built but this can come at a cost in local residents' quality of life and their ability to access services locally if not kept within tolerable levels. What I find worrying and frustrating is that when the Council refuses applications through the decisions of elected councillors the government reporter can simply overturn such democratic decisions and that neither the Council or local objectors have any right to appeal against his decision.

Extreme Weather Conditions: On Tuesday night, (11 August) Kinross-shire was subjected to extreme weather conditions with lightning, thunder and torrential rain throughout the night. This caused flooding throughout the county with many properties affected. One of the worst hit areas was the southern part of Kinross. The situation was not helped due to the fact that there were no sandbags available from the local Turfhills depot and they had to be sent to Kinross from Perth. Given that such weather events are likely to become more common I have written to the Council asking that emergency supplies of things such as sandbags are available locally so they can be accessed quickly. The flood prevention scheme for south Kinross is said to be three years away. I will press for this timescale to be much shorter. Thankfully the Milnathort Flood Prevention Scheme worked well and prevented any serious incidents in the village.

Road Drains: The heavy rain has highlighted the need to keep our drains clear. Due to cutbacks the Council don't clean out drains as regularly as they did in the past. Please keep an eye on road drains near your property and let me know if you think that they need to be emptied. I have already sent a list to the roads department but would be happy to hear of more.

TRACKS: George Lawrie our Project Officer has had to stand down from his post as TRACKS project officer due to other work commitments. We are very sorry to lose him as he did a really good job for us in helping deliver projects throughout Kinross-shire. However, we are not losing his experience and enthusiasm as George has agreed to become a member of the TRACKS committee. We have now looking for a new Project Officer. The advert for the post is on p95.

Rural Bus Services: The announcement by Stagecoach that they have withdrawn the number 23 bus service from Stirling to St Andrews is a real blow to rural communities served by this service. It leaves west Kinross-shire with no bus services whatsoever. Added to that the 56 service which goes through Glenfarg has also had the frequency of buses cut. All this at a time when government and Council policy is about reducing isolation in rural areas. I, and my Kinross-shire ward councillor colleagues have been working with the Council's public transport unit to try and find alternative methods of transport for all those affected. Hopefully we will have something to report by this time next month.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Councillor Richard Watters

LOCH LEVEN RECORDED extreme rainfall during the spectacular thunder and lightning storm we all experienced on 11 & 12 August. However, some Kinross residents and businesses around the South Queich in Kinross



were more concerned with the water level in the river, with some residents only recently getting back into their houses following the extensive damage caused by flooding six months ago. On this occasion the flash flood meant the water level rose by 1.4m, peaking around 8am on the Wednesday morning before slowly receding. This flood and the one in February are the two highest on record, with records starting in 1992. Researchers studying the current climate emergency are concerned that these events could become more common and severe in nature.

With officers from the council flooding team in attendance, along with Cllr Purves and myself, we were able to see the extent of the flooding and the anxiety and damage the floods are causing residents.

The Council has already started the process of looking at flood prevention measures for the river, with all the survey work already completed. However, any potential measures implemented could still be a few years away, with the design, consultation and implementation stages still needing to be completed. I have written to the flooding team in the council seeking assurances that everything possible will be done to speed up this process. In addition, I have also requested that officers look at any other measures that can be implemented to mitigate the damage and distress caused to residents and businesses, while we wait on a Flood Prevention Scheme being implemented.

Yet again, important services in the county are under threat. Stagecoach are proposing to withdraw the number 23 bus service, running from Stirling to St Andrews, plus further reductions to the number of buses running on the 56 bus route to Perth. The Number 23 service is a core route for Kinross-shire, providing vital travel links to and from Crook of Devon to Kinross. Having already had a meeting along with officers and my fellow Kinross-shire councillors, we have asked council officers to look at any mitigating measures that can be implemented to ensure that residents to the west of Kinross can still have access to public transport. If residents have any thoughts or concerns regarding the provision of bus services within the county, please get in touch.

Councillor Richard Watters

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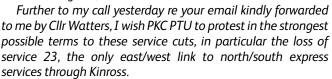
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Councillor Mike Barnacle

STAGECOACH SERVICE WITHDRAWALS IN KINROSS-SHIRE

AN EMAIL TO Margaret Roy of PKC (Public Transport Unit) sent on 23 July, 2020

Hello Margaret,



This is community vandalism by Stagecoach, it being bad enough when we went from a 2-hourly to 3-hourly service recently. I personally know people for which this service is a lifeline. If such cuts are replicated elsewhere in PKC then we should review our subsidy to the company, look elsewhere or set up our own bus company in PKC!

The Kinross-shire Community Transport Group has a full county wide representation based on the survey we did and covers whole of the Shire but its aim was always to supplement main services, not replace them and the only reason we have not had a recent meeting is the pandemic. I am away until 11 August and was planning, if possible, to call a meeting of the Group at the end of August on my return.

Meantime, I suggest you have a virtual meeting with my ward colleagues whom I am certain will share my views.

Regards

Cllr Mike Barnacle

Councillor Michael Barnacle Independent Member for Kinross-shire

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Liz Smith, MSP

DESPITE THE COUNTRY still being in phase 3 of the Covid-19 roadmap exit out of lockdown, my mailbag has recently been full of complaints from constituents about the controversial Hate Crime Bill.



Irate residents in Perth and Kinross have been joined in their criticism of this Bill by the Catholic Church in Scotland, the Law Society of Scotland, the Faculty of Advocates, the Scottish Police Federation, academic Dr Stuart Waiton, a senior lecturer in sociology and criminology at Abertay University, Dundee, and even former deputy leader of the SNP, Jim Sillars, who accused the Bill of 'abandoning common sense.'

It is not often you get groups such as these uniting in such fashion, but this underlines how unpopular the Bill has become. Indeed, Dr Waiton went so far as to describe the Bill as 'possibly the most illiberal and intolerant piece of legislation in any liberal democracy, worldwide.'

The Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill looks to extend the law on 'hate crime,' covering particular characteristics, including religion, sexual orientation and transgender identity. If the law is passed by Holyrood, it will mean that words or behaviour which is considered to be 'abusive' and 'likely' to stir up hatred would constitute an offence.

If passed, the Bill, which is at Stage 1 of the scrutiny process at Parliament, would see anyone found guilty of 'threatening or abusive' behaviour facing a possible seven-year prison sentence. Even insulting someone can be deemed criminal if it alludes to their race.

In what is yet another attempt to interfere in free speech, the Hate Crime Bill is so controversial that simply quoting what some might deem 'controversial' parts of the Bible could mean trouble for a church Minister.

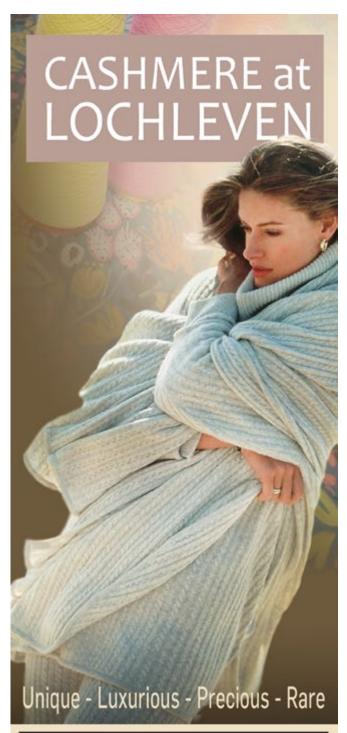
I know from the volume of mail I have received on the Hate Crime Bill, that many residents fear free speech will be stifled if this Bill is passed as currently drafted.

Speaking recently to Justice Committee hearings on the Hate Crime Bill at Parliament, Calum Steele, the General Secretary of the Scottish Police Federation, summed up the unease many people have with its contents, by saying it would put police officers in the unenviable position of 'policing what people think or feel as well as the criminalisation of what is said in private.'

The Hate Crime Bill is badly thought out and should be consigned to the dustbin. It has outraged so many people and attracted widespread criticism from so many quarters, it surely must be evident to Justice Secretary Humza Yousaf, the person behind the Bill, that it is time to listen to detractors and ditch it.

Liz Smith, MSP







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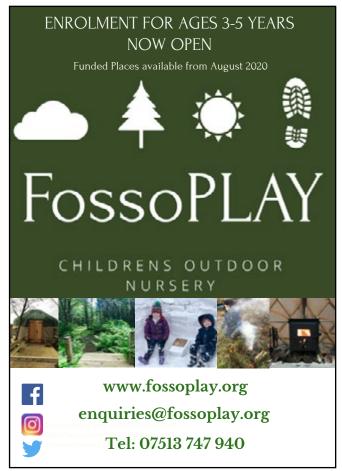
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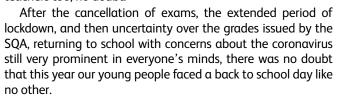


Roseanna Cunningham, MSP

THUNDERSTORM, FLOOD and pestilence! It seems that in 2020 nothing is going to be straightforward.

The start of the school year is always a time that bring a mixture

of excitement and anxiety, for pupils, their parents and their teachers too, no doubt.



Then, as if things weren't unusual enough already, some astonishing weather the night before schools started to re-open to pupils will have disrupted both sleep and routes to school – I am acutely aware too that, while the rainfall on this occasion was way above normal, there were homes in Kinross that suffered flooding issues for the second time in six months. The reasons behind that need to be investigated and addressed.

I hope that the uncertainties of those opening days have settled down and I want to wish school pupils in Kinross-shire all the very best as they embark on this new school year, particularly those for whom this marks one of the transitional milestones, starting primary or secondary.

For those who have now left school this will also be a worrying time. The global pandemic has had a huge impact on employment levels and the Scottish Government is concerned that young people are among those who could be hardest hit.

Because of that possibility, £60million of the £100million employability fund will be used to support Scotland's Youth Guarantee, supporting young people to make the transition into work.

And now, on top of Covid-19, we face the impact of a hard Brexit and what that will mean for our economy.

The UK Government talks about all UK companies being allowed to trade unhindered in every part of the UK – raising concerns about private companies looking to operate in Scotland's health service.

Imposing uniform standards across devolved policy areas also means that if a trade deal with the US resulted in lower food standards, those standards would have to be accepted in Scotland. That would be damaging to our world-leading, high-quality food and drink industry.

All the indications are that the UK Government will try to fast-track these proposals, which will be bad for consumers and business, and disastrous for devolution.

The most important thing that we must all do, however, is to continue to do everything we can to minimise the spread of infection and we can do that by using FACTS to beat this virus:

- F Face coverings to be worn where appropriate
- A Avoid crowded places
- C Clean hands and surfaces regularly
- T Two metre distancing
- S Symptoms mean you should self-isolate and get a test

Stay safe and keep following the Scottish Government's advice.

John Nicolson, MP

THERE'S A BATTLE RAGING in the United States over statues. Since the police killing of an unarmed black man, George Floyd, Black Lives Matters activists have been calling for the toppling of statues glorifying Confederate generals, slave owners



and colonialists. In some cases, protesters have taken the law into their own hands and removed the statues themselves. Most are of little merit, mass produced, and raised not to honour fallen soldiers but to further ideals of white supremacy long after the Civil War was over but at times of civil rights tension.

Predictably, Donald Trump has attacked the protesters and defended the statues. It's a new found enthusiasm for art after a lifetime of monumental destruction (he'd smashed a pair of exquisite Art Deco bas reliefs when building Trump Tower despite promising them to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.)

Thus battle lines have been drawn between Trump, defender of monuments to slave owning Confederate generals, and those who think they're an affront, not least to the descendents of slaves. The issues seem clear surely? Well, not completely. Many who deplore the statues think it would be falsifying history to remove them. Some think they should have explanatory plaques fitted for context. Others believe they should be removed to museums. This is what several ex-Soviet states did with monuments to Lenin and Stalin considered too painful for everyday viewing.

In Scotland we've long been neglectful of our slave owning history. Glasgow's street names recall some of the most shameful practitioners; Andrew Cochrane, John Glassford, and Andrew Buchanan to name but three. There's an active campaign to have them renamed. And in Edinburgh, the statue honouring Henry Dundas has been targeted. Dundas, an MP, authored an amendment to halt a bill which would have abolished slavery in 1792. Half a million souls suffered continued enslavement as a result.

The destruction of statues by those who wish to purify what went before isn't a new phenomenon. The Romans destroyed monuments to gods who'd fallen out of favour – something the Taliban were still doing with the Buddhas of Bamyan in 2001.

Even in our peaceful corner of Scotland the fires of indignant destruction once burnt terrifyingly. In Perthshire, Scone Abbey, a place of worship since the 8th Century, home to the Stone of Destiny, and the coronation site of kings fell victim to a Protestant mob from Dundee whipped into a zealous frenzy by John Knox. Statues were a prime target.

Nor were numerous smaller ecclesiastical sites spared, regardless of their age or distinction. The monastic community of St Serf's Inch Priory in Loch Leven was translating Gaelic language charters (perhaps dating from as early as the 8th Century) into Latin in the 12th Century. When the Reformation rages came its fate was as brutal as the magnificent Cathedral in St Andrews under whose Archbishopric it fell.

What glories must have been lost. By contrast little of artistic merit seems under threat now. And preservation but with context and curation surely offers the right way forward.

Police Box



Proud August

In August of last year Perth city centre was a rainbow of colours as the annual Perthshire Pride celebration saw members of the LGBT+ community come together with the wider society to celebrate diversity and tackle prejudice and intolerance.

This year the celebration has been taken online due to the restrictions caused by Covid 19 but is nonetheless an opportunity to celebrate the diverse nature of our society. More info can be found on the Perthshire Pride website or Facebook page.

Ignorance and prejudice have no place in our society and I would encourage any member of the public who has suffered abuse, or indeed any sort of hate crime, to contact the Police where I can assure them they will be treated with empathy and professionalism.

Not only does that cover prejudice due to sexual orientation but also include the colour of one's skin, religious affiliation, nationality or disability.

Figures recently released show that racial crime remains the most commonly reported hate crime across Scotland. In total 3,038 charges relating to race crime were reported in 2019-20, an increase of 4% compared to 2018-19.

Sexual orientation aggravated crime is the second most commonly reported type of hate crime with the number of charges reported increased by 24% in 2019-20 to 1,486.

There were 660 religiously aggravated charges reported in 2019-20, an increase of 24% compared to 2018-19.

The number of disability aggravated charges increased by 29% to 387 in 2019-20.

There were 41 charges reported in 2019-20 with an aggravation of transgender identity, compared to 40 in 2018-19.

Hate crime is still a scourge on our society and can have a lasting and devastating impact upon victims and their families. Police Scotland will continue to act robustly in response to all incidents of this nature.

Updates

About 7pm on Thursday 30 July a 35-year-old male was arrested following racially aggravated conduct in a store in Kinross.

Following a number of break-ins in Kinross at the end of June a number of arrest warrants have been issued in connection with the crimes.

Recent Incidents

Overnight on Monday 27 July, a chainsaw was stolen from a silver Jeep parked in Greenbank Crescent, Glenfarg. (CR/20690/20)

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.

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 - ...if I want to contact the police anonymously?
- Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. You can also visit their website at www. crimestoppers-uk.org
 - ...to find out more about home safety services?
- When circumstances allow, contact your local council for more information. Depending on your circumstances, you may qualify for a free security alarm.

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Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PC Ben Clark and PC Matthew Ross.

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

Community Inspector for Perth South (Strathearn, Strathallan, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire): **PI Katrina Thompson**.

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Why Is The Park And Ride Such A Washout?

THE KINROSS PARK AND RIDE car park is an embarrassment just now. It is the first thing people see when they arrive in Kinross by bus. The grass has gone from the narrow end of the central strip, leaving compacted soil, as cars have been driven directly across the grass.

The car park is clearly drained to a central grass strip, which has been installed not as a swale (grass but dished to have a channel along the length of it to allow infiltration), but as a conventional grass amenity strip, higher than the lower edges of the two halves of the tarmacadam car park which drains to it from either side. Runoff therefore drains to the central grass strip well enough but cannot drain away. So, after rain, water sits the demarcated car park spaces along its length, instead of in the grass strip (see pictures). If freezing conditions follow rain in winter, an ice hazard results.

Three new raingardens

For the Kinross-shire Civic Trust Raingardens Challenge, ideas are being considered to restore drainage functionality, and at the same time create an attractive landscape feature there. The grass strip could become 3 raingardens, each separated by the existing footpath crossing the existing grass strip. Those crossings provide an opportunity for designing different features along the length of the strip, giving visual diversity and interest.

The strip is not a uniform width but varies from six and a half metres to only one and a half metres at the narrow end (the M90 end of the car park). That difference again suggests scope for visual variation in the type of green infrastructure drainage feature to be created there.

The temptation to drive a car over the amenity strip needs to be eliminated by barriers, but they need to be integral landscape features which also enhance the carpark. There are creative craftspeople in the community and we are interested to hear from anyone with ideas for an effective

Failed drainage at the Kinross Park and Ride car park.





but minimal timber fence for example, at least along one side of the strip.

The opposite side – probably the side facing the bus shelter and the houses and paths of Levenfields – could be more attractive if climbers and small shrubs are planted along a fence line there, grading down into the grassy drainage channel to be formed in the centre? That central channel would be planted with marsh flowers, to give seasonal colour and interest.

At the widest part of the strip, novel flower-box planters 'LeafSpace' units, which are open frame narrow structures (designed to aid separation of cyclists from motor traffic in inner city streets with reduced traffic flow), which could sit on the upper edge of the modified strip as barriers in the wider space there.

We have spoken with the supplier (GreenBlue Urban) of the LeafSpace planters who have agreed to be a sponsor of the Kinross-shire Raingardens Challenge by supplying ten metres linear length of the units (https://greenblue.com/gb/products/leafspace/).

Just ideas

Although the offer of sponsorship to meet the cost of supplying the LeafSpace units is agreed, none of the above suggestions are anything more than just ideas at present and we are keen to hear views of local people and groups who would like to make their own suggestions.

Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) are very positive about the whole Raingardens Challenge, and have enabled us to appoint

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award winning architects who are nationally known for their expertise working on susdrainage tainable projects and we'll work with them to finalise proposals once people have had a chance to get in touch during September (contact details below).

Other progress for the Raingardens Challenge

As well as the Park and Ride, we are also talking with PKC about the other opportunities in

the district, including The Muirs where build-out features of greyness could become raingarden features, reducing runoff from the high street into the old combined sewers there. We'll use the architects to create visualisations to put to the local community and to PKC by the end of this year (hopefully an article for the October or November issue of the *Newsletter*).



Creation of raingardens at the Park and Ride carpark would provide a perfect start for the proposed Raingardens Trail, which is another development for Kinross being discussed with the Council and others. We are keen to help local businesses participate in the Raingardens Challenge too, and do their bit too for managing flood risks and for enhancing Kinross-shire (more good news

stories to follow!). As premises begin to open and be occupied again, visits about opportunities are becoming easier now. We are still keen on demonstration features at the schools too.

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Mapmaker Didn't Know His Onions

KINROSS (MARSHALL) MUSEUM gave readers 'A Feast for the Eyes' last month but among its collection of manuscript maps and plans there are many more treasures that illustrate the work of Scottish land surveyors during the 18th and 19th centuries. This month we look at the plans produced by Edinburgh land surveyor John Bell whose professional output covers the years 1792-1833.

Working mostly in central Scotland, but with forays as far north as Caithness, John Bell produced the highest quality of plans that reflect a changing landscape during the height of the Agricultural Revolution. Land surveyors were, in fact, often important agents of such change. Elegant in style, Bell's colourful renderings of field enclosures and farm steadings

were more than just functional surveys, they were works of art that any land owner would be proud to hang on the wall. A fine Kinross-shire example, held in the Museum archive, is his 1801 Plan of the Lands of Cleish Mill which illustrates an improved and enclosed fieldscape as well as the channelling of mill lades at the Watergate. Look at the attention to detail with hedgerows and haystacks depicted complete with shadows.

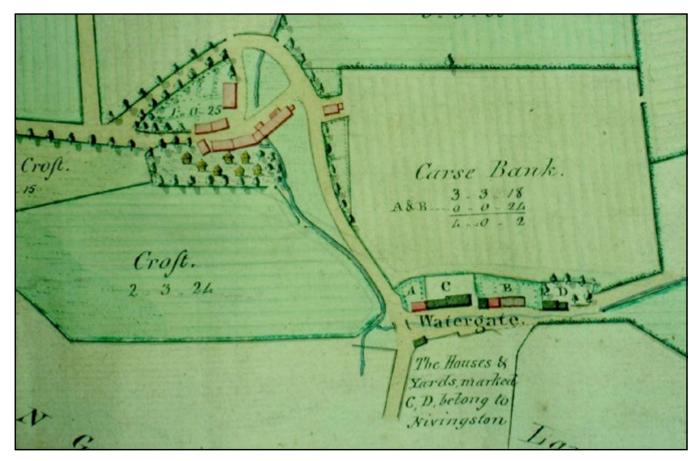
Other surveys in Kinross-shire undertaken by Bell about that time include Cleish Common (1799), the estates of Dowhill (1801), Blairadam (c.1804) and Arnot (1812) and a plan of Kinross relating to a legal dispute over water rights in 1807. In



1808-09 he was employed by Kinross Estate to draw the first detailed plan of Loch Leven showing what the loch would look like if lowered by 2½ feet or 5 feet. This formed part of the engineer John Rennie's scheme to reduce the area of the loch in order to provide the estate with land for reclamation and improvement. Although the project failed to gain approval from Parliament in 1810, the Leven Improvements did eventually take place in the 1820s with other land surveyors involved.

Above: The title cartouche of John Bell's 1796 plan of the County of Kinross with a sketch of Loch Leven and the Lomond Hills as a backdrop.

Below: Detail from John Bell's 1801 Plan of the Lands of Cleish Mill.





Above: Detail from John Bell's 1796 plan of the County of Kinross showing the misnamed 'Onion Hills'.

Below: Detail from John Bell's 1809 Plan of Loch Leven, showing line of proposed cut and levels if the loch were to be lowered by 2½ or 5 feet.

Perhaps the most significant work carried out by John Bell was his 1796 compilation of a map of the County of Kinross 'From an Actual Survey'. Produced using the new lithographic process, this was the first county map of Kinross-shire. Fragile copies of this map survive in the National Library of Scotland and Kinross (Marshall) Museum but you can see an enlarged version of it in the Visitor Centre at RSPB Loch Leven. Bell's county map provides a wonderful overview of Kinross-shire prior to the lowering of Loch Leven in the 1820s and the reorganisation of the county boundary in the 1890s. Look out for 'lost names' such as Pepperhall and Tackethall near Meikle Seggie, names of small holdings made to sound much grander than they really were with the addition of the posh-sounding suffix 'hall'.

One of the hazards of land surveying has sometimes been the place-name information supplied by local people. On John Bell's county map you will find north-west of Loch Glow the 'Onion Hills'. This name should read 'The Inneans', three flat-topped hills forming part of the Cleish range of hills. Looking like three smiddy's anvils and probably derived from the Gaelic word innean meaning 'anvil', this name was, in the local accent, rendered to John Bell as 'the ingens' which he interpreted as being 'The Onions' or 'Onion Hills'. In all other respects the Edinburgh land surveyor 'new his onions/ ingens', but not with respect to this Kinross-shire place name.

David Munro

Proposed

Gullet

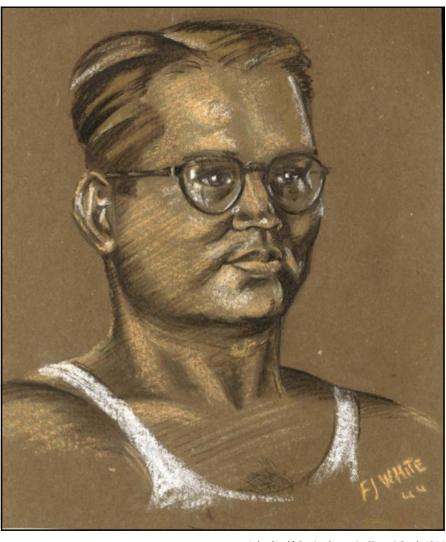
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VJ Day – The Changi Quilts

READERS WILL KNOW THAT 15 August 2020 marked the 75th anniversary of VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day); the moment that the Japanese surrendered, and the Second World War finally ended. To honour the sacrifices and to celebrate peace, in 2020 the nation was asked to join in remembering those who fought in the Far East and helped bring about the end of the Second World War. Here is the remarkable personal story from Jackie Sutherland, of Kinross.

Tens of thousands of Armed Forces personnel from across the British Empire fought and died in the war against Japan. Thousands more suffered inhumane treatment as prisoners of war. This included more than 12,000 Allied POWs, who lost their lives building the infamous Burma 'Death Railway', a 400km railway track from Thailand to Myanmar (then Burma).

After almost four years of fighting in the Far East, which brought devastating losses through both combat and disease, the war came to an end with Emperor Hirohito announcing Japan's surrender on 14 August 1945. The surrender followed the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagaski, the first and only time in the history of warfare such a destructive weapon has been used. The bomb that landed on Hiroshima flattened everything within a mile of



John (Jack) Ennis, drawn in Changi Gaol, 1944

'After all, the end of the war wasn't really the end of the war, until after VJ Day. And then one realised it was over, but on VE Day you still had the feeling that there was the fight against Japan still going on, and it wasn't really over for everybody by a long way.'

Frances Jefferson, Perth

the centre of its blast, immediately killing over 70,000 people, with tens of thousands more dying of radiation exposure in the months that followed.

Whilst Japan's surrender, and the announcement of world peace, was welcomed joyfully, the celebration was a somewhat sober one in the wake of the unprecedented atomic bombings. In addition, the uncertainty over the fate many of the British and Allied forces still in the Far East caused huge concern. In the UK, the 15 August, the day Allied forces accepted the Japanese

surrender, is officially known as VJ Day – Victory over Japan Day.

Not everyone is machine-gunned on the way to their wedding! But Jackie Sutherland's parents were.

Twice

Dodging bullets fired from the attacking fighter plane, Jack and Elizabeth took refuge in the deep storm drains at the side of the road. The location: Singapore. The date: 11 February 1942, just four days before Singapore was surrendered to the Japanese.

With other nurses, Elizabeth Petrie had been offered a place on a ship leaving Singapore but instead chose to work on as streams of injured soldiers arrived at the hospitals. After only a few days, Captain Jack Ennis (an army doctor) and Elizabeth (who was, by then, Mrs Ennis) were interned. Jack would be sent to





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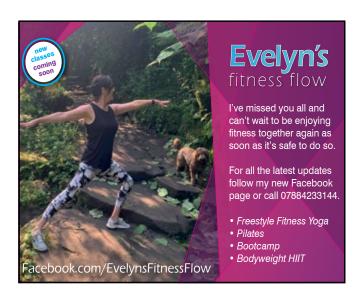
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Mrs Ennis

Roberts Barracks with military personnel, whilst Elizabeth, along with some 3000 civilians, would be 'housed' in Changi Gaol, which was originally built for fewer than 600 prisoners.

For the children, in particular, the gaol was a most sinister place with high concrete walls. To keep some of the young girls occupied and entertained, Elizabeth set up a Girl Guide company under the strict scrutiny of the guards. There were many restrictions, including no saluting, and no national anthem allowed.

Begging threads and small pieces of cloth from worn out dresses, sleeves and hems, Elizabeth taught the girls patchwork. She was very surprised and extremely touched, when, on her birthday, a couple of months later, the guides presented her with a patchwork quilt to use in her cell. Each guide had embroidered her name in the centre of their 'rosette'.

This quilt became the inspiration for the 'Changi Quilts', three more patchwork quilts. Each six-inch square was cut from a rice sack, and then embroidered by a woman in Changi. The first completed quilt was presented to the Japanese guards, dedicated to the

'wounded Nipponese soldiers with our sympathy for their suffering'. When the quilt was accepted, the other two quilts were sent to the men's camp.

Here, the quilts took on a much more important role, both as a way of getting messages to loved ones in the other camps, and as a show of spirited defiance; the signature on each embroidered patch identified a woman who was alive and well.

For some men, recognizing the signature or design was the first confirmation they had had that their wife, sister, mother, relative or friend was alive and interned in the gaol.

In post-war years, many visitors to our home were also former internees (FEPOW – Far East Prisoners of War).

So many in fact, that my younger sister thought everyone's parents had been imprisoned, just part of growing up. They were a close community, even more so as the Government of the time discouraged talk of the war in the Far East. In May 1945, Britain had come through the highs of VE Day and did not want to be reminded the war had continued until Japan surrendered on 15 August 1945.

As a post-war child, I am exceptionally fortunate that my parents survived captivity. The quilts are now in Museums – Imperial War Museum (IWM), Australian War Memorial and Red Cross Headquarters. For my family, we have other precious mementos – among them, my father's wartime diaries, ID cards issued by the Japa-

nese, smuggled notes, original sketches and cartoons, a pair of wooden sandals, and, most touchingly domestic, a pair of bamboo knitting needles from Changi Gaol.

Jack and



One of the famous Changi Quilts

You suddenly thought that everything was going to be beautiful tomorrow. However, it took an awfully long time for tomorrow to actually come, but there was definitely a feeling of a lifting you know, you could start to live again.'

Patricia Fitzgerald, Crieff

Elizabeth returned home on the SS Monowai in October 1945.

I am so pleased that interest in FEPOW continues to rise. For relatives, students and researchers, there are now many on-line resources including CWGC, COFEPOW, IWM, Legion Scotland and Forces War Records. As the Scottish coordinator for COFEPOW (Children of Far East Prisoners of War), I am happy to help where possible for it is 'by sharing information and giving it away, that we honour these men and women and they will never be forgotten'. I can be contacted on: skyscape96@gmail.com.

Andy Middlemiss & Jackie Sutherland (Nee Ennis)

Health & Wellbeing

Bringing Heart & Soul Back To Kinross



AT HEART AND SOUL we have been working hard to make sure the Centre is ready to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all our clients.

The outside waiting and parking area is looking very colourful with beautiful lavender plants greeting everyone as they walk up the path. Zoe has been, and will continue to run, meditation classes online using Zoom every



Wednesday evening at 9pm and some people have made donations for this service. Therefore, Zoe thought it would be a nice to put the money towards a beautiful Kindness bench (see below). People from Kinross are invited to sit here if they wish to take a rest and take some time to breathe and even meditate.

We have made sure that all guidelines have been met and the centre is running smoothly and safely to all that enter. We have hand sanitisers on the wall and a one-way system running so that there are no cross overs of clients. All therapists are wearing the appropriate PPE and cleaning and sanitising everything in-between clients.

We have had a positive start since opening and lots of great feedback from clients feeling safe and most importantly still enjoying the lovely relaxing vibe of the centre.

There are no walk-ins at the moment so please call the centre if you would like booked in. We have many therapies to offer including Counselling, Hypnotherapy, Sports Massage, Beauty



Therapy and Crystal and Reiki Therapy. Our Yoga and Pilates Classes continue to run online using Zoom.

We would like to thank all our clients and friends for being so supportive and kind during lockdown and for all the lovely gifts and messages we have received.

> Love and Compassion Zoe Tod

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News from the Health Centre



Flu Clinic

The Flu Campaign will commence at the beginning of October as usual, for both practices at Loch Leven Health Centre. This year, however, the Health Centre will be dealing with a much larger number of patients in an environment which will have to take account of Covid-19 restrictions.

A considerable amount of planning is currently being undertaken by the practice management in order to ensure that all patients who are eligible will receive the vaccination. Further details regarding clinics will be available in the October *Newsletter*, on the Facebook page and via notices in both community pharmacies. Until further information is released, we would respectfully request that patients **do not** try to book appointments for the flu clinics.



Wellness Recovery Box

If you sometimes feel a bit low, why not make yourself a Wellness Recovery Box? This can be very helpful when you are feeling low in mood and just dipping in and out of it can help support you to keep well.

You can do this by using meaningful things that you connect with to keep you grounded. Items you could keep in your toolbox could include:

- Pictures or memories
- Funny photos that make you smile
- A favourite film
- Your favourite smells (perfume, oils or candle)
- Special chocolates
- Inspirational quotes
- Letters or notes to yourself, or from friends
- A bright lipstick or nail polish
- Guidance cards, books,
- Craft materials like paints or clay
- Stress ball or fiddle toy

You can put anything in the box that you feel will cheer you up or make you feel better. Use whatever works for you, as long as it gives you a lift.

Other wellness tools that you could try are:

Diet and Exercise: Try to eat healthily and get out for a walk or other exercise every day.

Listen to relaxing music if you find the radio too much, to help you relax and unwind.

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Poet's Corner

THIS MONTH'S POEM is from Jane Turnbull, who says 'Having been irrtated by the way some people have treated the Moss during lockdown, I felt compelled to write this.' If you're an aspiring poet with something to say, why not share your words with our readers? **Email us at** *editor@kinrossnewsletter.org*

Portmoak Moss

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But please leave no litter or any dog poo, Please leave it so others may enjoy it too. The flowers and the plants are here to be seen, Not to be picked, then thrown on the green.

Don't carve in the bark or put nails in the trees, For the damage you cause may last for years. If you let your dog off to run in the wood, Do you know it's behaving or up to no good?

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Jane Turnbull



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Putting The Pieces Together

by Jo Middlemiss

I HAVE NEVER BEEN a 'jigger'. I have no recollection of ever doing jigsaws in my childhood, and actually could never even be bothered, when my children were doing those enormous piece carpet jigsaws that under-fives seem to be so good at. I have also watched jigsaw fans taking a quiet five minutes to slot in a few pieces, and have just gazed at them in amazement. To be honest, my internal thoughts were 'What a waste of time!' and 'How boring!'

Then, in March last year our youngest son came to stay with us. He was seriously ill, with a mental health condition, and our lives took on a completely different aspect, in every possible way. We realised that many people sympathised with us, and with him, but you will all know that it is very hard to help in these circumstances. What to do? What to say? When it comes to mental health, despite all the enlightened modern thinking, and with the best will in the world, the recovery from mental health problems is long, slow and arduous. Most people are infinitely more comfortable talking about, and helping with, physical injuries and illness.

My sister-in-law turned up with a jigsaw, thinking and hoping that it might help to distract our son, and maybe it would be something we could do together.

Well, he did put in one or two pieces and my husband couldn't see the attraction, especially as his colour blindness is not much help when identifying shades. Slowly, slowly, the

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jigsaw worked its magic on me. I discovered that I could become engrossed, and distracted, in finding that one little piece that fitted in so well. I loved matching the perfect coloured piece with little sticky out bits, or finding the exact edge, or being convinced that there was definitely a piece missing, only to discover that it was there all the time if only I had turned it around!

I discovered that CHAS often has jigsaws. As a beginner, I still don't find them easy, they take me ages. However, listening to a play, podcast or the news is enhanced while 'jigging'.

Sadly, our son did not get better and the help we needed was too far out of reach. He lost his fight last July. Broken hearts beyond imagining. People came round, flowers arrived, letters, cards and kindly calls.

'There are no words' were the words we heard, over and over. Through the dark days, two darling granddaughters were visiting, and it was impossible to stay down around them, and they loved my jigsaws. If ever there was a lull, we were up at the table, fitting in a piece here and there, with whoops of joy when that illusive and definitely lost piece was found on the floor!

Funeral and thanksgiving services came and went, and all the people left. Life and love had to be got on with. As CS Lewis says, 'Grief is exhausting'. Nothing seemed real or important for a while, but we took the view that we did not honour our boy with moping and misery, and although it is a terrible club to be in, there are many, many other people in it. We were not alone.

Still the jigsaws worked their magic; when I couldn't be bothered to do anything, I could sit and fit those pieces together. I discovered that it is 'mindfulness' in action. As the pieces fitted together, the pieces of our lives also began to fit together again.

Then Covid-19 came along. Shielded together as our son's anniversary approached, the awful pandemic actually offered us the peace and quiet to gently come to terms with everything that we had experienced over the year. As lockdown relaxes, we too can emerge gradually, and honestly into whatever is left of our lives.

Yes, we have lost a beloved son, but we have gained through love, and support and peace of mind. We have relearned that when love is present, anything can be accepted, and got through. I certainly believe that when people say 'Our thoughts and prayers are with you', it actually does mean something. How else could we have got through this year and beyond? But please believe me, jigsaws have helped too. As you watch the picture emerging, it feels like creating something, even though it will soon be broken up again. A bit like making a cake I guess, but without the calories!

Jo Middlemiss

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Community Council News

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

Milnathort And Orwell Community Council

Milnathort and Orwell Community Council had a break in August, so the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7pm. It will be held via Zoom if still necessary.

Kinross Community Council News from the July meeting

At the time of going to press the Newsletter had not received the minutes of the July meeting.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom unless other arrangements are made.

Portmoak Community Council News from the August meeting

Present at the meeting held on 11 August 2020 were: Community Councillors (CCllrs) G Cox, (Chair), S McGregor (Secretary), A Davidson (Treasurer), A Cragoe, and Forde; Councillors (Cllrs) C Purves and W Robertson; and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Dave Morris

Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Covid-19 impact in the area: A discussion was had about COVID19. The CC considered that detailed discussion was outside the remit of PCC.

Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond:

The former-Chair of the CC had supplied some evidence that the owners of the land in Scotlandwell had been contacted in 2019 and were amenable to surveys being conducted for suitability for the other CC project of cemetery extension but this had not been adequately followed up by PKC. Cllr Purves suggested that the Scotlandwell path project is regarded as having an 'infinite cost' with three options available, and that a single recommendation for best option should be presented. All scenarios require a formal pedestrian crossing to link all the Communities, i.e. Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood and E & W Balgedie safely with the church and village hall. A single, clear recommended path route and project could be referred to TRACKS to secure funding and Sustrans may assist at that point. With a single route recommendation, the issue will be able to be accelerated up the action agenda.

Portmoak Traffic Calming & 20mph Speed Limit: Temporary 20mph speed limits will be introduced in Scotlandwell for 18 months. The CC welcomes this speed restriction though notes it does not address the inherent local road safety issues. There was a discussion about whether pursuing further road safety measures would be fruitful. Cllr Purves suggested that identifying further road safety issues and putting them on the PKC agenda for consideration would be worthwhile. The Chair outlined his suggestion to change the road routing at the junction of the A911 and the Leslie Road in Scotlandwell: to have the A911 through route come down the hill to a stop just prior to the junction, while the through road would be from Causeway along the A911 towards Leslie. There was some support for a miniroundabout as an alternative option. Cllrs Robertson and

Purves agreed to request a scope for a mini-roundabout at the junction with the Leslie Road.

Portmoak Cemetery: Cllr A Cragoe had attended an edifying visit to the two proposed cemetery sites with Willie Grieg of PKC on 11/08/20. There are 4 possibilities for cemetery sites, as follows:

- 1. Extending the existing cemetery sideways down the hill. The land seems suitable and no need to test dig. W Grieg to make an approach to the lawyers representing the land owners.
- 2. Land at the foot of the current cemetery. PKC have conducted seven test digs which have confirmed suitability. Recent new owners to be approached to invite them to a meeting to discuss the site with PCC.
- 3. Land between Wester and Easter Balgedie offered by land owner: this site may not have yet been surveyed for suitability, W Grieg to follow up this item. There are options for creation of a car park that may not be as prohibitive as first thought, though the entire parcel of land may not be large enough.
- 4. A new location possibility is the church-owned land opposite Portmoak Church and currently loaned to Woodland Trust. A Cragoe has asked the Clerk of the Church to identify the correct person in the Church of Scotland to approach.

If all 4 possibilities fail to materialise there are limited options within the current cemetery: removal of two trees in churchyard could free up space for 4-6 lairs. Willie is going to ask the 'tree' specialist in PKC to investigate. Moving a memorial bench with owner's permission from along one wall adjacent to the road would free two lairs. Also, niches could be made in existing stone wall for caskets to be placed with ashes. At the Crematorium they have built extra stone walls where memorial plagues can be placed where ashes have been dispersed at the foot of the wall and this could also be done here. Of these four options the decision may come down to which is the cheapest option. The Cllrs cited a case of compulsory purchase which took 11 years, so this is not preferred course of action. The Chair thanked Cllr Cragoe for her persistence on this issue and for moving the project forward.

Rural Transport

Cllrs Purves and R Watters had attended a meeting with the transport unit. The 203 service is back in action. Bus routes serving North and South Perthshire were being reviewed which would connect with the 56. The Chair highlighted local support for connected public transport that would allow people to travel to Dunfermline and Edinburgh as well as Perth.

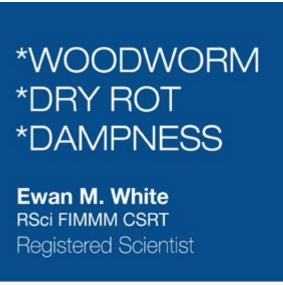
Core Path PTMK 115 (Glen Vale to Glen Lomond and Dryside Road)

Cllr Davidson was able to report that the sign for Core Path PTMK 115 has been put back up by Community Greenspace. Portmoak CC thanked Community Greenspace for doing this quickly. The Glenlomond road is still busy and there is still an increase of cars in Glenlomond village. The Glenlomond Community have decided to get a commercial sign produced which will point visitors looking for the Glen Vale path to proceed along the Dryside Road.

SEPA / Scottish Enterprise River Leven Catchment Project

There were no comments or update on this currently. Cllr Morris was looking at this but was unable to attend the meeting.





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Community Resilience Planning

It was agreed that resilience planning for Covid19 is difficult and outside remit of Portmoak CC, but we should still consider local initiatives, especially looking towards the winter months and any easing of lockdown.

New Matters arising

Closure of A911 from Easter Balgedie to Wester Balgedie, from 07/09/20 for 2 weeks

Cllr McGregor had made contact with PKC to obtain more info on the A911 closure, due to resurfacing works and improvement of road drainage system. Gullies to be replaced where possible to take them off the roads and reduce the ongoing maintenance burden. The road closure restricted from 9.15am-3.30pm, Mon to Fri only. A diversion around the loch will be in place. Residents, including those in Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond who live up the Glenlomond road, will have access to properties when the works allow and it is safe to do so. Emergency vehicles and pedestrians will have access at all time. The Public Transport Unit (PTU) have been informed of the works. The morning school taxi and bus services will be unaffected but the afternoon journeys could experience short delays if there are any unforeseen issues delaying the opening of the road at 3.30pm. Delays will be kept to a minimum, although there may be times when the bus and taxi have to use the diversion in the afternoon. Local councillors and residents directly affected by the works will be informed in due course. While there will be some temporary disruption, it seems that the work being done will help to provide a better road surface and hopefully prevent the sunken drain potholes issues of recent years.

Police Report

The CC highlighted that there had been no police liaison attendant at CC meetings since the April 2019 meeting. The Cllrs present confirmed that police attendance at all local Community Council meetings was sporadic, possibly due to the centralised structure of the police, and lack of local control. Community Police officers may be relocated to other areas and not available to attend CC meetings due to redeployments and shift patterns. Cllr W Robertson was hopeful that recent appointments of police within Kinross may have a positive impact on the attendance of community liaison officers at CC meetings.

Planning

New Applications

20/00949/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at Ivy Cottage Wester Balgedie Kinross.

The application was discussed. The CC and meeting attendees noted nothing controversial in the application. The CC agreed no comment.

Progress with Developments

Westfield Community Liaison Committee:

Lockdown has meant delay in next Liaison Committee meeting. There has not been a meeting since end of Feb 20. There was no June meeting. A report is due from Hargreaves, but nothing has been circulated yet. Next meeting due in Sep 20. The Chair requested if Kenneth Donaldson would be willing to attend on behalf of PCC, to which Mr Donaldson agreed.

Paths Group: It was with great sadness that the Paths Group reported that Andrew Wilson had died at the end of July. Andrew has been the driving force behind the Paths Group for four years and his enthusiasm, energy, knowledge and company are sorely missed.

Path Maintenance: the main focus of the group's effort is on local Core Paths, though some activity is done on the well-used network of paths in Stephen's Field.

Michael Bruce Way (hill section): regular clearing of gorse and bracken on the hill section from the top of The Cobbles to

the entrance to Kilmagadwood. The local farmer is currently spraying the bracken on the hill and advisory notices are in place to warn dog walkers.

Peat Loan: PKC CGT came with the flail machine to cut back the vegetation during July and another cut has been requested for September.

Dryside Road Path: The section leading off from the farm track at Easter Balgedie to Springfield Farm has recently been strimmed by Paths Group volunteers and is now in excellent condition – the more it is used, the less overgrown it becomes! **Glenlomond to Glenvale Core Path**: The missing signpost has now been replaced by PKC ranger and is well secured with post fixing concrete this time.

Grahamstone Track: It was reported that the lower section of the track beyond the farm was almost unpassable because of new material being spread on the surface. On inspection the new material is bedding in well and has been spread to fill potholes and the track has in fact been improved. It was also reported that the connecting path along the side of the field from the corner of the Grahamstone track to the Moss is very overgrown and almost impassable. This is not a core path and the Paths Group does not currently have capacity to take this on. More volunteers are needed to help with this.

Heritage Trail to Lochend Farm Link: George Lawrie from TRACKS was progressing this and a route has been agreed with The Scottish Gliding Centre. It was scheduled to be completed in the autumn – no further update available.

Paths Information Board and Signage: An Information Board to promote the network of local paths is to be installed at the Car Park in Kinnesswood. The planning application is almost ready to be submitted.

Additional signage for the Dryside Road Path at Easter Balgedie has been requested, as the arrow on the telegraph pole directing walkers left at Balneathill is not at all clear. CG Ranger will complete this on his next visit during August.

Paths Leaflet: A leaflet based on the Information Board design has been prepared and quotes received for printing. The funding application submitted by PCC to PKC Local Action Partnership (Covid 19 activities) was unsuccessful. Other sources of funding may need to be pursued including *Kinross Newsletter* (deadline 30/09/20) and Scotways. Paths for All funding closed in April for 2020 applications.

The paths within Portmoak Moss and Kilmagadwood are maintained by Portmoak Community Woodland in collaboration with The Woodland Trust. The Heritage Trail is maintained by SNH with support from PKC. More volunteers are welcomed. If anyone would like to 'adopt' a path or section of path near where they live to ensure that it is kept clear, it would be appreciated. Please contact Anne Macintyre almacintyre@btinternet.com

Treasurer CC Accounts

Michael Bruce Way Account Balance: £2171.73

Main Account Balance: £695.80

An invoice for leaflets had still not been received.

Matters Notified to the Secretary

GDPR: personal details being given to local businesses for Covid 19 trace & protect: There had been local concern expressed that personal data was being used by a few businesses for marketing purposes. This is not acceptable and if anyone has concerns about their personal data being used for purposes other than Covid-19 follow up they should report businesses to the Information Commissioners Office. Concerned parties can refer to www.ico.org.uk to find details of where to report a breach.

Nomination of members of CC: there are different types of members of the CC: Elected Members, Co-opted Members, and Associate Members. Due to the rules around the number

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of co-opted members, the CC cannot co-opt further members at present. The CC is permitted, however, to bring on other associate members. The CC had conducted discussions with both Graham Smith and Kenneth Donaldson, both attending the meeting, and invited them to become Associate Members. Both Graham and Kenneth agreed.

Continuing Online CC meetings after Covid19 restrictions are lifted: The CC briefly discussed the opportunity that online / Zoom meetings presented to enable participation from different sectors of the community, and agreed to consider online meetings, as well as collective meetings in the Village Hall and Portmoak School.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 September 2020.

Fossoway and District CC News from the August Meeting

As it is still not possible to hold physical meetings of the CC we are continuing to publish this description of what was discussed in our virtual meeting, (held on 4 August, 2020) including any updates that we are aware of. Members of the public are encouraged to comment on and question the items below, by email to <code>fossoway.cc@gmail.com</code> or via the CC's Facebook page, which we will answer in our next meeting, be it virtual or physical, on Tuesday 1 September.

Present at the meeting were: Community Cllrs (CCllrs) S Bruce-Jones, T Duffy, C Farquhar, C Haigh, M Haigh, N Marchant (Associate), G Pye and R Young; Councillors (Cllrs) C Purves and W Robertson.

Apologies: CCllr A Cheape; Cllr M Barnacle and R Watters.

Police Report

There were no incidents to note in our area since the last CC Meeting.

The CC is pleased to note that speed checks are continuing in the villages to discourage the few drivers who are taking advantage of the quieter roads to drive recklessly.

CCIIr Marchant noted that a number of new 20mph limits have been created in PKC's region. ClIr Purves replied that none were currently planned for our area, but that Drum residents have asked him and ClIr Barnacle for a 20mph limit on the A977 there. CCIIr Bruce-Jones asked whether it was possible to add countdown signs to the 40mph limit on the A977 as you enter Drum from Kinross to encourage traffic to slow before it actually reaches the 40mph limit and the VAR as traffic approaching the Drum/Muckhart junction is often still travelling very fast. ClIr Robertson suggested that he should ask for a speed monitoring exercise be conducted to find out if there is a serious problem. CCIIr Duffy added that the proposed construction of village gateways should also help.

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Matters Arising

Crook & Drum Growing Together: CCllr Duffy noted that the hanging baskets and tubs distributed to properties on the Main Street are now in full bloom and look good. The group hopes to extend the scheme next year.

Powmill in Bloom: CCllr Farquhar reported that members of the group have continued working commensurate with social distancing, planting and maintaining existing beds. PKC have a number of litter pickers for loan – but where should they be stored? Volunteers to host these are needed.

Bank of Scotland Kinross Branch Closure: Cllr Purves had contacted Liz Smith MSP for an update on the actions from the March meeting, she is happy to have another meeting; CCllr Marchant will contact her to request one.

CCIIr Marchant had received a note from a resident regarding alternative options to having a branch. These have been raised with local Councillors along with a request for their support in asking Liz Smith to seek a further meeting with the Bank, so that the options can be discussed. CCIIr Marchant wondered what date the bank had in mind when they said that they would keep the branch open until the pandemic is over.

Fossoway Tennis Club: The Tennis Club's application has been submitted, however PKC decided not to allow the CC to submit it on the club's behalf and hence the full fee would be payable. A number of additional details were also required to complete the application so the club have decided to withdraw the application for the time being.

A member has donated two palm trees to the Tennis Club which are now planted in the verge. The verge has now been adopted by Crook and Drum Growing Together, who are creating a new planting bed around the base of the trees, to avoid a small area of grass which is difficult to cut.

The enhancements to this area have highlighted the poor state of the corner of Church Road and Waulkmill, with a scruffy area behind the kerb, and the large stones where it is not possible to cut the grass tidily. Residents say that heavy vehicles often drive over the kerb at the corner, and it is cracked and sinking. CCllr Marchant added that car parking in the area makes this problem worse.

Amanda James has contacted the CC to ask if it would be possible for this corner to be considered for improvement by PKC, potentially installing a new kerb further back, so the stones can be removed. She believes that PKC do cut the grass there, although the corner apparently belongs to the Tennis Club. Cllr Robertson replied that it would be necessary to install something more solid, e.g. a bollard, to prevent the kerb being damaged, but first let's see how long the palm trees last!

Community Development Trust: Cllr Barnacle has approached possible members of the group, and the CDT will meet face-to-face once restrictions on larger groups are lifted.



Powmill Play Park: CCllr Farquhar said that a good job has been done and the local children are very pleased with the results.

Crook Moss Travellers Site: CCllr Farquhar reported that there is now only one family remaining on the site. The equipment is available on the site for connection of services, currently planned for 27 August. The plot nearest the road is being used as a dumping ground, which no one is clearing up. Cllr Barnacle is attending a meeting in September to address this issue.

Coronavirus – Information and Links: Recycling Centres are now fully open, with distancing measures in place.

Useful links for job hunting are at: https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/15218/Skills-and-employment-initiatives

The Job Centre: https://www.gov.uk/find-a-job

PKC's Welfare Rights Department are very helpful with finding, and helping apply for, benefits for those on low income or who are out of work: www.pkc.gov.uk/welfarerights **GrowBiz** has FAQs and links: https://www.growbiz.co.uk/coronavirus-support

Crook of Devon Resilience Group: The Group had obtained additional funding from Fossoway and District Community Council Benefit Fund to continue its operations; however, the group has now substantially closed down, although some people continue to receive help with their shopping. CCllr Duffy will ask Victoria Sutherland, the head of the group to check if they're closed and hence whether we should return the unused money to the Benefit Fund.

Devonshaw Whinstone Quarry (FK14 7NH): CCllr Marchant has sent a letter to the developers and has opened a line of communication with them. With the support of local residents, the rubbish at the site has been cleared up. Once lockdown restrictions permit, the developers are keen to address a CC

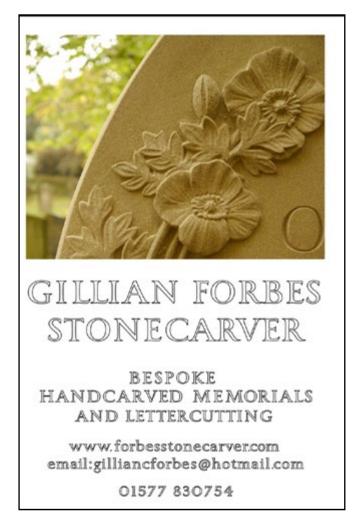
meeting to discuss their proposed plans for the site. The site currently has planning permission, obtained by the previous owners, for the construction of four substantial houses and conversion of part of the quarry for leisure use.

CCIIr M Haigh observed that the proposals sounded quite reasonable and would be a good use of the site, however they were made some time ago and the economic landscape has changed considerably since then. He further noted that the bus service along the A977 referred to in the Report of Handling for this application has been permanently withdrawn, which may affect the viability of the proposed leisure facilities. All agreed that it was most important to find out what will happen to the remainder of the site, apart from the house site.

Cycle Path from Aldie Road to Drum: Cllr Robertson had previously notified the CC that this path is very overgrown. Cllr Robertson reported that the problem still existed, and he will approach the Community Service department to ask if they can clear the area.

Fossoway Area Transport/DRT: Stagecoach has made the decision to permanently suspend the No 23 service from Stirling to St Andrews. This leaves Crook of Devon without any public transport. Moreover, the DRT service in this area is non-existent, since Fossoway Taxis have ceased to be a provider and Angela's Taxis are not operating due to the Covid19 pandemic. Muckhart is in the same position and this CC has been in contact with them. There is a consultation at www.stagecoachbus.com (ends 7 August). The demise of the No 23 service is not unexpected – it was a bus that didn't go at times to suit potential travellers, and didn't connect with other services, so was underused.

Cllr Purves said that the ward councillors had recently had a meeting with Margaret Roy from PKC about this, but were told that not many complaints about the lack of service had





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been received by PKC. The Councillors proposed the creation of the 'Figure of Eight' route (including Muckhart) again. Ms Roy suggested that this service might only run a few days per week, but the Councillors pressed for a more extensive service to be trialled at least. We hope that the Community Transport Group may pick this up.

CCllr C Haigh said that the Transport Act requires Bus Companies to provide a service in rural areas in order to retain their licence, however CCllr Duffy replied that the companies use commercial reasons to justify closing a service. CCllr Bruce-Jones added that the lack of this service will particularly hit young people, and will discourage development along the A977. CCllr Marchant emphasised that we should ensure that no planning applications rely on public transport to support them.

Cllr Robertson stated that subsidies are the only way that services to rural areas will exist, and without them there will be increasing isolation. Cllr Robertson has asked Ms Roy for some outline costs to run such a service. CCllr M Haigh pointed out that central government's goal to move people out of their cars is in complete contrast to what's happening here. CCllr Duffy encouraged everyone to complete the survey mentioned above, and ask all their neighbours to do the same. Additionally, the Green Party are campaigning to save this service, providing an easy way to email the CEO of Stagecoach: https://greens.scot/SaveTheNo23Bus

Fossoway Gathering: There are a few smaller events planned for this year. One is 'Meet Your Neighbours' – walking routes through all our communities, with possibly a live walking event; the other one is 'Lights in Penneys Wood' – a lit up trail for children, with crafts, food and drink. There may be another event but we will report on that next month. Dates tbc.

New Business

School Exclusion Zone: The Scottish Government has created a 'Spaces for People' fund to support social distancing measures. PKC acted quickly in applying for finance to implement school exclusion zones. These would prohibit cars during times of school drop-off or pick up – the reasoning behind this is the expectation that many parents will be hesitant in allowing their children to use the school bus and instead use their cars. CCllr Duffy reacted promptly to the email from PKC regarding this: the proposal is to completely close the Back Crook Road (apart from residents) during the school drop off and pick up times. CCllr Duffy was unhappy with the proposals firstly because of the lack of consultation (which was later addressed) and with the proposals themselves. If more parents are using their cars where will they park? The Hall car park has limited spaces and cars stopping there to drop off children could cause dangerous situations.

Cllr Purves agreed, that the local councillors had received little notice of this proposal either, but were assured that CCs would be consulted. Cllr Purves went on to explain that during Covid-19 emergency powers, which end on 17 August, PKC officers often needed to move quickly on this sort of activity. Cllr Robertson pointed out that this sort of scheme can work well in certain areas, but it was not well thought out here.

Old Railway Track Path Below Waulkmill Park: CCllr Young was approached by a local resident who confronted two horse riders on the narrow section of the path that diverts round the garden of Devon Valley House, pointing out how dangerous it was for them to ride there as there is little visibility of other users. The riders reacted aggressively and stated that they intended to continue to use the path. The CC agrees with the resident's concerns and will approach PKC to request imposition of a ban on horse riding along the path. Cllr Robertson will raise this issue with PKC's access officer Dave Stubbs. CCllr Bruce-Jones was concerned that this path, which is not a public right of way, might be lost to access for everyone, which was only gained after considerable effort.

Community Council Business:

Meetings Attended: CCllrs Duffy and Pye attended a (virtual) meeting on 8 June to discuss proposals to help upgrade the local digital infrastructure: Gigabit Kinross-shire. Cllr Purves and Andrew Mitchell have been working on a project with Perth & Kinross Council and Grow Biz on behalf of Cleish Hills Community Interest Company. Every property in Kinross-shire is eligible for a Rural Gigabit voucher of up to £3500 from the UK Government.

CCIIr Marchant attended a (virtual) meeting of the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg Stronger Communities group on Thursday 23 July and reported that PKC's Wellbeing Support Team are publishing information on where to get support for individuals who may be anxious about going out post lockdown. PKC have contracted Star Development to deliver training to community groups on developing a five-year community action plan, which would be appropriate for potential members of the Community Development Trust. The next meeting of the group is planned for 15 Sept 2020.

If the next meeting of this CC is virtual, as currently expected, we will be trialling online attendance by members of the public. Anyone interested in 'attending' should email the CC at fossoway.cc@gmail.com for details.

Planning Matters

New Applications

20/00706/AML Renewal of permission 17/00606/AML (Erection of three dwelling houses and garages) at land 30 metres north-east of Rantrie Knowe, Drum. The CC objected on grounds of: Contrary to LDP2, potential flooding, sewage capacity and traffic impact.

20/00742/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Gairneyburn Cottage, Church Road, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

20/00764/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and office (Class 4) (S42 application to modify condition 6 (access and road) of permission 19/00631/FLL) at Land 180 metres south-west of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

20/00574/FLL Installation of a ground-mounted solar PV array and associated works at Solsgirth House, Solsgirth, Dollar. No CC comment.

20/00577/FLL Installation of a ground-mounted solar PV array and associated works at Solsgirth Home Farm, Solsgirth, Dollar. No CC comment.

20/00782/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and garage, and realignment of vehicular access at land 40 metres northwest of Rowanbrae, Powmill. No CC comment.

20/00784/FLL Erection of a dwelling house (revised design) at Land 45 metres east Of Merryhills, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

20/00885/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and garage at Land 30 metres northwest of Firs of Viewfield, Drum. No CC Comment.

Decided Applications

20/00520/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house (revised design) at Fossoway Schoolhouse, Crook of Devon. The application was refused with delegated powers, the CC had not commented.

19/01673/AML Erection of 10 dwelling houses with associated infrastructure and landscaping (approval of matters specified in conditions of 18/01855/IPL) Land 100 metres north-west of Schiehallion, Crook of Devon. The application was refused by Committee, the CC had objected.

Appeals

19/01881/IPL Residential development (in principle), land 80 metres north east of Powmill Milk Bar, Powmill.

The applicant submitted an appeal to the LRB on 17 March. A virtual meeting of the LRB is scheduled for 18 August, but

the meeting agenda is not due to be published until five days before the meeting.

Pending Applications

19/01539/FLL Erection of four dwelling houses at land 30 metres south of Easter Muirhead Bothy, Blairingone. No decision had been made as of 4 August and the agenda for the Virtual Planning Meeting on 25 August is not yet available.

Correspondence: This can be found on the CC FB Page. Scottish Hydro is seeking feedback on their scoping document regarding the upgrade of the 275kV power line that passes through our area to 400kV. The CC responded to this request, stressing the significance of the Devon Gorge SSSI, and asking for more detailed study on the effects of the increased EMF from the raised line voltage, both on humans, and the livestock near the line. Should anyone wish to see any items please contact the CC by email and a copy can be provided.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District Community Council will be held on Tuesday 1 September 2020 at Powmill Moubray Hall if Government guidelines allow, otherwise virtual. Members of the public wishing to join please email the CC at fossoway.cc@gmail.com.

Newsletter Deadlines

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Club & Community Group News

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August has seen our doors successfully open once again, on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The pleasure of welcoming friends and volunteers, along with their obvious enjoyment, has made all the hard work and careful preparations to do so safely very rewarding. If the generosity of our supporters is anything to go by, they are delighted we are back in business and a huge thank you is due to all concerned.

Unfortunately, but rightly so, several of our volunteers are not in a position to help out and hence our limited opening hours. If any readers have some spare time and are looking for new interests, we would love to hear from you. Our contact details are below so please feel free to ask for further details with no obligation or pressure. Finally, as we all adjust to the new 'normal' we send our best wishes for the positive steps and progress to continue and to be enjoyed by the readers.

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

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

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

http://www.portmoakcw.org.uk/

An air of suspense hangs over Portmoak Community Orchard. Will we be able to have our annual celebration of all the lovely apples ripening there? Or will Covid-19 restrictions put the mockers on Apple Day?

We're still planning to go ahead on the afternoon of Sunday 27 September but the final decision depends on Scottish Government announcements between now and then. Of course, it won't feel quite like apple days of the past, when the orchard fills with adults, children and dogs.

We'll have to ensure that there aren't too many people there at the same time and design a one way system past the apple display and the catering table.

The event runs from 2-5pm so you can drop in at any point in the afternoon. If there are too many people when you arrive it's easy to kill time by walking in other parts of Kilmagad Wood.

People are used to social distancing now, so we don't think it'll be difficult to organise the event so that folk have a good time and be part of something that has so many community benefits. We have to take contact details of everyone who comes in case they're needed by the track and trace system.

Salivating produce at the Portmoak Community Orchard



That should be straightforward given that there's one main access gate from the main road and that's just across from the Portmoak Church car park.

Andrew Lear *aka* Appletreeman will be on hand to help people identify apples from their gardens. You simply have to bring some of the fruit as well as a twig and leaves from your mystery tree.

He'll also bring his big apple press so that if you have a bumper crop this year we can turn them into juice. Please bring containers such as plastic milk bottles.

We'll provide home baking as well as tea and coffee. As ever, it's a free event but we invite donations, to help cover the cost of hiring the apple press and having a leading expert with us.

There are plenty of apples again this year — not to mention some pears and plums. It's great to have another successful crop after planting the orchard back in 2011/12. Most of the 100 trees have survived with a few succumbing to grazing deer and disease. If you're interested to know about the different varieties many have copper tags with their name and best harvesting months.

We'll confirm whether or not we're going ahead much nearer the time by posting an announcement on our Facebook and Twitter accounts as well as the Portmoak Community Woodland website. Fingers crossed.

Kinross & District Rotary Club

www.ribi.org

Meetings continue fortnightly using Zoom but we are getting out and about now and continuing to find ways to work at the heart of the community as well as enjoying the chance to stay connected.

Lockdown 1200

Throughout August, 13 members of the club have been walking and cycling energetically to raise more funds for Broke Not Broken and the Kinross Centre. The aim is to further support the magnificent work they have been carrying out tirelessly since the start of the pandemic.

No fear of local lockdowns affecting us, as the route is a virtual one, the cumulative distance from Kinross to Inverness, the North Coast 500 and back home to Kinross. You may have seen some of us in our Rotary tabards clocking up the kilometres locally. Our Facebook page has been following the action.

Over the first two weeks of the challenge members have exceeded their target distance and reached the initial fundraising target of £1000 which has now been increased to £1700.

It's not too late to make a donation to these worthy causes. You can donate online at:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/secretaryrotaryclubofkinrossanddistrict

Service in Action

Rotary International's disaster response grants provide a fast and effective way to respond to local events. The Rotary Foundation recently added Covid-19 projects to its list of eligible activities for these grants and the Kinross Club successfully secured a grant of £303 to purchase food and essentials for Broke Not Broken.

We are also delighted to hear that our donation to Ashley House in Milnathort has been used toward a comfortable new visiting room that has allowed relatives to meet during lockdown.



Rotary shopping for Broke Not Broken

Recent Meetings

There was fun and fellowship at our meeting on 28 July. With George Lawrie in his new guise as caller, we enjoyed a game of bingo through the magical medium of Zoom.

At our most recent meeting on 10 August we were joined by members of the Forth Bridges Club, a new club based in Rosyth, who told us about their very different and refreshing approach of delivering the service projects in their local community.

Meetings are diverse and offer a range of opportunities for everyone to get involved in whichever way and however you may wish. Meetings will continue to use Zoom in the near future and you're very welcome to join us.

Please contact George Riddell, club secretary, by email at secretary.krdc@gmail.com or check our Facebook page.

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Club & Community Group News

At time of writing no date for the club to meet up has been set. When we are given the go ahead, the committee will be in touch with all current members.

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

Kinross Centre

Hope you are coping well and continue to keep safe.

We have some great news to share! We are hoping that we can open again very soon. We don't have an exact date as yet; we are just waiting for confirmation. Let me assure you that we are ready to go and will let you know as soon as we know for definite.

There will be a few changes in place; we will be operating a one way system when entering and leaving the building, we will also be taking everyone's temperature (contact-free) and, while travelling on our buses, everyone must wear a face covering. We will also be asking everyone to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving the building. We have screens for social distancing and there will only be two

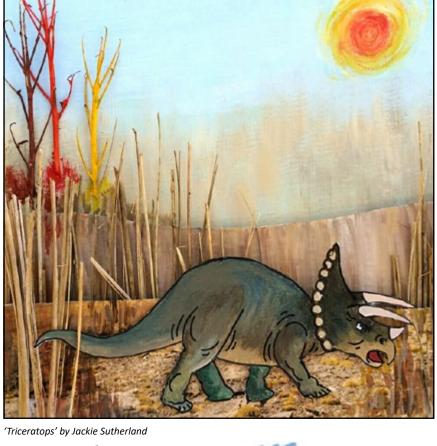
households at a table for lunch. We know this will be difficult at the beginning but hopefully we will be back to near normal soon. We will be able to do some activities like bingo but cards and dominos are a 'no' for the time being.

We are continuing with our meals, shopping and medication deliveries for the time being. We will also still deliver lunch to those of you who don't yet feel they can return to the centre for as long as needed.

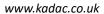
Starting a new normal will be very difficult so, in the meantime, continue to stay safe.

Lastly, I would like to say a great big thank you to all the hard working staff, volunteers and committee at Kinross Centre and all other organisations in this area. We couldn't do this without you.

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



Kinross and District Art Club



The beautiful month of September is normally a hectic but joyous month for our members as it is our Annual Exhibition month. Unfortunately, it will not take place this year. Nevertheless, members' artworks can still be viewed on the online gallery page which can be found on our website. Members also continue to share their paintings with each other through social media and further afield as illustrated in the story below.

Last year one of our members visited the Victoria Gallery and Museum, Liverpool, to see a very special exhibition. 'The Secret Art of Survival' showcased some of the artwork done by FEPOW (Far East Prisoners of War) held by the Japanese from 1942-1945.

With the arrival of Covid-19 in the UK, the exhibition was closed but much information is available online at https://vgm.liverpool.ac.uk/exhibitions-and-events/special/fepow/.

Shortly after, a competition called 'The Secret Art of Lockdown' invited entries from anyone in lockdown in their home. In the same way that drawings, paintings and craftwork helped prisoners 75 years ago, now the idea was to help connect people with those they missed.

Club member Jackie Sutherland submitted a digital image of her mixed media 'Triceratops' (her 3-and-a-half-year-old grandson's favourite dinosaur) and was thrilled to hear that it had been selected for inclusion in the online exhibition.

https://youtu.be/BEGdrDLt1VY

Congratulations to Jackie for this super accomplishment and the fabulous painting for her grandson. This is such a good news story in times of so much sadness.





Portrait of Berry the Labrador.

Guide Dogs

As guide dogs are getting back to a more normal, if different, way of training, my previous pup is in final training with his new owner.

Keep everything crossed that he will qualify as a guide dog. I will keep you informed.

Not all dogs do qualify, as guide dogs have to be the top of the class. They must be able to be their owners eyes and guide

them safely, taking the correct choices on every outing. People often ask, 'Can I stroke your dog?' Unfortunately, the answer is usually no. A pup in training, or a fully trained assistance dog, should not be distracted from their task. If they lose concentration, they make not make the right decisions. A visually impaired person has to be confident in their dogs ability, so please don't even ask. People that don't even ask and dive right in to pet these dogs are even worse. Please don't be a diver.

As always, our Kinross group looks for businesses and individuals who can help. 'Name a puppy' is a great way of doing this. Schools can also do this; if they raise the cash required, they can put forward a name to be given to a guide dog.

One third of all guide dogs are funded by bequests in wills. We always need funding and would really appreciate your support by adding a donation in your will. Even if it is just the change or notes that we are not using at the moment lying around our houses, it will all help the work that guide dogs do to support children and adults with a visual impairment.

If you need information about 'name a puppy' (NAP), sponsoring a puppy or just fundraising locally, I'd love to chat. Contact me by email at she61@ hotmail.co.uk.

Also if you would like a portrait of your pooch, I will happily take commissions, such as this one of Berry. All the money you donate for portraits goes to guide dogs.

Thanks to everyone helping us to get through this strange time.

As aye, Sheila Marshall.

I keep plugging away, doing dog portraits for donations. If anyone would like me to do an A4 acrylic dog portrait, I can be contacted by email at She61@hotmail.co.uk.

If you would like to be a registered guide dogs volunteer, please let me know and I'd welcome you and any ideas for fundraising. Again, the message, stay safe.

As aye, Sheila Marshall







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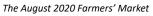
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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk

Kinross Farmers' Market

The next Kinross Farmers' Market will take place on Saturday 26 September from 10am until 2pm on Kinross High Street. The market is a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders and to shop at the High Street's established businesses. The August market was a great success and it was lovely to see it being well supported.

Social distancing rules will be in place and, if necessary, we will limit the number of customers at any one time at the





market. There will also be hand sanitiser at the entrances and exits. The following market will be held on 24 October.

Leven Voices = Virtual Voices

You can join Virtual Voices from the comfort of your living room (or whatever room you like!). Come and sing with Horsecross Arts Tutor Emma Neck via zoom on Tuesdays until 6 October. Session run at 7-8pm. The cost is £3.50 per session or 8 for £24. For tickets go to www.horsecross.co.uk. A zoom link will be sent to you an hour before the session starts.

Kinross in Bloom

It's been another quiet month for Kinross in Bloom. We have been out and about watering the planters amid



thunderstorms! While the planters are flourishing, we are thinking ahead. We have ordered the pansies which will be planted in the autumn to bloom in the spring. This has been such a strange year.... hopefully next year will be more 'normal'.

The work on the fountain is complete and we hope to have the information board delivered soon. Planning permission from the Council is in hand, so, hopefully the board will be in place soon.

No date has been set for our next meeting due to the continuing restrictions. If, when the restrictions are lifted, you would like to be a part of Kinross in Bloom, please contact us by email at susan.mitchell50@gmail.com



One of the war memorials visited during a previous twinning visit

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

Summer 2020 has been memorable but not as we anticipated when we wished each other a happy new year back in January. Let's hope summer 2021 sees us all return to some kind of normality.

In Summer 2021 we will make the journey from Kinross to Gacé on an official twinning visit to Normandy. Although dates have yet to be fixed our party is due to be in Gacé sometime in the last week of July until sometime in the first week of August. Our twinning families are recommending we travel midweek to midweek to avoid the weekend travel chaos which descends upon South England at that time.

We hope to take a youth camp to Gacé including BB, Scouts and any other youngsters who would like to keep in touch with contacts already made through school exchanges. There are so many attractions on Gacé's doorstep; Bayeux tapestry, Falaise Gap memorial museum, D Day landings museum at Arromanches, Mont St Michel, Little Switzerland, Camembert cheese factory and many more.

No plans have yet been made yet for local meetings or events

BB, Scouts

Kinross In Bloom 200 Club

August Draw

1st No 55 George Mitchell 2nd No 14 Cathie Cochrane 3rd No 62 David Shearer 4th No 69 Elaine Sparling due to the Covid situation but watch this space in forthcoming Newsletters to find out what is happening twinning wise.

Anyone considering joining us next summer should please contact the secretary David Munro on 01577 862126 for further details.

Kinross Camera Club



kinrosscameraclub.org.uk/wp/

We are delighted to announce that the new season for 2020-2021 begins at the start of September. Like all photography clubs we have had to adjust how we operate due to coronavirus. This means that we will be holding our meetings online using Zoom for the foreseeable future. We have come up with a very varied and interesting programme of activities which combines external speakers, competitions, talks and demos given by club members. We meet on Thursday evenings starting at 7.30pm (the virtual doors open from 7.20pm).

We start off on 3 September with our annual competition judging which was held over from last year. It will be judged by Libby Smith of the Scottish Photographic Federation and Carluke Camera Club. Our 'opening night' for the new season





'Peach of a pelargonium' by Doug Carrie

is on 10 September. It will feature a preview of the season plus member presentations on 'Western Iceland' from Stewart Niven and 'Creating Digital Images' from John St Clair.

Our first external speaker is Dr Neil Scott on 17 September. He will give a talk called 'In my mind's eye'. We conclude the month on 24 September with a talk on 'Landscape Photography' from Gavin Ritchie.

As the online format is not quite being what we're used to, we have decided to offer annual membership at the reduced rates of £40 and £35 for senior citizens. We hope that this is good value for over 30 evenings between September and April. You can also visit our website or find us on Facebook.

If you would like to know more about KCC or would like to join our online meetings, please contact secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

Kinross Beavers

Beavers continued over the summer holidays, meeting every second week. The beavers issued with challenges to complete between each meeting.

At the beginning of July the beavers took part in 'The Great Indoors Weekender'; the UK's biggest digital summer camp run by The Scout Association. The beavers had a great time camping in their tents and dens on the Saturday night and also completed a variety of activities over the course of Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. This included

reaction rockets and a special mention must go to Brodie whose rocket went so high it went over his house!

The beavers also created Whirly Birds and enjoyed a live online campfire which included singing along to campfire songs. After the campfire was over the beavers settled down and listened to the bedtime story.

On the Sunday morning they got active by doing morning yoga, made junk music models to perform some of their favourite tunes and also got to watch a special performance of Scouts! The Musical's upcoming show, Home. The camp

Beavers scavenger hunt



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Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Richard presents to Balhousie Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home

then finished at lunchtime with Chief Scout, Bear Grylls closing it with a special message for everyone taking part.

Another challenge that was issued to the beavers over the summer was an A-Z Scavenger Hunt. The beavers had to find one item for each letter of the alphabet either in their house, garden or local area. The beavers did a great job finding items which included wildlife, the Forth Rail Bridge and an x-ray of a hand!

Recently the beavers have been taking part in The Scout Association's initiative Care for Care Homes which aims to help reduce loneliness and improve the wellbeing of people in care homes. This is because care homes have been hit incredibly hard by the current global pandemic, from residents falling ill to being separated from their loved ones. To do their part the beavers

created kindness stones, posters and letters and these were then distributed by the beaver leaders to Balhousie Rumbling Bridge Care Home, Ashley House in Milnathort and the Causeway Court Sheltered Housing next to the Millbridge Hall in Kinross. The residents were over the moon to receive these items and very much appreciate that the beavers took time to think about them during this challenging time.

Interested in volunteering with scouting? We have opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it rewarding and great fun, you'll also learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace and further education. Please contact us by email at kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Beavers Kindness Stone



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Kinross Food Bank

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If you want to donate food there are drop-offs at Sainsburys, Co-op and Glenfarg Village Shop.

If you want to donate money:

- Contact us by email at admin@brokenotbroken.org.
- Donate money onto our store card at Sainsburys instore.
- Donate to the Just Giving page set up by Kinross Kindness.

As always, thanks for your support. Contact us by email at admin@brokenotbroken.org

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club

www.krmfc.com

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC) was formed in 1996 with the objective of promoting

and furthering activities in the field of radio control model construction and flying. We are always looking for new members.

Our flying site is situated 2.5 miles west of Kinross on the A977. You will see our sign on the left just past a layby. Interested? Then pop along to our site and have a look and a taster of what it's all about or complete the online form on our website.

We have one of the longest grass runways in Scotland which allows us to operate large models and the occasional jet with



no problems. It runs east to west to take advantage of the prevailing westerly winds. A club hut provides shelter if the weather is inclement.

We are keen to help anyone new to the sport and, if required, can offer friendly advice in choosing, setting up and flying your first aircraft. We also offer flight training under close supervision of our instructors using a buddy box system, which makes the learning time considerably shorter and hopefully saves first time buyers from damaging their new purchases.

Our Scottish Aeromodellers Association (SAA) examiners can help members further their skills and work towards the SAA achievement scheme.

Club days are Wednesday and Sunday from around 10am. However, in winter or summer if the weather is clement and the wind is light, you'll find people flying at our field on just about any day.

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Kinross Garden Group

We are still waiting for lockdown to ease further before finalising details of the winter programme. For details of membership of the Kinross Garden Group contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.

Kinross Partnership

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Networking Meetings

Throughout the recent period, the Partnership Networking meetings have continued in virtual format and we've endeavoured to provide a range of speakers and topics to help businesses in these tricky times. From marketing to tax and benefits; from how to make sure you get paid by your clients to how to present yourself in the best light on virtual meeting platforms, we've found speakers and topics a-plenty.

The two most recent presentations, from David Littlejohn, Head of Planning and Development at PKC and from Caroline Warburton of Visit Scotland, focused specifically on what the future looks like for Kinross-shire. We'll certainly be hearing from David again soon on the outputs from the COVID-19 Business Taskforce.

The networking side of the partnership has been on holiday for the month of August, but the board has not and we look forward to sharing a number of new initiatives with you all over the next few weeks and months.

New Zoom-based networking meetings will be starting up in early September so look out for news on our Facebook page. You can find information from the partnership and posts from local businesses there too.

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Boys Brigade and Girls Association



Although BBs normally start back for the new session on the first Friday of September. However this will not be possible this year due to the meeting Covid restrictions. We await specific details from headquarters regarding how and when we can meet again in groups.

The groups are as follows: Anchors (for boys and girls in P1-3), Juniors (for boys and girls in P4-6), Company (for boys and girls in P7-S2) and Seniors (for boys and girls from S3 to age 18).

The Kinross Company now has a new Company Captain as William Constable takes over from the long serving David Munro. William was a boy in the Kinross Company a few years back. David Munro is continuing with the company administration to ease William into the captain's post. All but two of the company's previous captains have come from the local ranks; Jim Clark, Bill Daniels, Jack Hepburn, Alec Melville and Henry Hardie. The exceptions are the 1940 founder Captain Roddy Beaton and David Munro.

The two senior members who were due to be presented with their Queen's Badges this summer will have to wait until headquarters decide how to deal with this.

Meanwhile staff have been working from home producing online activities for members over the lockdown period. Senior members who have their Presidents Badges are looking forward to completing their Queen's Badge work this coming session. However all things are on hold at the moment, including our 100 year of service celebrations within the community.

Hopefully we will have a clearer view of things next month.

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Kinross Fifty Plus Club



As you may be aware, the future of the club appears to have reached an impasse. The number of committee members wishing to

relinquish their positions now numbers 7 out of a total of 11.

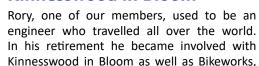
In the current Coronavirus pandemic we have been unable to find a venue for committee meetings, far less for an Extraordinary General Meeting of club members.

It is increasingly difficult for the club to continue unless we have members coming forward to take over the running of the club.

In any event, I wish to advise members that the present suspension of club activities will continue until further notice. Any members who may wish to come forward to assist in running the club in future should contact me.

W. Fubister Law, Chairman

Kinnesswood in Bloom





a Social Enterprise that collects donated bikes and remanufactures them to support local community charities. During lockdown Rory had the time to completely renovate an old cart which was not in good shape. It had been donated to our group a number of years ago and was part of a tribute to the farming links of the community.

Rory stripped it down to the metalwork and ordered new treated wood. It was truly our own 'repair shop' project.









Mrs Lesley Naismith,

Cromar Drive. Duloch, Dunfermline

A bit about me...

Originally from Cowdenbeath, I spent the last 10 years living in Dunfermline. I

moved to Gallowhill Road, Kinross in August 2016, with my wife Jacqueline

and our two year old son, Calum. I'm a time-served joiner with 17 years'

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Mrs Lorraine McMillan,

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Rory's renovation for Kinnesswood in Bloom

In his workshop he treated and painted the metalwork and renovated the cart tyres. Once DIY deliveries resumed he was able to buy wood for the cart body and renovate it back to the original. Painting completed the cart to look as good as new.

We received money from Portmoak Festival to complete the project. It is now back on the edge of the agricultural fields in colourful splendour. Plants were saved from the original structure and have now been replanted. Our next step will be to commission an interpretation board to describe the links which the village has to the farming landscape.

In recent weeks we have been busy with our Saturday work parties again. Lately we have been at the school to have it looking good when pupils and teachers return. It will be a completely different environment for the children from when they left the school in the spring. However we hope they will be able to enjoy their outdoor environment and have some good weather for going into the first term back at school.

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Ingredients

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4 tbsp maple syrup

50g butter, cut into pieces

50g plain flour

50g rolled oats

25g caster sugar

½ tsp ground cinnamon

Method

Heat oven to 200 degrees celsius Place the plum halves, skin side down, in the base of a large heatproof dish. Drizzle over half the maple syrup and roast for 10 minutes. Meanwhile place the butter, flour, oats, sugar and cinnamon in a bowl and rub the butter into the mixture until you have rough crumbs. Stir in the almonds then sprinkle the mixture over the plums. Drizzle the top with the remaining maple syrup and bake for 15 minutes until the top is golden. Serve with custard or cream.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

July Draw

1st No 65 Ian Dandie, Kinnesswood

2nd No 57 Sheila Drysdale, Kinnesswood

3rd No 44 Joan Smith, Kinnesswood

Fairtrade

Please help us to continue to support the many farmers and producers all over the world who have also been affected by continuing to support Traidcraft and Just Trading Scotland. This month we have included a delicious recipe to inspire you to cook and bake using Fairtrade products. Please contact us through Kinross Parish Church Office if you would like to purchase some Traidcraft goods or go online and purchase directly from www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

Cheese, Tomato and Chilli Tart Recipe

Meru herbs hot chilli pesto comes from Kenya and the producers have been paid a fair price. Buy it from Traidcraft or Just Trading Scotland.

Ingredients

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Method

Heat the oven to gas mark 6, 180 degrees. Line an 18cm loose-bottomed tart tin with the pastry. Spread 2 teaspoons of chilli pesto over the base. Whisk the creme fraiche and egg together with a little salt and pepper. Place the cheese in the pastry case, cover with the egg mixture and top with halved tomatoes. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes until set. Serve hot or cold with a green salad.

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Pitdownies Developer's Appeal Succeeds

The Trust is disappointed that the Scottish Government's appeals division intends to overturn Perth & Kinross Council's refusal of planning permission for 59 houses and eight flats for Springfield Homes at Pitdownies in Milnathort.

The Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) issued a 'Notice of Intention' on 30 July. In this, the reporter, David Buylla, states that he is 'minded to allow the appeal and grant planning permission' subject to several conditions and the signing and registering of a section 75 agreement between Springfield and Perth & Kinross Council regarding developer contributions towards primary education and to offsite affordable housing.

PKC had refused planning permission because it judged some of the plots to have insufficient residential amenity, and because an up to date habitat survey and associated biodiversity action plan had not been submitted. However, in the reporter's opinion, there would be sufficient amenity space for all plots and a pre-commencement ecology survey could be made a condition of the planning consent.

In a letter to the DPEA as part of the appeal process, the Trust expressed its concern about the deteriorating condition of water quality in Loch Leven and its belief that insufficient regard is being paid to the legislation intended to protect the loch under its designation as a Special Protection Area and Natura site. The Trust wrote about the inability of sewage treatment works to remove all phosphorus - generated by homes as well as from farmland run-off and other sources - which causes deterioration in water quality. It is also the case that heavy rainfall causes storm surges, resulting in some waste being discharged into local water courses without being treated.

However, the reporter took the simplistic view that, because Scottish Water had confirmed there was capacity at the Milnathort Waste Water Treatment Works, 'phosphorus discharge is not a reason to withhold planning permission for this proposal.'



Brian D'Arcy discussing an improved swale design at the Kinross Park & Ride with David Munro and Karol Swanson of Kinross-shire Civic Trust last October (Photo: Eileen Thomas)

The Habitats Regulations state that a competent authority (such as a local authority, or the Scottish Government) must not grant planning permission for a project that has likely significant effects on a designated Natura site without ascertaining beyond reasonable scientific doubt that there will be no adverse effects on the Natura site. Both PKC and the reporter decided that the Pitdownies proposal would not have a likely significant effect on the loch without carrying out an appropriate assessment, a stage of a Habitats Regulations Appraisal.

The Trust is increasingly concerned that the condition of the loch is deteriorating and responsibility for it is falling between various organisations.

Raingardens Challenge

The Trust has been making good progress with its Raingardens Challenge – a project to create attractive, efficient and environmentally friendly ways for surface water to drain away, thus reducing flooding. Another of the project's aims is to produce a guidance document for planners and developers.

So far we have successfully applied for grants totalling £10,000 from Perth & Kinross Council and SEPA. We are delighted that consultants from Collective Architecture would like to get on board with us. They'll be creating visualisations of raingardens for the various situations and locations in Kinross that we have identified as being suitable for raingarden treatment. We can then use these visualisations to consult with local residents.

We have also obtained sponsorship from some companies, including, from Marmax Products, a donated raingarden unit for Portmoak Primary School, plus recycling information for schools. We hope to work with other schools in the area to see if they would like to have some type of raingarden installed at their premises.

Brian D'Arcy, of the Trust's Raingardens Steering Group, is currently supervising a postgraduate student working on a raingardens retrofit project for the car park at Loch Leven's Larder. Brian was shortlisted in this year's Susdrain SUDS Champion Award.





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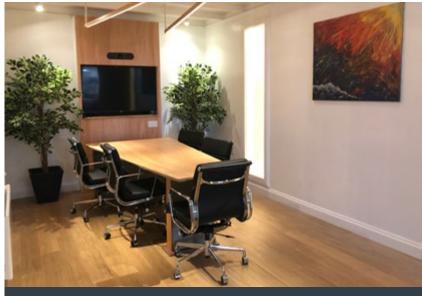
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Sports News

Kinross Colts

As always, if you are looking for any information about the club or have children wishing to join any of our teams, pop on to our Facebook page (Kinross Colts FC Juniors) and send us a message.



Most of our teams have now resumed

training in line with government guidance on COVID and it's great to see the kids back on the pitch having fun.

The SYFA have given us indicative dates for resuming games so we're now working towards playing games in September.

One of the first games will be at our new pitch at Donaldson Park as the works on our new pavilion are close to completion. The game will involve our under-16 and under-17 teams.

We have erected new signage at Donaldson Park and at The Myre. The club has renamed our pavilion at The Myre in memory of Sandy Fraser. Sandy, who passed away last year, was a much-loved ambassador of the local football community who served as chairman of Fossoway AFC and Kinross Amateurs for many years.



Sandy Fraser

Kinross Volleyball

Although outdoor volleyball has resumed on Monday evenings from 7pm-8.30 pm on the grass area to the rear



of the Campus (weather permitting), indoor volleyball is unlikely to resume soon. This is because no bookings are currently being taken for the indoor facilities at the Campus.

With the nights drawing in the timings for Monday evenings will probably have to be brought forward to 6.30pm then moving to 6pm starts.



If indoor volleyball is delayed further then we may have to move to a Sunday afternoon to get sufficient daylight.

Club members were most disappointed when their scheduled trip to the annual tournament in De Haan was cancelled at short notice. However it was the right decision given all the uncertainty surrounding Covid and the resurgence of cases on the continent of Europe.

Scottish Volleyball has been countering the lack of indoor facilities by offering 'Pop Up and Play' initiatives around the country. Local clubs have been applying for a grants to purchase outdoor sets of nets and posts.

The Kinross club was successful in gaining two new sets of nets and posts to supplement their existing set so we can now cater for more newcomers to the sport. Certain Covid restrictions which including cleansing, sanitising, social distancing and no blocking at the net still apply. All newcomers must leave personal contact details with the club secretary before they can play in case there is a need to track and trace. All outdoor sessions are free of charge.

Perth District League matches look unlikely to take place until at least October, if not Christmas. Now that we are back in action, new members are welcome to come along to the Monday evening sessions; it is all free! For further information contact club coach Dave Munro on 01577 862126.

Kinross Curling

Message from Kinross Curling Trust

Dear Curlers,

Uncertain times continue. As you may be aware the Scottish Government recently indicated that the earliest date that curling rinks will be allowed to

open this year is 14 September. This may be reviewed on 20 August with a final decision on 10 September.

The Board and staff are working through our options going



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forward. Given all the ongoing and ever changing uncertainties and, as ice making takes around four weeks, we are now working on a 5 October opening. We hope to offer 'Try Curling' sessions and other coaching sessions later in the season. Please check with us or visit our Facebook page (Curl Kinross) for updates so we can welcome new and existing curlers to our rink. *Stay safe*.

David Jones, General Manager.

Orwell Bowling Club

Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort Tel: 01577 863739

orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com

Bowls Scotland have cancelled all competitions for 2020 and, at the moment, it is unlikely there will be any friendlies or internal competitions taking place this season. In the meantime, we await further information from the Scottish Government and are staying safe. Check our website and Facebook for any updates. Further advice can be found on the Bowls Scotland website.

Kinross Badminton Club

Please check our Facebook page (search for Kinross Badminton Club) where we will post any new news about reopening and confirm the reopening date when we have it.

Kinross Tennis Club

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KinrossTennisClub

We always welcome new members of all ages so please have a look at the new website and get in touch if you have any questions or would like further information. Contact us by email at *Kinrosstennis@gmail.com* or find us on Facebook.

Kinross Golf Club

www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk

There is so much happening at Kinross Golf Club that I hardly know where to begin. There are a number of knockout championships going on at the moment; the ladies McEwan Handicap Championship and the ladies Grant Scratch Championship started with 15 players playing knockout rounds until the final match which is expected to be completed by the end of September. The ladies continue to show us all how strength, agility, determination and accuracy wins the day. Good luck to all the ladies taking part. The gents Montgomery Cup and Beveridge Cup are two more knockout championships. They started with 124 players competing through knockout rounds each week, culminating in an amazing finals day on 16 August. They have produced some amazing quality golf with rollercoaster drama to the end.

This year the Montgomery Club championship will be awarded to Scott Michie after beating John Adie by 9 and 7, The Beveridge Cup will be awarded to Scott Hunter who won by 6 and 4. Well done to all those who took part this year and commiserations to all the losing semi-finalists; there's always next year.

On 7 August the club held a mixed competition called the Millennium Cup. The competition was created by the Montgomery family in the year 2000 to encourage gents, ladies and juniors to play together. The format is 4 ball better ball and gents are paired with a lady or a junior. Even though the format was very relaxed, the competition was still fierce with the winners Charlie and Mark Pearson winning the cup by an easy 2 shot lead. Thank you to all the juniors who took part and showed us how it's supposed to

be done. There's some real talent in the making.

The junior section of the club is producing some excellent quality golfers at the moment. Beginners are welcome too and coaching can be provided either on a one to one basis or in a group. Please contact the club for further details if you would like to give it a try.

I think all members at Kinross Golf Club will join me in saving that the courses are



Scott Hunter, Beveridge Cup winner, with Gary Paterson

looking amazing at the moment. The estate greenkeepers should be congratulated for keeping up such a high standard despite the inclement weather. Club members should also be congratulated on keeping to the social distancing and new etiquette rules; not



John Adie & new club champion Scott

only on the course but also in the clubhouse where social distancing and cleaning regimes are at their most strict. A special big thank you goes to the clubhouse staff for their hard work in keeping us safe. Keep up the good work.

As always Kinross Golf Club is open to visitors and new members. Anyone wishing to play or join should contact the pro shop or the club manager for an application form.

We look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

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BISHOPSHIRE SWI

We had a committee meeting last night regarding the resumption of meetings at the hall and I would like to share what was discussed with you.

The Hall

We have just had word that the Hall will not be reopening on time for our next meeting therefore it is with sadness we will not be able to have our September meeting.

The first meeting was to be our Business meeting to appoint a new committee.

We have a couple of options here.

The present committee carries on until May 2021, we are all willing to do this if this is what the members want.

We vote for a new committee on line.

Margo will send out the voting papers and members would return them to her. As Mary and Margo are due to come off this year it is proposed they act as tellers to count and verify the votes.

Future meetings

When the hall reopens we will be following all covid protocols.

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Tea/Raffle rota. There will be no tea rota but we propose that members still bring a raffle prize when it is their turn to do so. We would quarantine these prizes and have a grand roll over raffle later in the year.

If we are not comfortable coming back to normal meetings we could set up a monthly Zoom meeting. We know this is not ideal but it is one way to carry on in uncertain times. A few institutes have been carrying on over lockdown in this manner and it has allowed them to attract some interesting speakers. This would be our least favoured option but we will do it if there is a desire to carry on in this way.

WE ASK THAT OUR MEMBERS LET US KNOW WHAT THEY THINK.

We do have a packed syllabus prepared and hope not to have to cancel again.

Our next meeting is set for 8 October with a speaker from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

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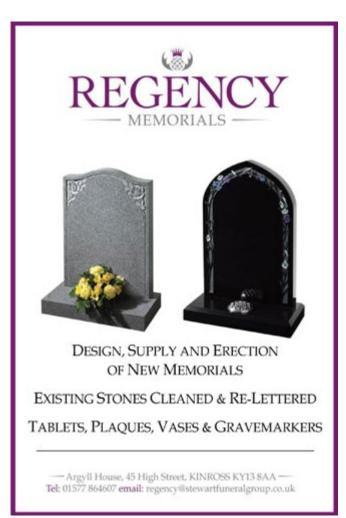
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Kinross in Bloom: Volunteer group that provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment of Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Mitchell at: susan. mitchell50@gmail.com

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.

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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@ amail.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 Caldow 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.



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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!

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children and families and live in the Perth and Kinross area we would love to hear from you. 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.

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For more volunteering opportunities, go to the community website www.kinross.cc and look for 'Volunteering', or look at www.vaperthshire.org

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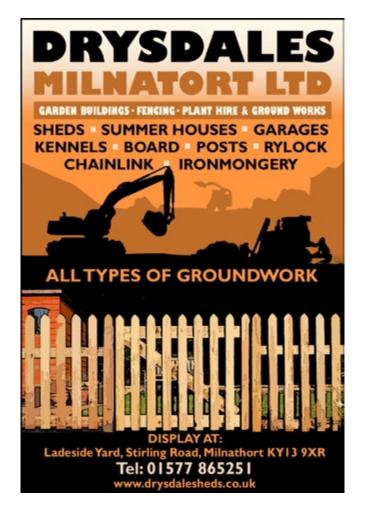
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Out & About

Loch Leven NNR



SEPTEMBER ALREADY! Where has this year gone! It has been a really busy summer on the reserve despite the Covid pandemic.

On 24 August we changed our name from Scottish Natural Heritage to NatureScot. As NatureScot we will continue to deliver the transformational changes needed to secure a naturerich future for Scotland and support the 'green recovery' from the current Covid emergency.

We have a new member of staff in the Loch Leven team. Simon Ritchie has joined us from St Cyrus NNR and has taken over Jeremy's role as Reserve Officer. Simon is really excited about joining us and I'm sure it won't take long before he loves the Reserve as much as we all do. If you see him out and about please say hello.

The hedgerows and trees are becoming heavy with berries; the rowan trees around the reserve have clusters of bright red berries which are a good food source for many of our woodland birds. The bramble bushes which caused us so many scratches while we were battling the balsam over the summer are now laden with juicy berries. When I was young we often used to go out 'brambling' in the village; even now I still like to go out and collect some to turn them into bramble jam or even better bramble gin! Make sure you leave some for the birds and mammals.

We are currently working on a new pollinator project at Kirkgate Park. Pollinators are really important for biodiversity. Without insects such as bees, butterflies, wasps and flies we risk damaging not only plants and animals but agricultural yields, our economy and our wellbeing. But many of our pollinators are under threat. Changes to how we use the land, pesticides, pollution, invasive non-native species, diseases and climate change all put pressure on them. That's why we'd like to manage the 'maze' area and the Kirkgate Park shoreline as pollinator-friendly areas. The 'maze' already has beneficial native wildflowers and we'd like to enhance them.

Do you have any suggestions to help us achieve our goal? What would you like to see in these areas? Would you or your group like to be involved? If you have ideas or are interested in helping please email sarah.eaton@nature.scot

We had a Turnstone sighting at Burleigh. I had a quick look back in our records and the last time we had one at Loch



A Turnstone

Leven was in 2009! We have had large numbers of mute swans on the Loch as they moult their feathers. Numbers of tufted duck have been increasing with big rafts of them seen around Carsehall. Autumn migration will soon be underway. Pink footed geese will be starting to arrive from Iceland. Numbers will peak in October but I love hearing the early arrivals. It makes me excited for crisp frosty mornings watching the geese; it is my favourite time of the year at Loch Leven!

The summer was busy with kayaks and canoes but now the number of birds on the Loch is increasing. From 1 September we advise against using canoes and kayaks on the loch. This is so we can keep disturbance to a minimum and preserve Loch Leven as a special place and safe haven for birdlife.

Keep an eye on the blog (Loch Leven Wordpress), Loch Leven NNR Facebook page and the Loch Leven NNR Instagram for regular updates. Hope you are all safe and well. TTFN

Louise Clark, Seasonal Reserve Officer





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DESPITE THESE STRANGE TIMES wildlife has been getting on with things and making the most of the recent warm late summer weather on the reserve. Mute swans have been gathering on the loch for their post-breeding moult, and if you have been walking round the loch you may have seen white feathers washed up on the shore. Marsh harriers and peregrine have been spotted over the wetland, along with ospreys making their way south for the winter. Many bees and butterflies enjoyed the summer flowers of the Bumblebee Meadow including ringlets, meadow browns and peacocks, and a dark green fritillary butterfly was spotted by the picnic area.

Now the evenings are beginning to lose their light, and there is an autumnal chill in the morning air.

One of the highlights of the calendar at Loch Leven is the return of the pink-footed geese from September onwards, signalling the approach of the winter months. The numbers of geese are usually low to start with but then peak in October, with the possibility of seeing huge flocks taking off soon after dawn and coming back to the loch as dusk starts to fall.

Our fantastic volunteers have been carrying out lots of vegetation management, tidying up and getting the site shipshape for visitors, and pulling Himalayan balsam out on the reserve. The team are hoping to start work on improvements to the Bumblebee Meadow and surrounding verges and trail soon too. This will involve seed collecting, rotovating bare patches of soil and sowing more seeds in order to improve these areas for visitors (and wildlife!) to enjoy in future summers.

Last month we told you about a new social media campaign called #MyWorldNow where we encouraged you to tell us about the things in nature that you have noticed and started



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Mute Swan (Photo RSPB)

to appreciate more during these challenging times. If social media isn't your thing, you can also get involved by taking part in Actions For Nature, sharing your inspiring photos and videos and telling us what actions you are taking for nature, be they big or small. Why not share your story and inspire others to do their bit? You can find out more by visiting the RSPB website www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/actions-for-nature/.

The visitor centre team have been busy beavering away in the background getting things ready for re-opening. We are hopeful that the café and shop will be open again by the time you read this, but please check our Facebook page (RSPB Tayside and Fife) for confirmation, and for details of current opening times before visiting (the café will be open for takeaway food and drinks only to begin with). If you are visiting our shop or café please remember your mask, and we will have a hand sanitising stations available at the doors for you to use.

The team at RSPB Loch Leven very much look forward to welcoming you back and we hope to see you very soon!

Yvonne Boles

Weather



Recent Weather Reports from Kinross

July

Total Rainfall 106.1mm / 4.24in Heaviest Fall **23.7mm/ 0.94in** (9 Jun)

Total Sunshine 161.9 hrs **Sunniest Day** 9.7 hrs (18 July)

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Gardening

HELLO AGAIN! I hope you've all been keeping well and getting out and about a bit more.

The nights are fairly drawin' in aren't they – which is good as it's getting cooler, making sleeping at night a little easier, but bad as we have the dark mornings/ evenings to look forward to.

Remember a while ago someone gave me a hydrangea cutting that I've been trying to root in water? Well ladies and gentlemen, drum roll please... we have teeny, tiny roots! This is the first time I've tried this, so I'm a tad chuffed with myself. I've included a photo – you may need a magnifying glass to see the roots, but I can assure you, they're there!

So, as the growing season draws to a close, as you can imagine, there are many jobs to do in the garden. You've probably prolonged the life of annual plants by deadheading for long enough and now's the time to dig them up and compost them. If you like, you can pick a dry day(!) and harvest the seeds for next year. I usually lay the seed heads on some kitchen towel to dry out and then shake them to release the seeds. Watch out for exploding seed heads though — some you may want to put in a container *This begonia's three years old!*





Hydrangea: We have roots! for the drying process.

I always find this is a good time of year to have a look at what's done well in the garden and what hasn't. Most things have been OK this year with the exception of petunias... I don't think I'll be growing them again as they're beautiful – until it rains. Then they go all icky (technical term) and really don't look good at all. There are many more things to grow which will look nicer for longer.

September's a great time for planting things which will give you a good show of colour in the spring. If you've been organised, you've ordered your bulbs nice and early (and got a good discount). They'll be arriving this month and if you're anything like me, it'll be a nice surprise as you'll have forgotten what you've ordered. I'll be planting my bulbs in pots and borders to give nice spots of colour around the garden. Pansies and polyanthus are always a good source of colour too and can be planted now and forgotten about over the winter months. There are also lots of plants for autumn

colour that you can choose from – autumn pansies, ornamental cabbages, cyclamen and heucheras to name but a few. I've had a thing for heucheras this year and now have four different varieties, you really should check out the range available, there are some lovely ones.

In September/October, you'll also need to start moving some plants to sheltered spots and undercover before the frosts start. The general rule is to cut all the foliage off before storing for the winter... I do this with fuchsias and dahlias and fingers crossed, they've been coming back for the last few years.

This is the time of year I usually bang on about begonias too. Those big, beautiful, showy plants can be saved for future years and will get bigger as the years go on, with not a lot of effort. Dig them up and remove any loose soil and leave to dry out slightly under cover. Once the foliage has died back, remove it and wrap the corm in paper (others store in compost, do whatever's easiest for you). Store the corms in a dry, cool place — I put mine in a spare bedroom. And that's it. I'll update in the spring when it's time to take them out and get them started again.

See you next month!

Icky petunias.







Farming



The past few weeks have turned into a what seems nowadays to be a typical Scottish summer, with continual rain showers increasing in frequency after a prolonged dry spell earlier in the season. August started off with a deluge of around two inches of rain in the first few days but was trumped the next week by what could only be described as the mother of all thunderstorms which again brought over two inches of rain. It was certainly a huge relief to go around the animals the next morning and find that they were all where they should be still alive and surprisingly settled. It had been a sleepless night due to worrying about the animals but also worrying about the roof of our house. In our infinite wisdom we had started working on the roof and half of it just had a makeshift cover over it, so we were dreading a deluge coming in through the ceiling but fortunately there were just a couple of leaky spots which were easily dealt with. My vision of re-enacting the final scene of the 'Father Ted' episode where they held a disastrous raffle to fix the parochial house roof and ended with them sitting on the sofa in full waterproofs fortunately didn't happen. Hopefully the weather will settle down soon as harvest is just around the corner and some nice sunny days would help ripen crops and get the job done more easily.

When you are breeding animals on the farm especially in relatively small numbers as we are here at backward farm, there are often individuals who have personalities which make them stand out from the rest of the herd or flock. You could say that they are outstanding in their field(!) and we have a few such characters. One is a cow with a speckled face who has a great temperament and always has a really good calf and although she has never been given a name, she always gets extra attention. Another is a sheep called Millie. She was born last spring and was bottle fed as a pet lamb. Kerry, lan's girlfriend (above) was mainly responsible for feeding her and has continued giving her extra attention so that now she will

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run to you to get a scratch. She will be going to the tup this autumn so hopefully she will have lambs next year and join the flock of ewes – it will be a disaster if she doesn't.

By far the star of the backward farm petting zoo however, is the bold Donald, the Tamworth boar (below with Ian). Purchased out of sympathy almost 3 years ago as a rather forlorn, timid weaner he has grown to be the king-pin of the pig herd. Named after the ginger haired American president, he has revelled in the attention his roadside field has brought him this summer, although he is about to get a reality check.

Living in a commune with his 3 wives and many children, he has been able to indulge in more than his fair share of the feed, so he has turned into what could be described as 'quite a unit'. There is a plan being hatched to put him on a boot camp to help him slim down. I'll keep you informed how he gets on – we need to keep control of his trumped-up ego!

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Leven

Loch Leven Church (Charity No: SC049050)

Loch Leven Church is temporarily meeting online via Zoom, at 10.30am each Sunday. Starting in September, on Sunday mornings, we will also begin meeting in small groups across Kinross-shire in compliance with government advice.

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome to join the informal service; please just email us for the details to join in.

On Sunday 27 September, we will be celebrating our 2-year anniversary as a new church! This will be a service for all the family, and everyone is very welcome to join.

To find out more about us, please visit our Facebook page 'We Love Loch Leven', our website www.lochlevenchurch. com, or email us at info@lochlevenchurch.com

Cleish Parish Church Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Tel: 01577 842128

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

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

During the past months due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have had to cancel all our services of worship, meetings and events.

Unfortunately we are still not in a position where we can open our church buildings but we are putting plans in place for this to happen.

In the meantime, whilst our buildings are closed our church family life still continues. We are keeping in touch through our email network, phone and 'Zoom' worship services every Sunday: Fossoway Church at 10am and Cleish Church at 11.30am

We also have a 'Zoom' service to celebrate Holy Communion at 7pm on the last Thursday in each month.

If you would like to join us for any of our services please phone Rev Lis Stenhouse 01577 842128.

Any changes to the current situation before next month will be announced on Fossoway Church website http://www.fossowaychurch.org.uk

At the moment Cleish Church website is unavailable as we will shortly be upgrading to a joint church website, our apologies for any inconvenience.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Contact the Office: 01577 861200

Orwell Church is now closed for refurbishment for several months, but services have been resumed in Portmoak Church at 10am each Sunday with all current Covid safety procedures in place. Only 25 people can be accommodated within the church and masks must be worn.

To avoid people having to be turned away it is necessary that seats be reserved in advance each week by emailing kirkbooking@btinternet.com or by telephoning 01592 840528.

For contact tracing purposes please include a contact telephone number for anyone attending. Please only use the booking email address for that purpose. The situation will be monitored as the weeks go by, and further changes may be required. Please check the church website or Facebook page for further information.

Online services will still be posted posted each Sunday morning and are available for the rest of the week. To access these, log on to the church website, as above, click on Online Worship and follow the link on the page. DVD versions of the service are available to those without Internet facilities.

The Church Office and Shop is also closed until further notice. The office email below is being checked, but less frequently than normal.

orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY www.fossowaychurch.org.uk

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128

 $Email: {\it estenhouse@churchofscotland}.$

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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.

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church (Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY Tel: 01577 864299

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www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector.

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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.)

Despite continuing relaxation of laws relating to Covid-19 lockdown, limitations posed by our building mean that services and events connected with St Paul's will remain online only for the time being. Sunday services will continue to be broadcast from the building as livestreams via 'Zoom' and thereafter recordings of services will be available through the church Facebook page. Please see our website and Facebook page for updated information as and when we have it to publish. I plan to carry on offering a weekly 'Facebook Live' reflection on Saturday mornings from the Rectory.

In the meantime, please be assured of our prayers and intercessions, especially if COVID-19 has directly affected you and your family. We live in hope that this health

Church Information

emergency will be over speedily and affect as few people as possible.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we
meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Forthcoming services – all via Zoom and livestreamed

Thursdays @ 2pm 'Zoom' cuppa chat

(If you would like to join, please contact the Rector who will send you the login details every week.)

6 Sept: Pentecost 15 (Proper 23)
 9.30am 'Virtual' Holy Communion
 13 Sept: Pentecost 16 (Proper 24)
 9.30am 'Virtual' Holy Communion
 20 Sept: HARVEST FESTIVAL

Time and venue to be advised

27 Sept: Pentecost 18 (Proper 26)9.30am 'Virtual' Holy Communion

9.00pm Service of Compline (Facebook Live)

St James' Catholic Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

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www.catholickinross.com

Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/

Regular Services

Mon 7pm Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and

Prayer Group at 8pm in the church hall.

Tue 10am Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and

Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am).

Wed 10am Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and

Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am). Teas/Coffees

after Mass, in the church hall.

Thu 10am Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and

Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am).

Fri 10am Holy Mass preceded by Morning Prayer

& Confessions (9.30-9.50am)

3pm Divine Mercy Devotions.

Sat 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.

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 Biblebased 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.

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Kinross Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity no SC012555)

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10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG

Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org
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Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Church office and church open: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.

Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570

Contact the church office if you are interested in leasing

rooms in the church or church centre.

Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952 Assistant Minister: Rev Kathleen (Kathy) Dain tel. 01577 531424 Ordained Local Minister: Rev Margaret Michie (01592) 840602

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

New Kin-nections

The new issue of Kin-nections, the free magazine of Kinross Parish Church, is now available. Kin-nections will be distributed to members of the congregation and should also be available at Kinross Library when it reopens. If you wish a copy please contact the Kinross Parish Church Office (currently working remotely: phone 01577 862570, or office@kinrossparishchurch.org).



Regular Services and Events:

Daily Prayer: Available on 01577 528270 and press 2.

Sundays

10.30am: Morning Service. Currently available to view from 5am on YouTube. Thereafter on Facebook and the church's website, or listen by phone on 01577 528270 and press 1 or request a CD or copy of the sermon from church office.

11.15am: Virtual Coffee Fellowship after the service on Zoom, including by phone (details in weekly email to members or contact church office.). This is replaced by Communion on 6 September.

7pm: Prayers for the Nation: livestreamed on Facebook. **7pm: 'Crossfire'** (S1 upwards) meeting for socially-distanced activities in the church garden.

Wednesdays

10.30am: NEW - Mid-week Service in the church. Maximum of 40 people. Names and contact details have to be given in advance to the church office.

All EU/EEA/Swiss nationals and their family members living in the UK must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme for Settled or Pre-Settled status by the end of June 2021.

We provide FREE and REGULATED information and advice.

Всички граждани на държави от ЕС/ЕИЗ/ Швейцария и членовете на техните семейства живеещи във Великобритания трябва да кандидатстват за статут на уседналост или временен статут на уседналост до края на 2021. В случай, че се нуждаете от помощ по процеса на кандидатстване, обърнете се към нас предлагаме БЕЗПЛАТНА И РЕГЛАМЕНТИРАНА информация, както и консултации.

Ako ste državljanin EU-a, EGP-a ili Švicarske, vi i vaša obitelj trebate prijaviti u Sustav registracije i boravku EU-a državljani kako bi mogli živjeti u Ujedinjenoj Kraljevini nakon 30. lipnja 2021. godine. Ako budete sigurni da želite, dobit ćete status trajnog ili privremeno boravka. Ako vam je potrebna pomoć u vezi s vašom prijavom kontaktirajte nas - pružamo BESPLATNE I REGULIRANE informacije i savjete.

Kõik Ühendkuningriigis elavad EL/EEA/Šveitsi kodanikud peavad taotlema püsielaniku staatust (EU Settlement Scheme) 2021. aasta juuni lõpuks. Kui te vaiate taotluse esitamisel abi, palun võtke meiega ühendust. Pakume TASUTA nõu ja KONTROLLITUD k

Kaikkien EU / ETA / Sveitsin kansalaisten ja heidän perheenjäsentensä jotka asuvat UK:ssa, on hakeuduttava EU Settlement Scheme -järjestelmään kesäkuun 2021 loppuun mennessä. Jos tarvitset apua hakemuksessasi, ota meihin yhteyttä -tarjoamme ilmaista ja säädeltyä tietoa ja neuvontaa.

Tous les ressortissants de l'UE, de l'EEE, ou de la Suisse et les membres de leur famille résidant au Royaume-Uni doivent postuler au dispositif d'enregistrement pour les citoyen(ne)s européen(ne)s avant la fin du mois de juin 2021 afin d'obtenir un statut de résident permanent ou provisoire. Si vous avez besoin d'aide avec votre dossier - contactez nous. Nous pouvons vous apporter une assistance GRATUITE et RÉGLEMENTÉE.

Alle in Großbritannien lebenden EU/EEA/ Schweizer Bürger*innen müssen spätestens bis Ende Juni 2021 beim EU-Settlement Scheme den Settled-" oder "Pre-Settled-Status" beantragt haben. Bitte kontaktieren Sie uns, wenn Sie Hilfe bei der Antragstellung benötigen - Wir bieten KOSTENFREIE und QUALIFIZIERTE Information und Beratung.

Ολοι οι υπήκοοι της ΕΕ / ΕΟΧ / Ελβετίας και τα μέλη της οικογένειάς τους που ζουν στο Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο πρέπει να υποβάλουν αίτηση στο Πρόγραμμα Εγκατάστασης της ΕΕ για να αποκτήσουν το καθεστώς Εγκατάστασης ή Προ-Εγκατάστασης έως το τέλος του Ιουνίου 2021. Εάν χρειάζεστε βοήθεια με την αίτησή σας επικοινωνήστε μαζί μας - παρέχουμε ΔΩΡΕΑΝ, έγκυρες πληροφορίες και συμβουλευτική υποστήριξη, σύμφωνα με επίσημους κανονισμούς

Allir ESB / EES / svissneskir ríkisborgarar og fjölskyldumeðlimir þeirra, sem búa í Bretlandi, verða að sækja um "EU Settlement Scheme" og þá annað hvort "settled status" eða "pre-settled status" fyrir lok júní 2021. Ef þú þarft hjálp við umsókn þína hafðu samband við okkur við veitum ÓKEYPIS og skipulagðar upplýsingar og ráð.

Entro la fine di giugno 2021, tutti i cittadini dell'UE / SEE / svizzeri e i loro familiari che vivono nel Regno Unito devono fare domanda per il Settled Status o Pre-Settled Status. Se hai bisogno di aiuto con la tua richiesta contattaci: forniamo informazioni e consulenza GRATUITE e REGOLARI.

Irish citizens can apply to the EUSS but they are not required to. Non-EU family members of Irish citizens should apply to the scheme even if their Irish family member has not. From the 24th August British and Irish people from Northern Ireland can apply to the EUSS but they are not required to. Non-EU family members of people from Northern Ireland should apply even if their NI family member has not.

Visi Eiropas Savienības, Šveices un Eiropas Ekonomikas zonu valstspiederīgie un to ģimenes locekļi, kas patstāvīgi uzturas Apvienotajā Karalistē ir jāreģistrē pastāvīgā (settled) vai pagaidu (pre-settled) iedzīvotāja statuss. Reģistrēšanās termiņš ir 2021.gada 30.jūnijs. Jautājumu vai neskaidrību gadījumā droši varat sazināties ar mums. Nodrošinam bezmaksas, akreditētu informāciju un konsultācijas.

Visi JK gyvenantys ES / EEE / Šveicarijos piliečiai ir jų šeimos nariai turi kreiptis pagal ES Nuolatinio gyventojo progaramą dėl nuolatinio arba preliminaraus gyventojo statuso iki 2021 m. birželio mėn. Jei jums reikia pagalbos dėl jūsų paraiškos, susisiekite su mumis - mes teikiame NEMOKAMĄ ir REGLAMENTUOTĄ informaciją bei patarimus.

ledereen die in de UK woont en de EU, FFA of de Zwitserse nationaliteit heeft is verplicht om ,Settled-' of Pre-settled Status' aan te vragen bij de EU Settlement Scheme. Dit moet voor het einde van juni 2021 gedaan zijn. Als u hulp nodig heeft met deze aanvraag neemt u dan contact met ons op. Wij kunnen u informatie en advies geven. Deze hulp is gratis en gereguleerd.

Wszyscy obywatele Unii Europejskiej, EWG i Szwajcarii, oraz członkowie ich rodzin mieszkający na terenie Wielkiei Brytanii musza złożyć wniosek o status osiedleńczy do 'EU Settlement Scheme'. Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy w złożeniu wniosku skontaktuj się z nami - oferujemy BEZPŁATNA i UREGULOWANA PRAWNIE informację oraz poradę imigracyjną.

Todos os cidadãos da UE / EEE / Suíça e seus familiares que moram no Reino Unido devem solicitar o status do Acordo de liquidação da UE para liquidação ou pré-liquidação até o final de junho de 2021. Se precisar de ajuda com sua inscrição, entre em contato conosco fornecemos informações e conselhos GRATUITOS e REGULAMENTADOS.

Cetatenii UE / EEA / Elvețieni și membrii familiei lor care locuiesc în Marea Britanie trebuie să aplice la sistemul de rezidentă a cetătenilor europeni in Marea Britanie dupa Brexit (EU settlement scheme), pentru statutul de stabilit (settled status) sau prestabilit (pre settled status) până la sfârșitul lunii iunie 2021. Dacă aveți nevoie de ajutor pentru aplicația dvs., contactaține pentru a vă oferi informații și sfaturi GRATUITE și

Všetci občania z krajín EÚ/EHP/Švajčiarska a ich rodinný príslušníci žijúci v Spojenom Kráľovstve Veľkej Británie musia požiadať v rámci pobytovej schémy pre občanov EÚ o Status Usadlíka, alebo Predbežný Status Usadlíka do konca júna 2021. Ak potrebujete pomôcť so žiadosťou, kontaktujte nás – poskytujeme informácie a REGULOVANÉ poradenstvo ZDARMA.

Todos/as los/las ciudadanos/as de la UE, el EEE y Suiza que viven en el Reino Unido, así como sus familiares, deben inscribirse en el sistema de registro de ciudadanos/as de la UE (EU settlement scheme) para solicitar su estatus de pre-asentado o asentado antes del 30/06/2021. Si necesitas ayuda con tu solicitud, ponte en contacto con nosotros. Ofrecemos asesoramiento gratuito y regulado.

Om ni bor i Storbritannien och är från länder i EU/EES eller från Schweiz, måste ni ansöka till EUs Settlement Scheme för att få bosatt eller ansökt (settled or pre-settled) status. Detta måste göras innan juni månads slut och gäller också för var och en i familjen som också bor i Storbritannien. Vi kan erbjuda gratis assistans och hjälp med er ansökan, från ett officellt reglerat project. Ni kan kontakta oss enligt nedanstående detaljer







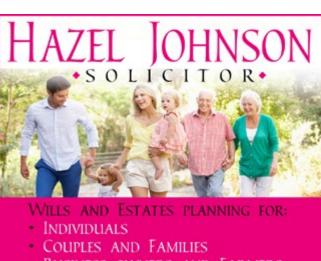












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12 noon: Mid-week prayers on Facebook.

1.30pm: **Craft Group** meet on Zoom (details from church office).

Other Services and Events:

September

Sunday 6

11.15am: Communion, on Zoom (details in weekly email to members or contact church office)

Monday 7

8am: Silent Meditation. Guidelines for a period of reflective stillness published on Facebook

Thursday 19: 9pm: late evening service of Compline livestreamed on Facebook

Sunday 20: 4.30pm: Café Church on Zoom: an informal and interactive experience (details from church office)

The church has been broadcasting worship services and times for reflection online and this has been appreciated by many, including people beyond the congregation.

Weblinks for Sunday Worship and midweek times for reflection and prayer:

Kinross Parish Church Facebook page www.facebook.com/kinrossparishchurch

Kinross Parish Church worship channel on YouTube www.youtube.com/channel/UC480WCgwA2SU1zBXLg%klfA

The church is running α network of telephone contacts offering support and encouragement. Anyone who would value having someone phoning them for a regular chat should phone or email the church office - messages left will be accessed remotely every day.

BACK IN THE KIRK

KPC resume limited church services

should see 'face-to-face' confirst time since March.

The Ministers and elders of the Kirk Session have be offered as they move towards reinstating life in the church buildings. Following guidance from the Church of Scotland means that there is only a capacity for a congregation of forty, plus ministers and stewards.

The church has therefore decided to start with short mid-week services at 10.30am every Wednesday. These are particularly aimed at those during lockdown.

The experience will be different, with restrictions

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER on seating, no singing and the need to wear masks but gregational worship in Kinross the Kirk Session welcomed Parish Church resume for the the chance to gather again physically as a congregation, if in a small way.

Full details are in the relooked carefully at what can cent issue of Kin-nections, the church magazine, available from the church office. It will be necessary to register in advance with the church office, giving your name and contact details (phone 01577 862570 or email: office@kinrossparishchurch.org).

Much of the extensive on-line life of the church will continue and is listed in the diary page for Kinross Parish Church elsewhere in who have missed out on the the Newsletter. It is hoped provision of online services to move from pre-recorded Sunday Services to online streaming from the church in the autumn.

Deaths



THORA CLEMSON

Peacefully, at home as she wished, on Monday August 3, 2020. Thora, aged 82, then fell asleep in bed at her usual time and never woke up. Her husband, Gary and her many artist friends will miss her greatly.

Church's Support Home and Abroad

KINROSS PARISH CHURCH normally supports four charities a year through special collections. This is not possible at present so the Kirk Session has decided to donate direct from church funds so that two chosen charities do not miss out, particularly at this difficult time.

The local foodbank, Broke Not Broken, based at St. Paul's Church, experienced a ten-fold increase in demand in April compared with 2019. Kinross Parish Church made a donation of £500 in June and has now decided to donate a further £500. In addition, the congregation has been encouraged to donate foodstuffs to Broke Not Broken at Sainsbury's.

The second charity to be supported with a donation of £1,000 is Immanuel House, which supports 80 disabled children and young people in Debrecen, Hungary.

Immanuel House is an extension of the Great Church, Debrecen, and has a long-standing partnership with Kinross Parish Church. In 2019 two of the staff visited Scotland to research the latest aids for children with complex needs and to visit Kinross Parish Church and its 'All Friends Together' group. Immanuel House has a limited budget and it is hoped this donation will help to purchase much-needed equipment such as ceiling track hoists to help with lifting.





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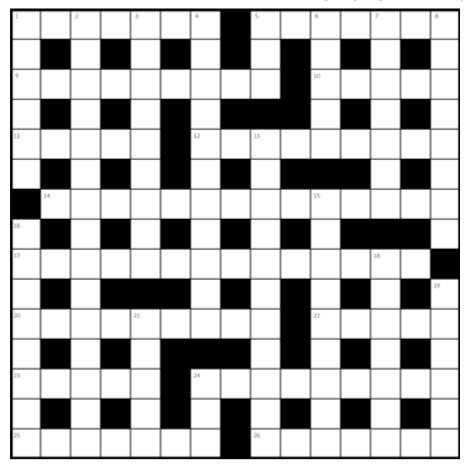


Puzzles

Welcome to our not-so-fiendishly-difficult puzzles page – enough to test your brain, not so much that it will explode from the strain. A moderately difficult sudoku and a Kinross-themed crossword should be enough to accompany your mid-afternoon cup of tea and shortbread.

KINROSSWORD

Test your local knowledge with our crossword, where a number of the clues relate to Kinross and the surrounding area. No prizes – just bragging rights for getting it right. Answers on page 64.



SUDOKU

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ACROSS

- 1 Lots of these entered the Kinross Dog Show (7)
- 5 Cause of obsessive fear or irritation (7)
- 9 Home of a Kinross playgroup(9)
- 10 Unwanted things handed into the CHAS shop (5)
- 11 Short form poetry (5)
- 12 Lockdown problem
- 14 Cause of loch warning signs (4, 5, 5)
- 17 Christian Youth Organisation (3, 4, 7)
- 20 Material that hardens on heating (9)
- 22 One of the nine muses (5)
- 23 First course ever offered by a church? (5)
- 24 Miniature representation (9)
- 25 Himalyan region, with a curry named after it (7)
- 26 To publicly criticise with humour (7)

DOWN

- 1 Easter feast (6)
- 2 Relating to ovaries (7)
- 3 Situation of a man who is ready to dress for his wedding (3, 6)
- 4 Those who reject religion (11)
- 5 Nectar gatherer (3)
- 6 Helpful dog (5)
- 7 Time of day when library may re-open (7)
- 8 Has handed in their notice(8)
- 13 Abstract, notional (11)
- 15 Bait used by Loch Leven anglers (5, 4)
- 16 Proof reader's indication to leave it alone (4, 4)
- 18 Circus toy (7)
- 19 Milnathort coffee grounds(6)
- 21 Unpleasant smell (5)
- 24 Spoil (3)









Notices



Give a Greyhound a Home www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Forever homes needed for rescued greyhounds. Greyhounds are very gentle

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Email: femiejimmyf@aol.com



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

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

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The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling **REVOLYE** 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.

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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.

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

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Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

People who need help to identify and claim the right benefits or 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

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 the *Newsletter* website for latest information: *www.kinrossnewsletter.org*

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date		
October	Friday 18 September	Saturday 3 October		
November	Friday 16 October	Saturday 31 October		

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.

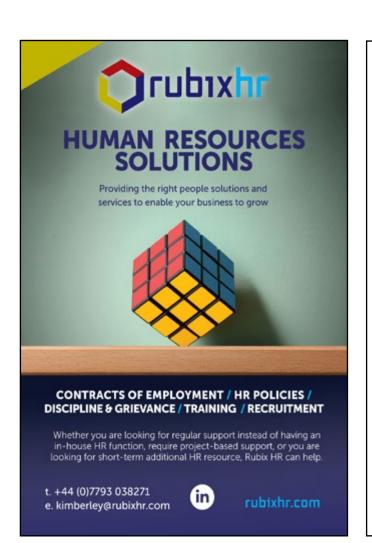
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Zoom Online Classes

Monday

Pilates With Zoe - 9.30am Yoga With Carmelina - 6.00pm Pilates With Zoe - 7.45pm

Wednesday

Pilates With Zoe - 9.30am Meditation With Zoe - 8pm

Thursday

Yoga With Catharine - 6.30pm Yoga With Catharine - 7.45pm

Friday

Pilates With Zoe - 9.30am

Meditation with Zoe will be FREE. Classes will be £7.00, You will need to download the free Zoom app, this can be done on a phone, laptop, computer or tablet. Signing up to classes is essential as you will be sent an invitation 15 minutes before the class starts with log in information.

If you would like to join our online classes please email relax@heartandsoultherapy.co.uk

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Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn term 2020

Term ends: Friday 2 October

Autumn holiday: Monday 5 October - Friday 16 October

Winter term 2020

Term starts: Monday 19 October

In-Service days: Thursday 12 November and Friday 13 November

Term ends: Wednesday 23 December

Christmas holiday: Thursday 24 December - Wednesday 6 January

2021

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.



Volunteer Drivers



Do you need help to attend an appointment at the Health Centre, Hospital, Dentist, etc?

KVG/ROS Volunteer Drivers are here to help. We are COVID aware and take every precaution to ensure your safety.

Contact us on 01577 840196 or email: administrator@kvgandros.org.uk to book a driver and for details of the charges that apply

We have operated in Kinross for over 30 years and in 2019 we were presented with an award from Age Scotland stating - "Presented to KVG and ROS in recognition of Inspirational service for older people in the community".

Registered charity SC 015642

Volunteer Friendly Award Holders

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TRACKS (The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire), a registered Scottish charity and creator of the highly successful Loch Leven Heritage Trail, seeks a Part Time Project Officer (Approx. 10 hours per week) to provide administration, creative and management skills for its wide range of environmental projects.

Candidates should have well developed communication skills, an in-depth knowledge of at least one environmental subject, and be able to negotiate comfortably with landowners, local authorities and statutory bodies. An active interest in the countryside and in the management of the environment is essential. It would also be useful to have had experience in project work, field research, or fundraising. A driving licence and own car is essential.

The Project Officer should ideally be located within or near Kinross-shire; knowledge of the local community is an advantage. The appointed person will report to an enthusiastic and professional committee.

For further information please contact our chairman, Willie Robertson on 07909 884042.

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