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Letter From The Editor

Welcome to the 500th issue of the wonderful *Kinross Newsletter*. From our humble beginnings in 1977 we have grown to become the full size glossy magazine you see today. That's only been possible thanks to the host of dedicated volunteers at the *Newsletter's* inception and to the fantastic teams and contributors who have worked on it and who continue to give their all to make it what it is today. See p37 for more details!

Local businesses have faithfully placed adverts in the *Newsletter* from its early days, knowing that their financial contribution goes back into helping local clubs and groups, supported by the Newsletter Fund.



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The *Newsletter* Team managed to meet up in person this September and say a proper farewell and thank you to Tony Dyson, who worked at

the *Newsletter* for many years; Tony saw it through some of the major structural changes and we were glad to be able to finally give him a proper "send off!"

We are already looking forward and thinking about the next big milestone for the *Newsletter* in a few years' time – its 50th birthday, and we plan to celebrate that in style with a big party!

We aren't the only Kinross institution celebrating an anniversary, either – Kinross Rugby Club have also recently celebrated their 40th birthday with a dinner that I'm sure lived up to everyone's expectations. Read all about it on p44.

We have recently welcomed Green's of Kinross to the High Street in the former Co-op building and wish them every success. Fudge doughnut, anyone?

There is lots happening in Kinross in October and beyond – too much to mention here. See the Diary on p112 for all the events and goings on.

Hannah Phillips, Editor

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

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Thanks



Nicole Janette Tomney would like to very much thank their family and friends who kindly sent flowers, gifts and cards for their Golden Wedding. Thanks again to all.

30 Years At Kinross Centre

Nan Cook would like to say a great big thank you to staff, committee, volunteers, service users and friends of Kinross centre, '... for all the cards, gorgeous flowers, and gifts, which included a beautiful vase, that I received for 30 years service in Kinross Centre. I was overwhelmed and amazed at the generosity and kindness from everyone. The celebrations went on for a few days. I am forever grateful for being so lucky, that I am able to be in a job that is so rewarding and fun. Thank you all again.'

A Community Thank You!

Bouwien Bennet (KLEO) would just like to take this opportunity to thank Jamie Montgomery and his teams from Loch Leven Brewery and the Green Hotel for allowing local community groups to use the beer garden at the Market Park (when the beer garden was not in use) for their activities free of charge.

This has been hugely beneficial for the community over the past few months. People have been able to meet up in groups as this was very often not possible in indoor settings. It really has given people a new lease of life again to be able to meet each other in groups.

Musicians from the Kacophony Orchestra have had weekly sessions playing some tunes and the bigger orchestra met up a few times in the beer garden before they were allowed to go to an indoor venue again. Community Choir Leven Voices was desperate to meet up after so many months of not being able to sing together and the outdoor setting of the beer garden gave people the opportunity to sing in a group without face masks.

To my knowledge the beer garden has also been used for the Primary School Leavers party and various groups have met there for their committee meetings too.

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The book is illustrated by Glasgow artist Rosemary Cunningham and published by the Perth-based Tippermuir Books. It is a reworking of the famous American poem 'The Night Before Christmas' into the Scots language and a Scottish setting. This year's Scots Language Awards ceremony, organised by 'Stand Up For Trad', will be an in-person event held in Dundee. The Scots Bairns Book category is sponsored by the Scottish Government.



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Letters

MP John Nicolson

UNLIKE BILL COOPER (Letters, Sept issue), I generally enjoy reading MP John Nicolson's pieces in the Newsletter. Yes, they are 'personal musings', but Mr Nicolson ties in his thoughts, feelings and opinions with matters of wider significance, such as a piece of legislation required, or society's attitudes, or national or world events.

I was particularly moved by his account of the death of his cat, Rojo, who became known to millions through his photobombing of a parliamentary discussion on the internet. I offer Mr Nicolson my condolences via this letter.

I admire the way Mr Nicolson's pieces are constructed and the quality of his writing – testament, perhaps, to his earlier career as a journalist. His columns tend to be on a single subject and in the nature of a contemplative essay, which makes a change from the reporting style of other representatives' columns. There is room for both kinds. Mr Nicolson's writings give quite an indication of his personality and interests, which is interesting to me as a voter who has no particular political affiliation but rather gives strong consideration to the character of a person standing for election, not just their party's policies.

Eileen Thomas, Kinross

IN LAST MONTH'S Newsletter Bill Cooper suggested that MP John Nicolson, rather than presenting a personal column, should focus on the people of Kinross-shire. Does Mr Cooper know our MP serves ten wards from Alloa to Crieff, and so may need to write one generic article? For him to visit all the wards on his trips home from Westminster and provide up-to-date monthly articles for each one could be too much. Personally I would not expect to be paying my taxes for someone at his level of responsibility to report on the potholes in our roads and other local minutiae.

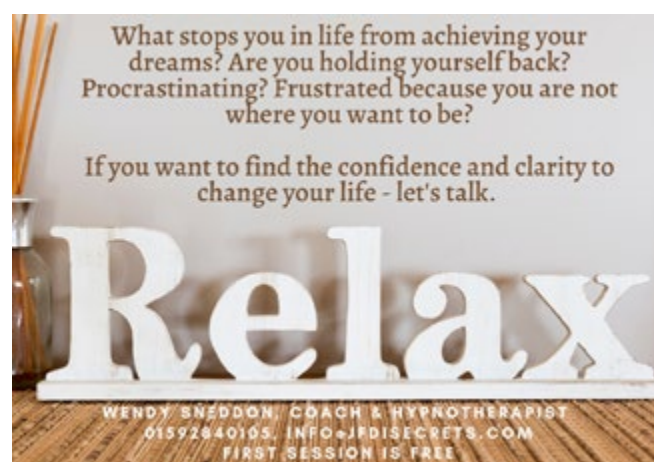
For those who don't know, the governments in the London and Edinburgh parliaments devise and announce their policies and actions, which the opposing political parties query. Perth and Kinross Council's duty is to implement the central government strategies. Their departments, the councillors, and the community councils are the means for us to put our

concerns and thoughts into the system, such as improving Kinross-shire roads.

Besides his day-to-day MP duties John Nicolson is involved with various political issues which he specialises in from his background (see Wikipedia). Some MPs are less conscientious, more intent on adding to their income, and treating their constituents only as voter fodder at elections. Jon Nicolson does in my opinion respect his constituents. Writing about his life reveals his humanity, so recognising that we all do have problems; an early step in tackling them.

In comparison, I recall an MP a long time ago who looked after himself. He was noted for liking 'a wee refreshment', and it was rumoured that he preferred being interviewed only by the female journalists in his London abode.

Robert Walker, Kinross-shire



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Community Hero Nan Cook To Meet The Queen

NAN COOK OF THE Kinross Centre has been nominated as a local community hero, and will be presented to The Queen at the opening of the Scottish Parliament.

Every Member of the Scottish Parliament was asked to nominate one of their constituents who have made an extraordinary contribution to the lives of other people living in Scotland locally or nationally during the Covid-19 pandemic. MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife Alex Rowley chose to nominate Nan for the work she does for older Kinross residents through the Kinross Centre.

Nan has been invited to contribute to the Parliament's Opening Ceremony - an event which will take place in early October to formally mark the new session of the Parliament.

Nan said: 'I had an email saying that Alex Rowley MSP had nominated me as a Local Hero and I would be invited to be part of the Opening Ceremony to mark the sixth session of the Scottish Parliament on 2 October 2021.

'It wasn't until I received another email that I realised Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay will also be in attendance. To say the least, I am gobsmacked.

'It is however a great honour that I can represent Kinross Centre in this way, As I've said many times, we have a fantastic team of staff, committee and volunteers and I hope I can represent them well.'

Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, Alison Johnstone MSP said: 'As parliamentarians we have all heard directly of the difficult circumstances that many people in our communities have faced because of this pandemic. But alongside this, we have heard so many uplifting stories of people and communities coming together to protect those most vulnerable.

'As we begin this new session of Par-

liament, we are filled with renewed purpose, hope and determination to make things better for people in Scotland. Therefore, it is fitting that we can use this occasion to tell the story of those across Scotland who have provided that optimism for others.

'As we seek to recover and rebuild our country, I am proud that the Parliament can play its part in celebrating and honouring those that have made such a positive difference during challenging times.'

Alex Rowley MSP told the Newsletter: 'I have nominated Nan Cook in recognition of the work she leads in Kinross Day Centre and the amazing role Nan and her team have played throughout the Covid period looking out for older people and being at the heart of the community for anyone who needed help.

'Nan's approach of kindness and the desire to help has built one of the best models of older people support that I have come across anywhere and I would replicate the model into every town. The activities within the centre are great but when Covid came along under Nan's leadership the team were able to ensure the support transferred into the community and to people's homes and always with a smile and reassurance.'

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The Council has engaged consulting

engineers, RPS, to develop proposals for a flood protection scheme in the area. RPS have undertaken detailed modelling work to understand the risk of flooding in South Kinross from the watercourses noted above. They have also considered a wide range of potential options to manage the identified risk of flooding including walls and embankments, dredging, a diversion channel, flood storage and natural flood management. The recommended scheme includes a series of new

flood walls and embankments, culvert upgrades and a flood storage area.

If you are interested in knowing more about the proposed scheme, the Council recently set up a new webpage and issued a community newsletter. Details of the proposed scheme can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/southkinrossfloodscheme. If you require further information, please visit the webpage or contact the project team directly at SKinrossFloodScheme@pkc.gov.uk.

MARK RUNS FOR DIABETES

KINROSS'S MARK CATHRO is running the 2021 London Marathon for Diabetes UK on 3 October 2021. Mark has fundraised mostly for Cancer Research UK, cycling 300 miles last September in 14 days and running 5km every day in April, raising £3980. This will be his fifth fundraiser since 2017, and to date he has raised almost £7000 for charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, the Samaritans and Cancer Research UK.

Mark has always wanted to raise money for Diabetes UK: his sister Emma was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was 8 years old. He had always promised her that he'd fundraise for Diabetes UK, but he wanted to save it for something big, like the London Marathon!

Mark is a volleyball player who started playing for Kinross Volleyball Club and went on play for the City of Edinburgh, with one senior international Scotland cap. Mark was only able to run again from April 2021 following a nasty ankle injury and surgery in September 2020. He has also managed



to lose 26kg in weight after putting on weight during lockdown (who didn't!) With his ankle now fully fit, he is ready for his biggest challenge yet, the London Marathon. Having applied over a year ago, Mark was finally given a space in the marathon due to a cancellation and only had his place confirmed on 30 June, giving him just 95 days to prepare. The longest distance he had run by then was a half marathon. Mark is relishing the opportunity to show what he is made of.

Mark told the *Newsletter*, 'Knowing that the £7000 I've raised for various charities could have a positive impact on someone I love, or someone you love; that's why I do these challenges and why I'll continue to do them.'

I'm taking on my biggest challenge so far, and I can't wait!

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Two days later he signed up for a celebrancy course. Fast forward a mere 6 weeks and a lot of hard graft later and he qualified... with flying colours. It certainly helped that he has been on the speaking circuit for many years. And as such, he understands the importance and power of words, delivery and engagement.

Tall, beardy and burly, Andrew doesn't exactly look like your traditional celebrant. And his approach is also a breath of fresh air, placing the couple at the very heart of everything he does rather than going through a tried and tested format. He really takes the time and makes the effort to get to know them, what they like, what matters to them and how they want the ceremony to be delivered. Friends and families can be involved in proceedings – or not – as desired. As can rituals and readings and anything else that contributes to making the occasion truly personal and special.





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In 2017 Andy Middlemiss took a tour of regimental veterans to the battlefields of Passchendaele, in Belgium, in the Centenary year of 2017. Passchendaele was one of the worst battles of WW1 in which thousands died on both sides. On that visit, Jo and Andy collected several acorns from the site of the battlefield, and planted them on returning home to Kinross. Two acorns successfully cultivated as seedlings, after which Milnathort Golf Club member Charlie Hamilton took them to his garden, and raised them to be what can be seen below after 4 years growth; oaks are very slow growers.

After many discussions it was decided to donate the trees to Milnathort Golf Club and that they should be handed over to the Junior Section – as custodians of the Club and the trees – for the benefit of future generations.

Club Juniors watch members Charlie Hamilton and Andy Middlemiss dig in the first oak



Club Captain, Jan Gibson, helps a junior member unveil the Passchendaele plaque

The preferred location was agreed two years ago, between Jason the greenkeeper, Mike Darrah (then greens convener) and the Club management leaders. Sandy Fleming and his son, a

signwriter, kindly donated the lovely sign. Home on leave happened to be Captain Calum Duncan 1SCOTS – a serving soldier,

who had been on the Somme tour with Andy's colleagues in 2016. Father Kenny was a Club Captain – so the two Captains met up at the ceremony!

The Club are chewing over renaming the 13th hole. The 13th and the 4th are both currently called Hawthorns. The suggestions up for discussion are Passchendaele, The Two Oaks and Twin Oaks. The name will be decided for next season when new cards are printed.



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GLIDING IS VERY MUCH a family affair at the Scottish Gliding Centre and we've been catching up with our very own inter-generational gliding family!

David, Graham and Ewan make up three generations of the Fraser family, all glider pilots and all passionate about their sport. We talked to them about their gliding journeys and asked them to share some of their most memorable experiences in the air.

Grandad David has been gliding for over 60 years and still gets up in the air with his son Graham on occasion. David started his gliding journey with the Air Training Corp 137 Squadron in Ayr in 1950 and remembers his first glider flight in a Sedberg at RAF Dumfries well. Incidentally, we still have one flying here at the Scottish Gliding Centre.

After marrying and the birth of his son Graham, David found he had little time for gliding. One day when Graham was particularly noisy at feeding time, David made his escape to a nearby gliding club and he was hooked again and eventually went on to be the chief flying instructor. By the time Graham was 2 or 3, he was flying with his Dad and he too became a gliding enthusiast.

At 84, David doesn't fly solo any longer but does go gliding with his son Graham as often as he can. We are in no doubt his enthusiasm for gliding has inspired not only his own family, but many others besides.

His son Graham is Managing Director of Frasertech and has been gliding almost all his life and credits his dad with his love of the sport for bringing him along to glide when he was barely walking. 'My early memories all revolve around the fun and excitement of going flying with my Dad and his easy nature and encouragement over the years, holds a very special place in my heart.'

Graham's home site is the Scottish gliding Centre and he claims it's one of the best places to fly in the UK. Graham learned to fly in a K13, a lovely glider to fly with, a great view out the window and very forgiving and easy to fly. By today's standards, perhaps not a very good performing glider, but a great training aircraft. His early solo flights were in the SGC's K8 which had a plank of wood for a seat. Graham has a view that this was deliberate, so pilots wouldn't want to fly it for too long due to the pain in your

backside after about 30 minutes in the air!

He took to competing in the mid 90's and continues to compete at the Scottish Interclub which he describes as a friendly and great natured competition with a focus on encouraging pilots of all abilities to just have a go, with more emphasis on fun and enjoyment, rather than competition.

Graham tries to visit SGC around 2 or 3 times per month, depending on the weather conditions and is also one of their volunteer tug pilots, taking over those duties once a month or so. So, if you have ever taken one of the Air Experience flights, you may well have met him.

Graham, like many others, missed the club during lockdown. 'Ewan, my son, is now very keen on gliding, which has encouraged me to go to the club more often even if the weather is not so good. I am getting back into just enjoying being at Portmoak which is great. It allows me more time to help out, get involved and get to meet more of the members which is something I had lost and missed.'

Graham believes that gliding is an amazing way to experience flight in its purest forms and a great opportunity to make life-long friends.

Just like his father and grandfather, Ewan Fraser has been bitten by the gliding bug. His first flight was a gift from his Dad Graham on his fourth birthday. Now 15, Ewan went solo earlier in the year at the age of 14 in the club K21, he is now working towards getting cleared to fly the club's single seater and starting work on his Bronze endorsement.

He credits his father and grandfather with inspiring him to take up the sport but wishes he had more time to devote to it. Ewan is one of many younger Cadet members at the Scottish Gliding Centre who get the opportunity to be part of an established and friendly club who inspire and advise younger pilots.

'I love gliding, my first flight felt really surreal. The freedom you feel up in the air is unlike anything else and I would totally recommend it to anyone.'

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Queen's Award For Broke Not Broken

THE VOLUNTEERS OF Broke not Broken have worked hard before and during the Covid-19 pandemic to tackle poverty in Kinross-shire. They have now been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for their efforts – the most prestigious award given to volunteer groups across the UK to recognise exceptional service within their communities.

Broke not Broken Kinross is one of 241 volunteer-led groups UK wide and among 18 in Scotland to receive the award this year. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their local communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and recipients are announced each year on 2 June, the anniversary of The Queen's Coronation. Award winners this year include diverse volunteer groups from all across the UK.

Broke not Broken Kinross received the award from the Lord Lieutenant Stephen Leckie on Tuesday 7 September in Kinross Community Campus. He presented the group with a certificate, personally signed by HM the Queen, and a large, heavy commemorative crystal. They are the third volunteer group to ever receive the prestigious award in Perth and Kinross and are now entitled to use the Queen's Award emblem.

Perth and Kinross Lord Lieutenant, Stephen Leckie said: 'I could not be more delighted for the Broke Not Broken Kinross team, and I offer my very sincere congratulations and very warm thanks for all they do. This is truly a wonderful day for the team. I know too our Provost is equally thrilled. It reflects well on the whole of Perth and Kinross that we have such people as these volunteers in our Community, prepared to go the extra mile for clients and their families. The volunteers at the charity are hard working, modest, selfless people, with inspiring leaders, who bring change to many peoples' lives for the better. They have brought joy, hope, contact and happiness to many, many people

of Kinross-shire. For that, and for their pre Pandemic service to those who are disadvantaged across the Southern Tayside community, Broke not Broken Kinross is very well worthy of Her Majesty's recognition with the award of a QAVS.'

Provost Dennis Melloy said: 'I am delighted to see this fantastic group receive this well-deserved award in recognition of all their hard work, even throughout the difficult times we've all experienced during the pandemic. The difference they continue to make in the lives of people in need and to tackle the effects of poverty is commendable. Well done and congratulations to everyone involved in running this fantastic voluntary service.'

Chairman, Annie McCormack, said: 'Although starting life as principally a food bank, Broke Not Broken Kinross (BNB) have, over five years, evolved and developed a range of linked projects, based on working with service users, including a counselling service, advice hub, sports club funding, family away days, Winter coat schemes, cookery classes, healthy eating initiatives, Recovery café, funding for addiction intervention, gardening and growing produce, as well as hardship funding. In these initiatives, they work closely with many other Community groups, such as The Men's Shed, Kinross Rotary Club, SSAFA – The Armed Forces Charity, Kinross Day Centre, local schools and churches, to raise awareness, fundraise and provide speaking event opportunities.

'We could not be more proud, honoured and thrilled to be recognised by Her Majesty in this way. For our small team of volunteers, this is a very well deserved reward for their hundreds of hours of work with people in our Community. It is very humbling indeed. We love doing what we do, and ask for no reward of course, but to get Royal recognition is amazing. Broke not Broken, Kinross QAVS...it sounds wonderful!'

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2021 Fossoway Gathering

LAST HELD IN May 2019 after a 13-year absence and postponed in 2020 due to Lockdown, the Fossoway Gathering came back with a bang on Saturday 4 September. It was worth the wait!

Having been deprived of opportunities to meet socially face-to-face with neighbours and friends for so long, Fossoway residents turned out in huge numbers on what proved to be a grand day out. Joined by visitors from across Kinross-shire and further afield, many prompted by learning of the event early in the day on BBC Radio Scotland's Out of Doors programme, the 2021 Fossoway Gathering was a great community celebration.

Opened by Eilidh Doyle, Scotland's most-decorated track and field athlete, a children's fancy dress parade marked the start of a packed programme of activity in the main arena, including dog obedience, equestrian, dance and junior touch rugby displays, children's races and the start and finish of a well-supported Fun Run organised by Kinross Road Runners. Musical entertainment was provided by our 'resident piper', Longstay and the KYTHE Band.

A wide range of volunteer-run and commercial catering and refreshment options provided sustenance and relaxation. The Fossoway Church run tea tent was constantly busy. The PTA sold out of burgers and hotdogs. The ice cream supplies were



Photo: Shivali Shah

exhausted before the end of the day. And in the background the squeals and laughter of children and young people enjoying the fun fair, pillow fights, Farmer Dawes' animals and so much more.

Apart from providing a fantastic day out, the core purpose of the Gathering is to strengthen community engagement, providing local groups an opportunity to promote their activities and encourage more residents to join and

support them. More than 20 community organisations filled seven marques, numerous gazebos and additional outdoor space, providing a fantastic range of wares and activities for all ages. By all accounts they enjoyed a highly profitable day too, generating significant funds to support their ongoing activities.

Jim Duffy, Chair of The Fossoway Gathering Committee said, 'None of this could happen without huge effort and support.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of individuals and businesses who boosted our funds through advertising and the donation of supplies and so many raffle prizes. Volunteers from Rotary did sterling work managing traffic and parking.

'Thanks to all of them and to all those who participated in any way to



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the success of the day. We are grateful also for welcome grant funding provided by the Fossoway Community Benefit 'Hydro' Fund.

'Special thanks to the dedicated volunteers of the Fossoway Gathering Committee who made it all possible. Their planning and hard work over many months



was rewarded by the success of the event. Anyone interested in volunteering with us will find a warm welcome and fun and friendship along the way. Contact us at fossowaygathering@gmail.com. Keep in touch with us on Facebook @Fossoway-Gathering.'





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YOUTH BRING LIVE MUSIC TO KINROSS



ON SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER local residents were treated to a concert of Young Talent in the Green Hotel Courtyard. The concert was organised by KLEO and was in aid of Help Musicians (Scotland), the only national charity which provides financial and professional support to musicians in need.

This lovely afternoon concert was opened by Kinross High School Chamber Group who played 'Making Woopy' by Donaldson, followed by the Small Kacophony band playing a jazz selection by Fred Stuger. The concert featured senior past and present Kinross High School pupils who entertained us with a wonderful mix of music genres from jazz, traditional, light classics, popular songs and film music. All performances were of a very high standard and included a passionate 'Por Una Cabeza' by Carlos Gardel ('Scent of a Woman'), moving 'Remembrances' by John Williams ('Schindler's List'), beautifully performed 'Reverie' by Debussy and energising 'Hysteria' by Muse for cello and electric guitar. The reflective guitar performance of 'Playford Dances' (duo guitar and mandolin) and a guitar solo performance of traditional songs provid-



ed a lovely contrast. In the concert finale Kinross's Guy Bathgate, a jazz student at Leeds Conservatoire, presented a beautiful song cycle, finishing with Beth Pollock with the legendary 'Starry, Starry Night'. Bouwien Bennett said 'It was wonderful to see so many talented local musicians performing live in the beautiful surroundings of the courtyard of the Green Hotel. This was a lovely event supported by KLEO, and hopefully there will be more to follow in the future.'

The pandemic hit the arts hard and was tough on young musicians who couldn't enjoy music groups or orchestras for over a year. Music teacher Sharon Doyle commented, 'The con-

cert was a wonderful opportunity for the young musicians of Kinross-shire to perform to a live audience in a relaxed setting. The string chamber group has been rehearsing outside of school since June, as restrictions have not allowed for group music making in school, and the concert gave us a welcome focus. It was lovely to be able to share the talent and joy those young people bring to their music with their families, friends and the community'.

The audience enjoyed the concert and showed great generosity by donating £279.45 to Help Musicians. The Green Hotel was very supportive in organising this event and KLEO would like to thank the hotel management, David Crowe in particular, for their support of this special annual event.

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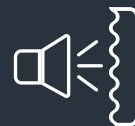
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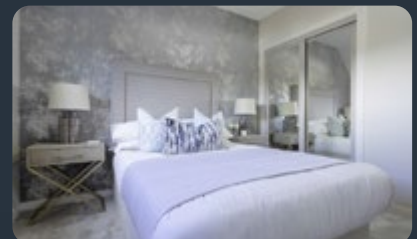
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LOCAL KINROSS RESIDENTS have been enjoying sharing their plants and seeds with others, and chatting using a Facebook group set up by Anita Mackenzie Mills. Nearly 700 members now use the group to ask gardening questions, share photos and above all to share their plants and seeds.

Anita told the *Newsletter* how it all began.

'Just over five years ago I was enjoying gardening at a very amateur level, but noticing how much was wasted. If I planted seeds and they all came up, I had too many and they ended up on the compost. I decided to set up a Facebook group to add some friends, to see if I could share some of my excess. Within a few hours it had expanded to people I didn't know – there was definitely demand in the area!



'Although I called it a 'swap' at first, I really wanted generosity to be at its heart, and so changed the name to 'share and swap'.

In past years people posted in the group if they had plants to share, and invited folk to pop over to get them (some still prefer to do this). This year Marion arrived in Kinross, having moved from an area where she had been involved in a plant sharing hub and suggested it might work here. Amanda, a font of gardening know-how from the fantastic Potager Garden in Kinross got involved, and together we set up a sharing hub at St Paul's Episcopal Church.'

The group is all about giving things away, whether it is plants and seeds, or just advice and encouragement. The generous atmosphere makes for a really positive local group. Anyone local is welcome to join. The group simply ask that you keep on topic, avoid advertising, and treat each other with respect.

If you want to take a plant, and have nothing to share yet don't worry. You can pay it forward when you are ready. If you aren't on Facebook just share your excess plants at the hub. It's likely that the physical hub will close shortly for the winter months, but it will be back next spring, and the Facebook group is there all year round.



People are asked to leave their labelled plants in the tray outside the meeting room, and post in the group to tell people what is there. In addition to the plants and seeds, there has been a lot of plant container sharing too which is hopefully saving some plastic from landfill.

Anita has negotiated a discount on seeds from a small UK supplier who gives to charity with each pack bought, and is open to relevant gardening related 'deals' that will benefit the members.

Amanda is now offering some gardening workshops at the Potager to members although spaces have filled up fast.

www.facebook.com/groups/plant-shareswap

Portmoak Apple Day

AFTER TWO YEARS OF having to cancel due to Covid-19, at last Portmoak Apple Day returns in 2021! The event will take place on **Sunday 3 October**, in the orchard opposite Portmoak parish church.

The organisers have taken special care to adhere to all Covid-19 safety measures and are delighted to have Andrew Lear, aka appletreeman back to help you identify what apples are growing in your gardens. Bring an apple or two with you to be identified, as well as a twig and leaves from your tree.

If you have lots of apples you can even bring them with you and turn them into juice!

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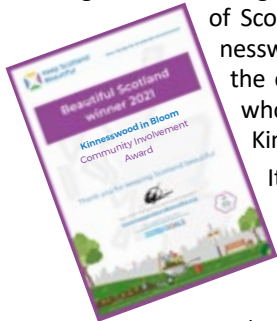
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KINNESSWOOD RECEIVED A Gold and Community Involvement Award in the Beautiful Scotland Awards just before *Newsletter* went to press.

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It was a tremendous effort and very deserving of the awards. Kinnesswood is looking wonderful and it's great to see it achieve these fantastic awards thanks to their hardworking



team of green-fingered helpers who put so much effort into making their village look so wonderful.

Juliette Camburn, Community Projects Officer said 'Congratulations to all involved in Kinnesswood in Bloom! Please pass on our heart-felt thanks.'

The Beautiful Scotland initiative provides an opportunity for groups to compete for a range of prestigious awards and certificates, believing that healthy competition serves to improve the standard and encourage the participants to strive for excellence in their submissions.



A planted cart and wildflower garden in Gamekeepers Road, Kinnesswood. Photo: Eileen Thomas

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The Long Spoon Larder began as a business on 30 October 2020, and the shop opened its doors a couple of weeks later at 157 High Street.

Proprietor Donna Park said: We are delighted with progress in our first

year and look forward to the year ahead where we will be growing popular product lines and introducing new eco friendly/ local products.

We have had lots of highs and lows in the first year, which is to be expected, but our favourite part has been getting to meet so many great people whose continued support is very much appreciated. We are looking forward to the year ahead and growing our lovely team.'

Doughnut Miss Greens of Kinross!



CELEBRATING THEIR OPENING on Kinross High Street on Friday 24 September, Greens of Kinross opened their doors at 6am to welcome customers in to see their new store.

The store is open 6am - 10pm, 7 days a week. Fisher & Donaldson award winning cakes are flying off the shelves!

There is lots more on offer in store - from Yellow Cafe's Larder and Sandwich Bar Delicious cheesecakes (Lotus or Mixed Berry?), Skwishee, many new locks products and much more coming soon.

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Councillor Callum Purves

Lathro Meadows Playpark

Persimmon recently started building a temporary play park next to the SUDS pond at the new Lathro Meadows development.

This has been a long and drawn out process. Persimmon were originally meant to build a play park in what is now 'phase 2' of the site, but later determined this would be too dangerous as children would be playing next to building works.

They then applied for and received permission to build a temporary play park instead. This was located next to the SUDS pond. This was to be completed before any houses were occupied, which clearly did not happen.

Earlier this year, I was advised that this temporary play park would not be built as there were 'health and safety... matters that make its delivery in the location agreed undesirable' due to the proximity to 'construction activity and SUDS drainage infrastructure'. Instead development of the permanent play park in phase 2 would be expedited.

A few weeks ago, to the surprise of both local residents and councillors, construction commenced on the temporary play park. When I enquired about this, I was advised that it was now deemed to be too dangerous to expedite the phase 2 play park—the very same reason given for moving to the temporary play park a few years ago.

What I cannot understand, however, is if it was deemed too dangerous to build a play park next to a SUDS pond earlier this year, why is it deemed safe now? There are also concerns that Persimmon may never build the permanent play park and that the temporary location will become permanent.

I have made representation to Council officials on these points and, at the time of writing, have yet to receive a response.

I am keen to see a permanent play park delivered for children living on the Lathro Meadows site, but it is vital that this is built in a location that is safe. I will continue to seek a resolution to this problem.

Balgedie 30mph Limits

The long requested 30 mph limits on Easter and Wester Balgedie have now been installed along the A911. This is something that residents have been asking for for some time.

Unfortunately, the contractors installing the limits did not build to the approved scheme and instead installed a 30 mph speed limit all the way from Loch Leven's Larder to Kinnesswood, which defeats the purpose of having lower limits in residential areas.

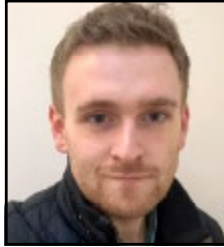
I have been assured that this will be rectified in the near future with 30 mph limits restricted to the hamlets themselves and a 40 mph buffer limit in between.

A911 Scotland to Fife Boundary

I am continuing to press for a reduction to the speed limit on the A911 between Scotlandwell and the Fife boundary. This is something that local residents have been requesting for many years, but to date there has been no action.

The Council and the police are not currently supportive of a reduction in the speed limit as they do not feel that the road layout warrants it. This fails to understand the problems caused by the sharp bend in particular and does not take due cognisance of the many accidents that residents have recorded—even if these do not appear on official police records.

It is very disappointing that this issue remains unresolved. Very sadly, there was a fatal motorcycle accident in the summer. We cannot wait for another serious or fatal accident before taking action.



Councillor Callum Purves

Jim Fairlie, MSP

WORK IN PARLIAMENT over the past month has been varied as usual and included an opportunity to speak in a debate on one of my favourite subjects – and one that is of huge importance to the local economy of Kinross-shire – Scotland's Food & Drink.

Whether it is award-winning butchers, farm shops or artisan bakeries, Scottish produce is now recognised, celebrated and – above all – cooked, eaten and enjoyed throughout this country and across the globe.

The link between tourism and food is a relatively new one for us Scots. In the past, tourists would certainly come to Scotland for the scenery, the castles and the history. But they did not come because of our reputation as a nation of gourmet food lovers.

And yet we have always grown, raised, caught, harvested and landed some of the finest produce in the world. And some of the best of it right here on our own doorstep.

As we were talking about the importance of quality food, I didn't miss the opportunity to highlight the issue of frozen food in Perth & Kinross schools. I called for public kitchens to be more locally based and described the current policy of Perth & Kinross Council as going against everything that we were talking about in that debate.

During a session of questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery I was able to highlight the work of local community organisations over the course of the pandemic and I asked what plans there are to sustain and utilise the skills and resource that these community groups offer.

Many groups here in Kinross-shire – as across Scotland – have done a phenomenal amount of work over the last 18 months or so.

These groups mobilised volunteers to help with everything from food shopping to delivering prescriptions and to, quite simply, being someone to talk to. As well as recognising their efforts, I want to ensure that the experience these groups gained and the connections that were developed, continue to benefit their communities.

I wanted to find out what plans the Scottish Government has to sustain and utilise the skills and resources that these community groups have to offer so it was good to hear an assurance that they want to focus on a community-based approach to Covid recovery and to sustain many of the examples of good community initiative that have come forward during the pandemic.

Looking at the longer lasting impacts of the virus on individuals as well as on communities, I have raised issues relating to Long Covid in the Chamber on behalf of constituents, so I really welcome the announcement of a new £10 million Long Covid Support Fund to help health boards respond to the condition.

Long Covid is a condition which is still not fully understood and manifests itself in a variety of ways amongst those it affects. The flexibility that has been built in to the fund, therefore, is really important, allowing its use to be tailored to local needs and circumstances.

As a member of the Covid Recovery Committee, I made a point of attending the inaugural meeting of the Long Covid Cross Party Group to hear concerns and issues raised by sufferers and told them I was listening to what they had say. Clearly, so are the Scottish Government.



Jim Fairlie, MSP

Councillor Willie Robertson

School Roll:

I have asked on several occasions if there will be capacity in our schools in Milnathort and Kinross in the next few years. Parents are worried that with the current levels of house building any capacity will be quickly used up. Please see the information below that I have from the Council's education department.

Milnathort Primary School has an official capacity of 257 over 9 classrooms. The roll for 2021/22 and the following 4 years is shown below.



	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total	214	207	206	204	209
Capacity	257	257	257	257	257
Occ %	83%	81%	80%	79%	81%

Kinross Primary School has an official capacity of 566 over 18 classrooms.

The roll for 2021/22 and the following 4 years is shown below.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Total	471	436	409	388	360
Capacity	566	566	566	566	566
Occ %	83%	77%	72%	69%	64%

The figures above do not include housebuilding.

Kinross PS roll will have sufficient capacity for pupils from housebuilding.

Milnathort PS may be at or close to capacity due to housebuilding, however there is a 10th classroom available which could be considered to accommodate catchment children.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

Many of you, like me will enjoy using our heritage trail. This is the first year I have had no complaints from users about overgrown vegetation on the path. The verges on the majority of the 13 mile route are cut by Nature Scot (formerly SNH) volunteers. The rest of the trail is cut by the Council. I would like to extend my thanks to the Nature Scot volunteers for all the work they do (both seen and unseen) to keep the trail in good order.

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Lathro Park

I have been told about the sunken road drains around the estate and have asked the Council to get them repaired asap. Collapsed road drains are a danger to both drivers and cyclists. If you spot any please let me know.

Green Routes

The side roads west of Milnathort and Glenfarg have now been converted to Green Routes which means the speed limit reduces from 60mph to a maximum of 40mph. Green routes are designated as walking and cycling friendly roads. The addition of these popular cycling/walking roads means that the majority of our rural side roads are now Green Routes.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Liz Smith, MSP

THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY SESSION

is now well underway and I am now in the preliminary stages of bringing forward a Member's Bill on outdoor education. I am very pleased that my Member's Bill has now officially moved to the consultation stage. Over the summer its principles gained widespread support across several sectors and with families and young people themselves. The bill aims to provide a legislative entitlement for all young people between the ages of 12-16 to experience residential outdoor education.



At present in Scotland, section 6 of the 1980 Education Act empowers local authorities to set up, among other things, outdoor education centres and to assist with the provision of the opportunities afforded by them. However, we know that many young people never get the chance to participate in outdoor education and I believe that situation must be rectified.

There are many reasons why I believe that outdoor education is so crucial for the educational development of young people. It has a proven track-record of success in developing life skills such as leadership and confidence and employers and further and higher education institutions greatly value these skills, in addition, outdoor education articulates with all of the principles of the Curriculum for Excellence.

Unfortunately, many outdoor education centres are threatened with closure because of the financial challenges facing them; losing them would not only mean a loss of bed space but also the very considerable experience of the staff employed in them. My Bill, if passed, will not only deliver enhanced educational opportunities but also ensure sustainability for the outdoor education centre.

My Bill has received some significant and welcome endorsements from people and organisations including; Dave Spence, Chief Executive of Scottish Outdoor Education Centres, Katie Docherty, Chief Executive of Scouts Scotland, Youthlink Scotland, Eileen Prior from the parent group Connect, Keir Bloomer, one of the architects of the Curriculum for Excellence, Martin Davidson of the Outward Bound Trust and Alan Smith, Chairman of Loch Ken Trust.

I was delighted to read that Perth and Kinross Council in conjunction with the Gannochy Trust are continuing their financial partnership approach to funding youth work across Perth and Kinross so young people from Kinross-shire to Blairgowrie and Aberfeldy to Crieff can benefit from the experience and support of youth work. This is really good news and provides much needed support at a time when our young people really need it the most.

As always if any local residents want to get in contact regarding any issue please email me at elizabeth.smith.msp@parliament.scot or you can call my office on 01738 553990.

Liz Smith, MSP

Councillor Richard Watters

Climate Change Commission

In June 2019, the Council approved the motion I presented that committed the council to lead by example in tackling the Climate Emergency. At the end of August, Councillors approved a Report that tasked officers with setting up the Perth and Kinross Climate Change Commission (PKCCC).



I was humbled to be named as the opposition representative on the commission—along with the leader of the council as the only two elected members. We will be joined by the Council's new Chief Executive, Thomas Glen, who will be in post soon. There are already numerous Climate Change Commissions set up, mostly in cities, including Edinburgh and Leeds.

The commission will consist of

- 6 individuals from the private sector, giving Business and Construction representation
- 6 individuals from the public sector including the council representation mentioned
- 6 individuals from the third sector, including Climate Cafes and local sustainability groups
- 6 Experts from various groups that are key to meeting our Net Zero commitment by 2045.

Young people will be disproportionately affected by the impacts of the climate emergency, so both the independent and SNP groups on the council felt it was important that young people should be as equally represented on the commission as the other groups. So an amendment was tabled to ensure that 25% of the commission should be made up from this group. This proposal was incorporated into the motion by the leader of the council. Individuals can fulfil multiple roles on the commission, e.g., a young person could be an expert and work for a public body and fill three of the criteria for the commission.

It was also proposed to set up a 'Young Person's subgroup' that will represent young people throughout the area.

One of the main roles of the commission will be to scrutinise the initial roadmap to NetZero that is due to come before the council later this year. The council is directly responsible for only 3% of the CO2 emissions for the area, but the council could influence 70% of emissions. The commission will need to engage with the wider business community and with all households to ensure that we meet our carbon reduction goals on our way to 2045.

Frozen meals for our schoolchildren

I have previously written about the production of meals for Kinross-shire schools being moved to a central production unit in Dundee. This unit will produce frozen meals for our children that will then be distributed to our local schools.

Dundee and Angus council currently implement the frozen meals. Kitchen staff and parents there have recently raised questions in the press over the quality of the frozen meals. Those questions raise similar concerns about the quality of food that will soon be served to children within our own schools. Those questions were also raised by SNP councillors in committee — when the Tories and Lib Dems voted for the frozen meals.

Councillor Richard Watters

John Nicolson, MP

FOR THE LAST FEW weeks, the Commons has been in recess. This is the chance for MPs, without the pressure of urgent votes in the lobbies, to return to their constituencies and spend time. It's my favourite part of the parliamentary year. Ochil and South Perthshire is an extraordinarily beautiful constituency and is home to some truly remarkable people. This summer I've met quite a few of them.



Two of my visits really stood out for me. One was to PADS - the Perthshire Abandoned Dogs Society. I was apprehensive about visiting. Kennels for abandoned animals can be grim places with rows of cruelly treated pets staring dolefully out or barking excitedly, begging visitors for a second chance at a happier life. For the old, the infirm and the ugly, that second chance often doesn't come and their stay ends unhappily.

I needn't have worried. PADS is a joyful place. A community



of carers look after a wee community of dogs with a lifetime of stories. There are rescued dogs; dogs abandoned on the streets of Romania; dogs who have outlived their owners; some whose owners have become too frail to care for them; and yes, sadly, victims of ill-treatment. None are ever put down. All are loved and groomed, fed well and exercised. And make no mistake, if you want to take one home, it's the prospective human

companion, not the dog who gets put through his or her paces. PADS are discerning about who they allow to adopt their canine charges.

I fell for a dignified chihuahua with a direct gaze. If it weren't for my lifestyle with endless travelling, I suspect I'd have been researching nutritious dog food recipes by now.

Another memorable trip was to visit a remarkable woman called Kate Sainsbury and her son Louis who hosted me at Louis' new home, the Appletree Community. Louis contracted meningitis as a baby and has lived with a severe mental impairment ever since. His mother is his staunchest advocate and a ferocious champion for the rights of people living with disabilities. Louis's social services care over the years hasn't always been ideal and Kate believes that heavy-handed restraint used on him has left Louis traumatised. Kate's dream has always been to provide him with his own place and as much independence as possible. A financial settlement from the hospital where he was born has allowed her to fulfil her dream.

Appletree is an oasis. Set around a beautifully planted courtyard, it has been adapted from existing old stone farm buildings. Colours are Louis's carefully chosen choice. There are living quarters for a care team. And—as Kate told me when I joined them for birthday cake, jelly and ice cream—she hopes that others will join Louis and come to live in and share this special place. Thanks to his tenacious, fearless Mum, Louis now has a home for the rest of his life. I left with a bit of a lump in my throat.

John Nicolson, MP

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Wildlife Crime

OPERATION WINGSPAN, a year-long campaign to tackle wildlife crime, working with partners including the Partnership Against Wildlife Crime (PAW) Scotland, has seen considerable success and is now entering its final phase.

This involves officers working on the persecution of fresh water pearl mussels and tackling all aspects of poaching, including hare coursing. As with previous phases, it will involve a combination of enforcement action and education.

Overall, the campaign has involved officers engaging with a number of organisations, including the agricultural community, ranger services, land managers and game keepers with the aim of educating the wider public and encouraging them to report wildlife crime to the police.

Detective Sergeant Billy Telford, Police Scotland's Wildlife Crime Co-ordinator, said: *'We have many internationally renowned species that attract thousands of nature lovers and tourists every year to Scotland, but many crimes against wildlife are cruel and barbaric.'*

'From hunting deer, hares or badgers with dogs, to using poisons or snares on protected birds, and protecting the critically endangered freshwater pearl mussel, Operation Wingspan is raising awareness and encouraging people to report this kind of crime.'

Phase One saw officers tackling the trade in endangered species and included visits to over 300 business premises, such as antique dealers, retro shops and pet shops across Scotland to advise owners and provide information about potential contraventions under The Control of Trade in Endangered Species (COTES) 2018 regulations. It resulted in the seizure and recovery of alligator heads from across the country.

Phase Two tackled badger persecution, working with the charity Scottish Badgers, to highlight that badgers and their setts are protected, that it is an offence to harm or interfere with them and that badger baiting is illegal. Where ongoing risks were identified, action was taken to protect the sett and the badgers.

Phase Three saw officers taking part in a construction conference to outline the responsibilities of developers, highlighting that it is an offence to destroy or damage roosts, as well as engaging with bat groups and visiting vulnerable roosts, ultimately leading to people being charged for undertaking development that threatened the welfare of bats.

Phase Four concentrated on raptor persecution. Officers have carried out a number of activities, including patrols of vulnerable nesting sites, warrants executed in relation to wildlife crime and a social media campaign with an educational video that was produced in collaboration with the RSPB.

Detective Chief Superintendent Laura McLuckie said: *'Reports of wildlife crime doubled during lockdown and Police Scotland is dedicated to working closely with a wide range of partner organisations to reduce the harm to species targeted by criminals...'*

'Tackling wildlife crime is not just about enforcement, it is also about working with partners and raising public awareness. The public has an important role in helping up to investigate reports of wildlife crime and I would urge anyone with concerns to contact us on 101, and if it is an emergency to call 999.'

More information can be found at www.scotland.police.uk/wildlifecrime.

Updates

A 31 year old man was charged with dangerous driving for driving at 50mph in a 20mph zone on the A911 at Scotlandwell on Sunday 29 August.

Recent Incidents

About 3am, Wednesday 15 September, a property in Muirs, Kinross was broken into. The suspect was disturbed by the householder and made off prior to police arriving. **(CR/26065/21)**

Between 7pm, Wednesday 1st and 5am, Thursday 2 September, the drivers side window of a black Toyota CHR was smashed in Argyll Road, Kinross. **(CR/25119/21)**

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Community Sergeant (Kinross-shire): **Sgt Mark Craig.**

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HAPPY 500th TO US!



THIS ISSUE OF THE *Kinross Newsletter* is very special; it's our 500th edition! From the first edition published in July 1977, it has grown and changed over the years, as has its team of dedicated workers.

Much of the content has, however, remained the same for over 44 years: the *Newsletter* has always been focused on community news and aspirations, and is a place where people can share their stories and air their views, as well as read about such diverse topics as health, nature and local history.

Some clubs and organisations may have come and gone (we no longer have the Kinross Young Wives Group, or the Triumph Motor Cycle Club, for example) but some have been here right from the beginning and their enthusiasm for sharing their news with the community has never waned.

Our current production values are very different from the A5 typed copies, folded and stapled with hand-written dates on the cover, that were the beginnings of the full-colour, glossy publica-

tion you hold in your hands right now. People who aren't involved in creating publications will never experience such thrills as having the first illustrated cover, or the first, rudimentary use of single colours in some of the pages. But each of these changes is a step forward and a stage of development comparable to the growth of a child to an adult.

I take great pride in helping create the *Newsletter* every month, – as, indeed, does all the team.

It is a great community asset that ploughs all profits straight back in to local groups to provide funding to those dedicated mem-

bers of our community who continually strive to improve our facilities, and organisations, often for love and not for reward.

Sadly, because of Covid-19 we haven't been able to celebrate our 500th issue in the way we'd like to. Hopefully, our next milestone, our 50th birthday, will be different...

Hannah Phillips, Editor



200th Issue Celebration
(Nan Walker cutting the cake).

NEWSLETTER MILESTONES



1977

July First issue (see above). A5 size. 12 pages. Black and white. Plain cover. Adverts on inside cover and back of cover only. 5p per copy. Almost 500 copies sold. Six months' worth of covers had been printed in advance to save money, so the issue month and year had to be written on each cover by hand. From Sept, a date stamp is used on the front cover.

1979

Jan Price goes up to 10p. Twenty A5 pages excluding advertising. Circulation 700.

1981

Jan Month and year printed on the cover for the first time. Circulation is 1,000 copies per month. Thirty-two A5 pages excluding adverts. Now including news from around the county. Price goes up to 12p and in Aug, rises again to 15p.

1984

Nov First illustrated cover. Same illustration used for several months. Cover price 20p. Contains 52 A5 pages excluding adverts. Circulation around 1300 copies.

1985

Oct 100th issue!



1987

July The *Newsletter* is ten years old. Circulation is around 1650 copies per issue.

Nov The cover price is 25p by November 1987.

1990

Jan The *Newsletter* moves to eleven issues per year instead of twelve. (That year there was an issue produced in late January)



Oct Cover price rises by 10p to 35p. Thirty-one pages excluding adverts.

1991

June Cover price rises by 5p to 40p. Twenty-eight pages excluding adverts. Cover printed on yellow paper for this and the April and May issues.

1992

Sept Cover price rises by 10p to 50p. Dramatic cover 'Help Save Our Loch'. Thirty-two pages excluding adverts.



1994

July 200th issue and 17th anniversary. Price 50p. Thirty-six pages excluding adverts.

1997

July The *Newsletter* is 20 years old. A two-colour cover for this issue. Thirty-two pages excluding adverts. Circulation 1925 copies. Cover price 60p. Nan Walker retires as editor.

1998

Jan The *Newsletter* announces that contributions can now be accepted by email for the first time.



CONGRATULATIONS!

'I HAVE NOTHING BUT the highest regard for the KN, as a massive community asset, information gatherer and distributor. I have been well looked after by two Editors now, both of whom have been nothing short of helpful, considerate, and receptive to ideas, and my frequent requests for print space. A big thank you to all of your team.'

Andy Middlemiss

called 'January' but no February issue. In other years there would be a 'Jan/Feb' issue or sometimes just 'January' or just 'February'.)

June Last of the A5 issues. Cover price 25p. Sixty A5 pages excluding adverts.

July First A4 issue. Cover price 25p. Thirty-one pages excluding ads.



2003

Aug 300th issue. Price 65p. Thirty-two pages excluding advertising.

2006

Oct First full colour cover.

Dec Colour adverts on back cover for first time.



2007

Feb Ian Thomson retires as editor.

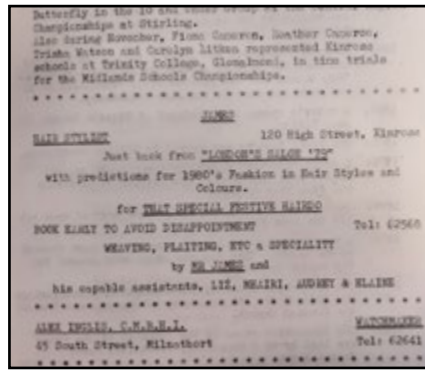
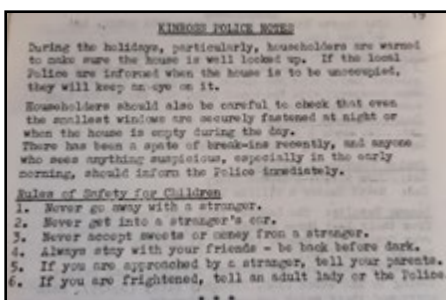
June First thicker paper cover (glossy).

July The Newsletter is 30 years old. Cover price 80p.

Oct First colour ads on inside covers.

2008

May Became registered as a title with the British Library and started putting a barcode on cover for scanning at tills.



2009

Jan First issue with perfect binding (pages glued to spine rather than stapled) to cope with the number of pages the Newsletter now had, which for this issue was 80 (44 news and 36 pages of adverts).

July Started printing the month and year on the spine. Also introduced consecutive page numbering. (The advertising pages used to be unnumbered, then had different numbering. This is because the advertising pages used to be inserted separately after the news pages had been produced.)

2010

April Cover price rises to 90 pence.

2012

Sept 400th issue of the Newsletter. There were 112 pages including advertising. Price 90p.

2013

Oct Cover price goes up to £1. The Newsletter is now around 112 pages per issue (including adverts). Circulation around 2000 copies.

2014

May Newsletter Facebook page started.

2015

Oct Some colour pages inside the Newsletter. Due to printing arrangements at the time, colour had to be in 8-page sections. Usually one 8-page colour section in News and one in Clubs.

2016

Feb Internal pages now silk, to show off the colour better in the colour sections.

2017

July The Newsletter is 40 years old. There are 108 pages including advertising. Cover

DAVID MUNRO

FOR THE FIRST TIME, the winter talks programme of the Kinross-shire Antiquarian (now Historical) Society appeared in issue #4 of the Community Newsletter, published in October 1977.

The speaker scheduled for 23 January 1978 was a 27-year-old David Munro FSA Scot who was to give a talk entitled 'The Story of Portmoak Farm'. This presentation followed the exciting discovery, a year earlier, of a 1000-year-old Celtic cross-slab in the old chapel site at Portmoak.

Forty four years on, David Munro is preparing his next annual talk to the Historical Society.

(David Munro is the author of many fascinating historical articles in the Newsletter.)

David Munro

price £1. Circulation around 2000 copies per issue.

Oct Cover price goes up to £1.10.

2018

Mar Newsletter in colour throughout for first time.

Oct Eileen Thomas retires as editor. Hannah Phillips takes the helm.

2021

Sept Newsletter celebrates 500th issue!

(With many thanks to Eileen Thomas)



CONGRATULATIONS!

BEST WISHES TO THE NEWSLETTER on its 500th edition! The Rotary Club of Kinross and District has been grateful for all your support – promoting our work and announcing our activities. 'Rotary is for communities' and the Newsletter is at the heart of the Kinross-shire community.

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The Way We Were

Recollections from
Rosemary Hopkins (Sowerby)

WE WERE ALL VOLUNTEERS. Editor, Nan Walker was assisted by Ursula, sitting at the dining table with her Olivetti typewriter brought on her bike from The Old Manse at the 'bottom of the town'. I had very basic bookkeeping skills, and was appointed to the position of Treasurer on the strength of the Chairman knowing that my father was a Director of the South African Reserve Bank...

You can tell that we were a somewhat unqualified trio but what we may have lacked in qualifications we made up for with enthusiasm, commitment, and a fair bit of merriment and banter!

The real challenge for me was selling advertising which proved to be enormously entertaining and a good way of getting to know the local people and area into which I had moved. As de facto Business Manager of the *Newsletter*, and starting from scratch, I was responsible for selling advertising, collecting proofs and revenue, collecting increasing numbers of newsletters from the printers, points of sale and distribution of monthly newsletters, collection of sales income, and not least negotiating with Nan the number of pages into which she could expand her plentiful news – no mean task as Ursula can confirm!

Ursula's response when I showed her this letter was: 'It has brought back memories. Endless chiding by Nan for splitting infinitives. Cutting, pasting, sellotaping bits of newsletter together. Then re-cutting and taping when you (RH) refused more pages. Nan putting my coffee down just as I shoved along the paper carrier on the typewriter; the table was frequently washed! Deciphering scraps of paper shoved through the letterbox. And lots and lots of laughter.'



CONGRATULATIONS!

WE RECEIVE OUR COPY from Baillies. It's delivered by the postie and we both look forward to a good read. Back in 2007, the magazine was growing quickly. I commented to our accountant that I felt it could maybe include a bit of farming news. He came straight back and suggested I write a column.

Writing was new to me and I was very nervous but I got in touch with Ian Thomson the editor. He said just to write about what I wished and send in 400-500 words each month. That was even scarier but I got going with a wee article about local food and over the years have covered lots of goings-on with my sheep farm and what's happening in the fields at home and in Kinross-shire.

I receive lots of nice feedback. I've discovered that the *Newsletter* is sent to friends and family down south or abroad as a way to keep in touch with the area, so on quite a few occasions I've met people from far afield that know all about how much the combines break down or ask how the pet lambs are doing this year.

One fellow farmer took me aside in the early days and suggested I include more about the nitty-gritty difficult days, of which there are many in farming. I understand his point of view but everyone has bad days at their job and for most of the time I find these are forgotten quickly. I'm happy to write about the good stuff and showcase farming and the great food we produce. Thanks to the readers for reading and thanks to my fellow columnist John Buchanan, your wit and sense of humour makes for a great read. Here's to many more years of farming articles in the *Newsletter*.

Fiona Turnbull

CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 500TH EDITION! We are so grateful to the *Newsletter* in helping us to support the older community, providing information on what we do on a daily basis and a report on what we have achieved. I have been known to make a few mistakes, like one month I think I had 7 Sundays and on another occasion we were having an exercise class at 11pm instead of 11am, but Hannah and her team fixed my errors and by the time it went to print it was perfect.

Kinross Newsletter doesn't only give us fantastic information on events, it is also a phone book, a place to find your local tradesman, information on different groups and much more. It is an essential part of our community. Thank you so much for your continued support of Kinross Centre and hope you keep printing for many years to come. Congratulations again from us all.

Kinross Centre

Recollections from Catriona Mcleod

I WAS THE SECOND Business Manager of the newsletter from 1982-87. The editorial side was Nan Walker's responsibility, and I did everything else, which was the books, distribution, a monthly trip to the printer Ian Garrie in Auchterarder to collect the *Newsletter* in banana boxes, typed adverts, printed adverts, subscriptions, collecting in the money from the shops. But there was also a bit of proofreading and literal 'cut and paste' at Nan Walker's table.

Back in those early days the *Newsletter* was A5 in size, which meant that the completed issue had to have a number of pages divisible by four as the pages were A4 folded in half. It needed the right number of articles balanced by the right number of adverts to cover the costs. Sometimes this proved a problem. In July 1984 for the first time, the *Newsletter* had an illustrated cover which was quite a landmark.

When I went back to teaching, my *Newsletter* 'job' was split into several parts each done by a different person.

Recollections from Ursula Stewart

I JOINED THE NEWSLETTER team as Assistant Editor at around its second issue when Nan Walker needed help with the typing.

To be honest, what she really needed was help with the sticky tape. The original *Newsletter* consisted of four A5 pages and we typed out the individual items on scraps of paper and stuck them all together with Sellotape. This rather tatty and much frayed at the edges publication was conveyed to the printers who retyped it all and made it presentable.

Space was at a premium and I learned the art of precis in short order. Each month I puffed my way up to Muirpark Road with my typewriter in the basket of my bicycle to wrestle with the increasing amounts of information we were receiving and how to fit it in. Each month Nan pleaded with Rosemary, in charge of the money, to be allowed more pages. Each month she demurred, as the Community Council was convinced this daft venture was going to fall on its face. Each month Rosemary sold even more copies until that wonderful day when she relented and we were allowed 16 pages. 16 pages! We danced round Nan's dining room table in joy and spilled a cup of coffee all over the floor.

Of course it did not end there and by the time I left a few years later the *Newsletter* was well on the way to what you see now. I still get a small glow of pride when I see it and remember the laughter and chatter we enjoyed as Nan and I stuck bits of paper together, never dreaming it would all be such a huge success. Good luck, everyone. Here's to the next 500 issues!

Hands-On Raingardens Workshop

Collaborative Working Meetings At Kinross Raingardens

COLLECTIVE ARCHITECTURE welcomed the opportunity to leave our office (homes) for an afternoon in Kinross, visiting a range of raingardens sites, both established and with potential. We were joined by community volunteers from Kinross in Bloom and Kinross-shire Civic Trust and gained valuable input and expertise from representatives of Buglife and Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

Our first stop was the **Park and Ride**, where we discussed existing drainage problems with the soakaway to the centre of the car park and how these issues and those of vehicles crossing the grass area might be mitigated by the introduction of raingardens. The team measured soil depth in three locations to understand what level of excavation might be feasible across the width of the soakaway to establish a raingarden. We also discussed options for edge treatment to discourage vehicles from crossing the landscape, potential planting options and future maintenance.

At **Dance Connect**, there already exists a willow swale to the rear of the car park. We trimmed willows encroaching on car parking space, adding to an open structure compost heap/biodiversity habitat. Mown grass was also raked and cleared to the compost. Buglife and Tayside Biodiversity Partnership offered suggestions to co-owner Rachel Webb on how to enhance the biodiversity and appearance of the landscaped areas surrounding the building, including identifying a wide range of wildflowers and herbs in a nearby swale, and in rough grassland at the front of the



Measuring the soil depth at the Park and Ride

premises that might help form a wildflower meadow with some encouragement. Rachel noted that the presence of the novel willow swale serving the car park at Dance Connect had not been something they had been aware of originally, but having been contacted by Kinross-shire Civic Trust and following the raingardens workshop and input from biodiversity experts she is keen to protect and enhance it where possible. Rachel made a generous thank you payment to Buglife, received on their behalf by their Workshop participant Melissa Shaw.

At **Portmoak Primary School** we were able to hear first-hand from the head teacher and principal teacher how successful their retrofit raised bed rain-



A wee toad at Portmoak Primary

garden has been, installed in October 2020 (supplied by Marmax Products as principal sponsors of the school raingarden project). Children and staff have really engaged with how disconnection from a downpipe into a raingarden feature can assist in slowing the flow of water whilst also offering biodiversity and landscape opportunities. We saw evidence of how successful this intervention has been in drawings the children had done, the enthusiasm with which the teachers spoke about the raingarden and the presence of a small toad within the raingarden itself. We also got the opportunity to speak to representatives of Kinnesswood in Bloom about their work in the school grounds including an impressive array of thriving raised bed planters.

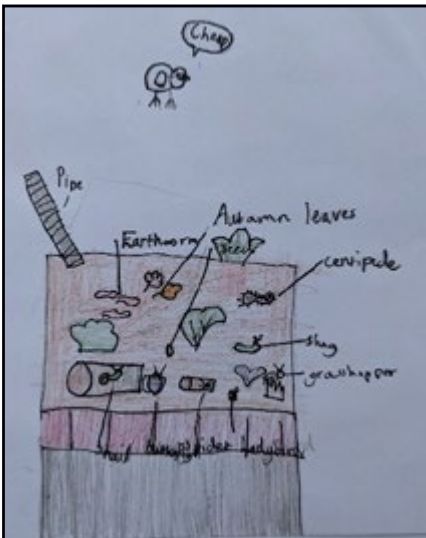
Our final site of the afternoon was at **Loch Leven's Larder**, where we briefly met owner Emma Niven. Here, work has been done to establish raingardens





to deal with issues within the car park, where a combination of sloped ground and heavy rainfall would cause the compacted gravel surface to wash away. Trenches had been excavated and Scotia Seeds wildflowers planted to reduce the run-off across the car park and divert it to larger landscaped basins. On inspection, some areas of wildflowers are now well established and other planting is beginning to establish in one of the basins. Buglife and Tayside Biodiversity Partnership remarked on the success of the wildflowers established at the Larder and recommended that the team extract seeds from existing

Children's drawings at Portmoak Primary



Raised bed planters

plants for sowing in parts of the rain-gardens which had lost seedlings in heavy rain. Additional wildflowers were introduced to the basins and minor re-grading work along the mini-infiltration swales was carried out to help distribute water flows.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to build on work carried out to date in transforming Kinross into a raingardens town. We had been approached by Kinross-shire Civic Trust to assist with community engagement and visualisation of options for improvements and retrofits and unfortunately COVID-19 restrictions limited the opportunities for this. The afternoon work-

shop and the small tasks undertaken hopefully served to demonstrate simple steps that can be taken to achieve multi benefits of rainwater management, increased amenity and biodiversity. The willingness of the local community groups, school and businesses to get involved was refreshing and a very positive experience for all of us.



Fiona Welch
Collective Architecture



Loch Leven's Larder

40th Birthday Reunion Dinner For Kinross Rugby Club



KRFC OFAS & Portadown RFC veterans at St Savin 'Les Potes au feu' rugby tournament (beefy buddies)

KINROSS RUGBY CLUB WAS founded in 1981, 40 years ago. As a former president of the club, Martin Bell envisaged a modest start to the 40th season celebrations when he asked us to organise an over-35s event. The over-35s who he approached were by then over-65s, so it wasn't going to be a rugby match. Instead, we organised a dinner dance, with a ceilidh band, which was held in the Green Hotel on 31 August.

Over-35s rugby began at KRFC in 1991, in a desperate attempt to achieve some on-the-field playing success at a time when the 1st XV had been struggling, and there were not enough players for a 2nd XV. Playing under the new floodlights that season at home, once a month on a Wednesday evening when other clubs often couldn't get their first-choice players to Kinross in time, the Oldies were remarkably successful. Starting with less than a team, by the end of the first season we had 40 names on the books, and the goal of supporting a 2nd XV was achieved, as some of the older guys returned to regular Saturday rugby in an equally successful fathers-&-sons strengthened 2nd XV. Success on the field stimulates more success, which is a magnet for players to want to be involved.

A new generation of over-35s took up the challenge to build on that initial few years of fun, participating in veterans tournaments around Scotland and adding international matches and travels. France has been a popular venue, with tours to Paris, Lyons and Lille. Trips to Rome and Dublin have also featured and the Dublin River Dance has become a favourite club veterans legend (one of many). It took a lot of organising, but with a small group of friends working together it can be fun. Visitors to play in over-35s games at Kinross have included Rugby Roma, the largest of 25 rugby clubs in Rome, and Hamburg. A major highlight

fondly recalled by many at the dinner, was the International Golden Oldies rugby tournament held at Murrayfield in 2008. Kinross was one of the first clubs to sign up for that; thanks to Jimmy Handyside, Ollie Cox and team-mates for making that such a tremendous experience for our little club. Playing on the back-pitches in an international rugby festival against (and sometimes for) clubs from all over the world, from the Cook Islands and New Zealand to Japan and Canada – it was wonderful.

Rugby players often drift away as their 'every Saturday all season' years finish; the aim of the Reunion Dinner was to try and encourage former players and club members to return. The club reached out locally and much further afield; it was great to see Kerry Barnes, coming up from Essex for a weekend in Kinross with us, and Julian Sykes travelling up to Scotland again from his home in Yorkshire.

There was plenty of banter and laughs from the assembled players and former players at the dinner. They were welcomed to the evening by club President Murray Hunter. The Green Hotel was an excellent venue and the staff and management there were helpful and supportive.

Murray introduced club favourite Jim Handyside as our MC for the evening, and after dinner some entertainment organised by Jimmy and Fraser Thompson had to be seen to be believed... It was great to see one of the younger rugby lads at the dinner (on the threshold of veterans rugby, we hope, as a natural leader) surge from his table and leap through the air like a flying elephant seal to land mouth first (hands behind his back) on some sweets placed on a conveniently available mattress in the centre of the dance floor. Amazing. And no damage.





Current club President Murray Hunter

The pre-Ceilidh entertainment concluded with a memorable talk from Mark Thomson, reflecting on his years playing for and against Kinross at KGV, almost from the beginning of the club to his return after professional rugby as player then as a veteran and finally as a referee.

The patient ceilidh band were excellent and much appreciated. The club extends our thanks to former 1st XV player and Over 35s captain Kenny Allan for sponsoring the band, and also for producing the large banner to be used in all our celebrations for the 40th anniversary season of the club.

Past President Martin Bell



Whilst the twin aims of the event were to meet up with friends again and to stimulate new social membership, the opportunity to use the event to raise vital funds was not missed. As well as the sponsorship already noted (which allowed the ceilidh proportion of the ticket costs to become donations to the club funds), gifts of raffle prizes and special items for an auction at the dinner, together raised sufficient funds for the club to achieve its current urgent need for a new lock-up container to store the bulky materials needed to run training and coaching activities for everyone from mini-rugby to seniors. We are very grateful to the many individuals and businesses who sponsored prizes for the evening.

In addition, individual club supporters contributed auction items and raffle prizes and we much appreciate their generosity too. And of course, all those who bought tickets and supported the event and made it such a success. The heroes who turned up for a touch rugby session at KGV with a few of the oldies on Sunday after such a night are also much appreciated! We're all set for a memorable 40th Anniversary season – come along and join us!

Perhaps over 40s is an appropriate challenge now for players and former players to reconsider their assumptions about being too old to have sporting fun and achievements? Maybe begin a new era for the club's current youngsters in and approaching that age group? And we look forward to some over 40s points scores from the young folk in the 1st XV to entertain and inspire us every Saturday, this season especially.



KRFC rugby Oldies in Brussels en route to Tourcoing RFC Lille



Above: Kinross at Murrayfield for the International Golden Oldies club tournament, 2008
Below: Kinross with 'Mainland Kiwis' after the game. 2008 International Golden Oldies festival.



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WINNING WAYS

by Jo Middlemiss

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT trying hard. Did you watch the Olympics – held against all the Covid odds? They were a great success, weren't they? Well, they were pretty hard to avoid. I am an enthusiastic sport watcher: it's a family thing. I even vaguely know about cricket – the radio bumbles away on 'Test Match Special' much of the time. I wasn't planning on digging in for the Olympics, but they just get to you somehow, don't they, and by the time I had watched a little bit of gymnastics, I was completely hooked. We had four grandchildren staying at the time; they loved it. I've never heard such shouting at the telly for the British girl, Holly, to get over her pole vault height, or Max to do his incredible gymnastic routines!

Everything seems so utterly perfect to me, even the performances that don't score high marks. The first thing to be remarked on is the degree of excellence that is presumed, and expected. Just stop to think about the number of hard training sessions these perfect little gymnastic – all sports actually – princesses and princes must have attended. When they do have a tiny wobble, on that excruciating bar, they lose a mark. If they fall off, they stand up and bravely get on with their routine, even though their hearts must be breaking with disappointment. Then there are the incredibly knowledgeable commentators, who can see the tiniest flaw. They notice if legs are two degrees too far over, or if arms are not exactly in line with shoulders. Everyone watching knows that they couldn't even hang on those ropes with circles on them for one second. Then there are the guts of the canoeists trying to paddle up water, as far as I can see, the shuttlecocks at the speed of light, and the relay squad running as one unit. You just can't help getting excited at the possibility of a medal in a class of yachting that no one has ever heard of.

The point of all this is that they are all at such a high standard of excellence, that we ordinary mortals can only dream of such achievement, and admire without judgement. I love the teary eyes, and the camera flicking to proud 'Mum and Dad' at home, bursting with pride. Just think of that athlete waking up next day, and realising that it is all still true; their hard work was worth it. Of course the opposite is true, but if we don't keep striving for excellence, what would be the point of anything.

It is the principle of what Tony Robbins would call CAN I – Continuous And Never-ending Improvement. He is a proponent of the 1% principle. We don't need to set ourselves Olympic goals; we just need to think about getting better 1% at a time.

A friend of mine was dealing with breast cancer. It made an appearance in her lungs and she was hindered from getting around; it was hard to get enough oxygen in. She went onto steroids, and as she was about to start round two of chemotherapy, I found a card in a shop and it simply said:

Day by Day, Day by Day, Inhale Exhale, That's the way

She phoned and said, 'That card took my breath away'.

Isn't it funny how words can mean the opposite of what they say? I hope you cheered our Olympic athletes, especially our own wonderful Laura Muir, and of course just recently the remarkable teenager Emma Raducanu, US Open Tennis Champion at 18; two fantastic women of many like them. I hope you cheer and support our great inventions, cheer and support every hero in your own life, and that includes YOURSELF.

Jo Middlemiss MBE

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Scotland has set very ambitious targets to reduce waste. Some of them are:

- *Recycling 70% by 2025*
- *Ban on organic waste to landfill by 2025*
- *No more than 5% waste to landfill by 2025*
- *Reduce food waste by a third by 2025*

In 2019, Perth and Kinross Council had a 52.7% recycling rate.

What Is In Our Household Waste Bin?

TO BE ABLE TO meet these targets and reduce waste we need to understand what is in the household waste. PKC carry out a Waste Composition Analysis every year. We found that in the average household waste bin:

- *The largest single component is food waste, with a third of the bin*
- *If you only look at avoidable food waste, this makes up 25%*
- *Around 50% of the content of the household waste bin could be recycled in the other two kerbside bins.*

Avoidable food waste represents more than just waste, it is also a loss of money and resources and creates an environmental problem, as it releases methane from the landfill site, a greenhouse gas 20 times more powerful than CO₂.

Together with planning your meals, writing a shopping list, portioning and storing your food correctly; understanding food labels is one of the best ways to reduce food waste:

- **Best Before:** *These foods will be safe to eat after the 'Best Before' date but they may no longer be*

at their best, eg bread, biscuits, pasta, rice, fruit, tinned goods

- **Use By:** *These dates refer to safety. Food can be eaten up to the end of this date but not after, even if it looks and smells fine, eg meat, fish, milk*

More information can be found at the website [Love Food Hate Waste Scotland](http://LoveFoodHateWasteScotland.com).

If food cannot be reduced, please recycle your food in your brown bin. To recycle food waste, you do not require a garden waste permit. Food can be placed in the bin wrapped in newspaper, in a compostable liner or loose. The food needs to be de-packaged and compostable packaging is not accepted in the brown bin.

What Should I Be Putting In The Blue Bin?

- **Paper:** *Newspaper, magazines and junk mail, Office paper, shredded paper and envelopes (including windowed) Directories, catalogues and books, Non-metallic gift wrap*
- **Cardboard:** *Cardboard packaging and food sleeves, Toilet and kitchen roll tubes, Greetings cards*
- **Food and drinks cartons (e.g. Tetra Pak)**
- **Tins and cans:** *food and drinks cans, pet food tins, aerosol, biscuit and sweet tins, metal jar lids*
- **Plastic bottles and containers:** *Tubs, trays and punnets: yoghurt pots, shampoo and detergent bottles, Plastic drinks and sauce bottles, Plastic bottle tops*

Since lockdown last March, the contamination found in blue kerbside recycling bins has steadily risen to its highest ever level with 2020 averaging at 22.4%. Contamination levels got as high as 29% in November – when we exceed a level of 20%, we incur additional costs to dispose of contamination. This not only has a financial implication for the Council, but it can also ruin the hard work of those who recycle correctly and contributes to climate change by sending valuable resources for disposal.

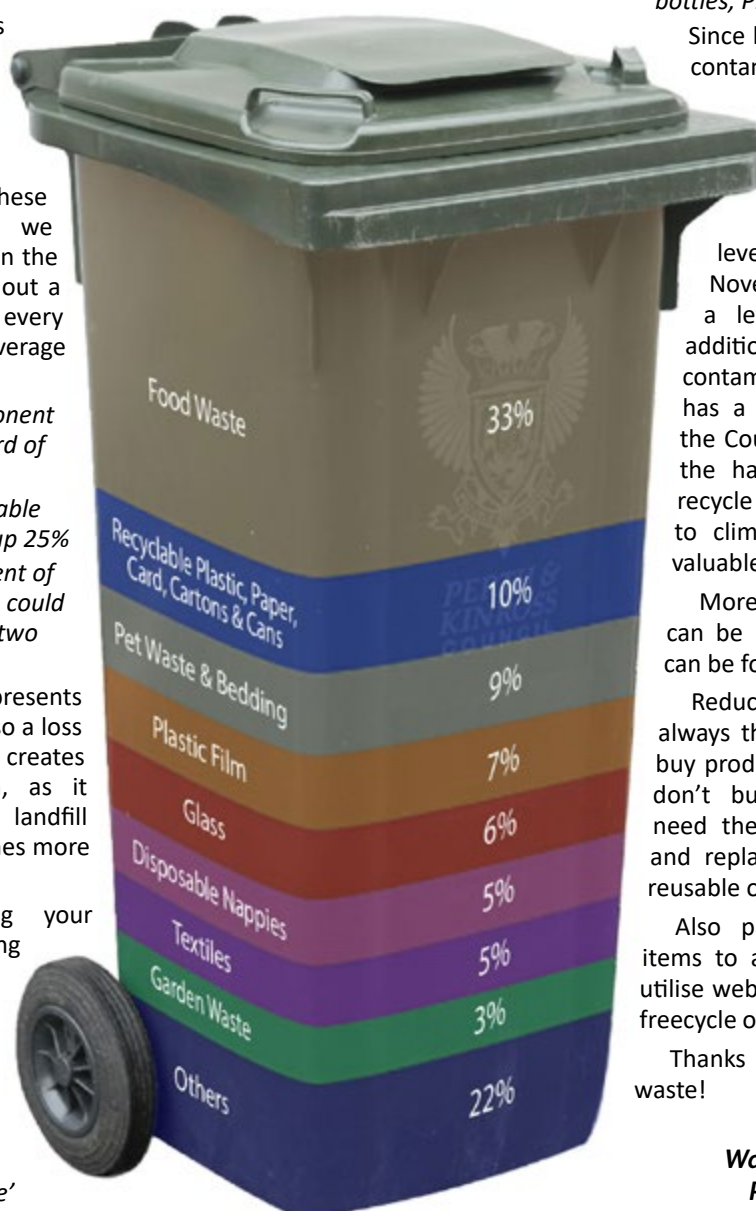
More information about what can be recycled at the kerbside can be found at pkc.gov.uk.

Reduce and Reuse waste is always the best option, trying to buy products with less packaging, don't buy things if you don't need them, repair broken items and replace single use items for reusable options.

Also pass on your pre-loved items to a friend, sell or donate, utilise web exchanges like gumtree, freecycle or donate to a good cause.

Thanks for your help to reduce waste!

Ana de Miguel
Waste Minimisation Officer
Perth and Kinross Council



Community Council News

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Kinross Community Council News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 24 August were CCllrs Lynne McKay (Chair), David Colliar, Bill Freeman, M McFarlane, M Wood and Hannah Phillips, Nick Riley (PKC), Neil Mitchell (Loch Leven Nature Reserve), Alison Wright, Maria Eugenia, Cllrs Calum Purves, Willie Robertson and Richard Watters and minute taker Caron Aird.

Apologies were received from CCllr T Stewart.

Kinross Town Centre

High Street - Cllr Purves advised that he had received a response from John McCroan, Place Development Manager at PKC who had agreed to take the lead on the work in relation to the High Street but he was not previously aware of this information. Cllr Purves has also asked Mr McCroan to undertake a survey on redesign, especially around the resident's views in respect of road safety issues, parking etc. and suggested that the *Newsletter* be used to facilitate this piece of work.

High Street Fire

CCllr McKay asked if there was anything which could be done to reduce the amount of suffering the affected businesses are experiencing following the fire, particularly around the lack of parking spaces and was advised that this was nothing which KCC could help with and lay with the insurance companies involved.

VAS/Road Crossings

Cllr Purves advised that he had no response to his enquiry around the VAS for Springfield Road, and also that the progress with the crossing at Gallowhill Road was slow. There had been mention of making the whole of Gallowhill Road a 'green route' but this may mean that it becomes a signalised junction and he was keen to hear member's thoughts on this.

CCllr Colliar commented that the KCC needed to be careful as the A91 comes under the jurisdiction of Milnathort CC. Cllr Robertson advised that he had had similar conversations around reducing the speed limit of Gallowhill Road but PKC officers had told him that this area was used as a circular walkway. Cllr Purves is to raise the issue with Milnathort CC also.

Cllr Watters advised that Section 75 mentions implementing a crossing but that this could be interpreted as using leftover monies for another road safety option – VAS at an appropriate position was suggested. CCllr Colliar advised that it would be disastrous if a crossing was not created but was advised by Cllr Purves that a crossing could be looked at once Phase II of Lathro Meadows had been commenced in order that new residents could be consulted.

A member of the public suggested that pop out pavements could be used instead of VAS or a crossing but Cllr Watters advised that there would only be around £5k left, depending on whether the VAS needed to be connected to an electricity supply, or solar powered. CCllr Colliar was opposed to the suggestion of pop out pavements as the road needs to be accessible by cars, caravans etc. due to its proximity to the caravan park.

Swansacre/Learning Centre Signs

Cllr Watters advised that he had not heard anything about this and will keep chasing. He will also forward emails to Cllr Purves in respect of the VAS for the area.

Davis Park/Outdoor Exercise Equipment for Kirkgate Park

CCllr McKay introduced Nick Riley, Landscape Architect, PKC to those present, advising that he had been tasked to look at ways to improve play areas in Scotlandwell, and also Davis Park, Kinross. He advised that he would be creating a You Tube video of the site at the moment and also creating a short questionnaire to garner views as to what the local residents would like to see in the area, and the main reason for his attendance at the meeting was to see if there were any particular people or groups that he should be speaking to. (He had already spoken to Joan Cornwall in regard to the creation of a cycle path or pump path, as well as things not in a brochure).

Members felt this was an excellent idea for the area and agreed that the residents should be canvassed for their views and opinions. After a long discussion, it was agreed that Mr Riley would contact the local schools and that CCllr Phillips would provide him with contact details for groups such as Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Guides etc. it was also agreed to put an article in the next Newsletter, on the website and on the Facebook page. Mr Riley confirmed that while there was a budget allocated to this work, it could also provide an opportunity for the local community to fundraise.

Mr Riley also commented that he did not want to forget about the adult population and that there could also be an opportunity for outdoor gym equipment to be provided for a local park. Both CCllrs McKay and Colliar invited Mr Riley to meet with representatives of KCC in Davis Park to discuss this matter further. There were a number of suggestions for Davis Park including climbing walls, slides, wild flower areas, no mow lawn areas, pump track.

Mr Mitchell advised that Loch Leven Nature Trust were currently looking after the green areas in Kinross including pollinators, wildflower meadows and had also taken over the mowing of the maize area.

CCllr McKay thanked Mr Riley for attending and commented that it was pleasing to have new ideas being talked about for the area. She also mentioned that a local resident, Maria Eugenio, was keen to be involved.

Kinross Flood Resilience Group

CCllr McFarlane advised that he had met with the Group as well as PKC reps. There was one major question in respect of the insurance policy and background information for the CC to support the group. The insurance officer from PKC had confirmed that Zurich would only cover the Group if it was a fully integrated part of KCC and CCllr McFarlane advised that he had forwarded information re governance and KCC managing the group to members.

CCllr McKay commented that other flood groups have CC members who lead the work, with the Council providing funding for equipment. The stance of KCC was that while they were undermanned and there was currently no one in the current membership who had the capacity to take this on, KCC were happy for people to join the CC to lead on this particular piece of work. CCllr McFarlane confirmed that members of the Group would need to stand for election to KCC and they would also be involved in other work of KCC. CCllr McFarlane reiterated that KCC were keen to help the group but due to the fact there were only 4 or 5 elected members, they did not have

the capacity to do this. Councillor McKay also advised Mr Wright that it would not be acceptable for Group members to join KCC and then leave once the flood work had been completed. This was understood.

Mr Wright advised that he would take this suggestion back to the group for discussion and in the meantime Councillor McFarlane would send the necessary paperwork to Mr Wright for himself and others to complete in order stand for election.

Hayfield Wildlife Garden

Councillor Colliar advised that there was no record of the garden being part of the Hayfield Trust and following the closure of the old Regional Council, the garden had been left to the Town Council for residents to use and he therefore felt that the garden should be left as open space for the public to use and if this is refused, then we should ask for an explanation.

Cllr Purves agreed to speak to PKC about the garden and will report back to a future meeting. Councillor McKay advised that she had put a post up on the Facebook page and there had been a lot of people coming forward to volunteer.

A member of the public (Maria Eugenia) had contacted Councillor McKay to advise that she was keen to be involved in the work of the garden. While she had not visited the garden recently, Ms Eugenia had a number of good ideas which she was keen to see implemented including bird feeders, creation of an eco-group, fairy gardens, wild flower meadows, no mow lawns etc. She was also keen to involve the school in this work. Councillor Colliar suggested that checks were made with PKC in respect of which department is responsible for the garden and Cllr Purves commented that he thought he had an action to chase up information on ownership.

Loch Leven Wild Camping/Camper Vans

Mr Mitchell advised members of the position he held at Loch Leven Heritage Trust and advised that there had been unprecedented levels of wild camping in the area and while some people were responsible in terms of removing litter etc., others were not, and while there is no real restriction on camping, Trust staff were taking every opportunity to remind campers of the countryside access code (The Scottish Outdoor Access Code - mygov.scot), especially in respect of toileting.

Every time litter or human waste left, and fires left burning, these issues are reported to Heritage Trust HQ and therefore the Chief Executive is seeing the problems which are arising, and these are eventually escalated to Scottish Government and Nature Heritage and while it was pleasing to see visitors coming to the area, the sheer volume of visitors is something which the area is in fact struggling to cope with and Police have been called on a number of occasions to deal with issues. Councillor McFarlane asked if there was anything KCC could do to promote the message, e.g., an article in the Newsletter or a post on the Facebook page. It was also noted that the wintering birds would soon be in the area – this was also to be included in the Newsletter.

Mr Mitchell also advised that planning permission for the bird hide had been approved and the contract was currently out to tender, with a deadline of the end of September. It is hoped that this can be rebuilt by Spring 2022, although there are high costs in respect of the equipment required. Hide will be built using fire retardant materials.

A member of the public raised the issue of a footpath from Gairneybridge to Loch Leven and explained that having recently moved to the area, she found it very difficult to access Loch Leven (non-driver) and cross the main road when walking her dog.

Cllr Robertson advised that he and Cllr Purves had been involved in PKC's long-term plans for a footpath for that specific area and as a member of TRACKS, they were keen to take this work forward but, unfortunately, it was a slow process. Cllr Purves also advised that, as part of the Westfield development, PKC

are looking to incorporate a walking route along the B9197 to Kelty. A feasibility study has been completed and while Cllrs Purves, Barnacle and Robertson had asked to review this, this had not happened as yet.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received

21/01329/FLL Land 110 metres south east of Beaufield House, S42 application to amend condition 4 (access construction) and delete condition 14 (street lighting) of planning permission 16/0996/FLL

21/01404/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 42 Muirs, Kinross.

Reports from Councillors

Cllr Purves advised that PKC were currently looking into providing additional parking spaces at the archway at the bottom of the High Street due to access issues and he had been contacted by a number of residents asking him to seek the views of KCC in this respect.

While KCC were not in favour of additional parking spaces being created, they understood the reason for it.

Cllr Purves gave an update on the Loch water safety advising that he had received a response from PKC who advised that while a risk assessment had been undertaken last year at Kirkgate Park, the land owned does not include the Pier. He agreed to clarify this with PKC.

He went on to confirm that PKC were responsible for the throwlines, and evidence suggests that these are better than the rings. He also reported that PKC were aiming to restrict access to the area, as well as erecting water safety signs.

Councillor McKay advised that she had spoken to RLSS about providing training but they had advised that this was not something they do and to contact Live Active or RNLI. She has

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contacted Live Active but had no response from them, while RNLI confirmed that they would not undertake this as the loch was not open water. Cllr Robertson suggested contacting the Fire and Rescue Service while Cllr Purves wondered if the training could be undertaken through the local schools. He also suggested contacting the local head teachers about this.

Reports from CC Representatives

War Memorial

Cllr Colliar advised that he and Cllr McKay had recently met with Kinross in Bloom to discuss damage to the planters near the War Memorial caused by parked cars. It was noted that these planters would need to be removed in order to allow access to the Memorial and also for planting the Christmas Tree. Cllr Colliar advised that he had contacted the four Ward Councillors to request the name of person to contact at PKC around this but only Cllr Purves had replied to ask if anyone had responded to the request. Cllr Colliar confirmed he had had no response and Cllr Purves agreed to forward a contact name to Cllr Colliar.

AOB

AGM/Accounts

Members were advised that the accounts required to be audited and submitted prior to the AGM which was due to be held in October. Cllr McFarlane advised that there was approximately £330 in the account and that any planned expenditure for this financial year should be made ahead of the end of year account closure date of 31/08/21.

After discussion, it was agreed to purchase a gazebo which was to be used at public events with Cllr McKay advising Cllr McFarlane of the total amount to be paid.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on Tuesday 26 October at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall.

Portmoak Community Council

News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 10 August were Cllrs C Purves, W Robertson, and R Watters; CCllrs A Davidson (Treasurer & Acting Chair), S McGregor (Secretary), D Morris, K Donaldson, A Millar, and D Paterson; M Craig Police liaison and 10 members of the public

Apologies were received from Cllr S Forde

Matters Arising

Road Safety Action in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

The Chair commenced the meeting with a personal note on behalf of PCC to send our condolences to the family of the motorcyclist who was killed on the A911 on night of 15 July 21. Cllr C Purves was able to give a road safety update on a number of items:

Easter Balgedie: a resident of Easter Balgedie had kindly helped to canvas opinion from other residents and farmers on speed mitigation through the hamlet. There was support for a speed table along a longer stretch of road. From PKC roads there was support for some types of speed mitigation, and the effectiveness of speeding tables, and Daryl McKeown will assess and respond with the best solutions.

Kinnesswood: the 20mph speed trial has come to an end, and this has recommended retaining the 20mph speed limit. The trial will help with policy on the future approaches to the introduction of 20mph speed limits across Perth & Kinross. The vast majority of the feedback in response to the 20mph limit trial was positive.

Scotlandwell – Auchmuir Bridge: following the fatality on 15/07/21 the road safety team are assessing it in terms of policy including a 40mph speed limit requested by locals. The Police and council will have a joint site inspection to look at

the causes in order to advise on future speed mitigation limits. There is some resistance to the 40mph reductions based on current policy. Cllr C Purves and some residents will meet with PKC Councillor Angus Forbes in August to make the case for a change in policy that will enable a 40mph limit to be introduced. Cllr W Robertson and PCC requested to attend this meeting and Cllr C Purves agreed to ask if Cllr Forbes was agreeable to this.

A911 Route Action Plan: this project is still in progress with no drafts made available yet.

Agricultural vehicles: members of the CC voiced concerns regarding agricultural vehicles speeding through Scotlandwell, while PCC understands that Portmoak is an agricultural area, often farm vehicles are heavily laden and travelling well in excess of 20mph.

Contradictory signage along the A911: roundels with conflicting information. It needs correction and more repeaters between Church Hall and Scotlandwell were required. These are known and an outstanding issue.

Hedges: PCC were pleased to note that the hedge along the pavement between Kinnesswood and Easter Balgedie has been cut back by the local farmer. Along the path between Scotlandwell and the Church, the undergrowth has grown to the extent that in places pedestrians have to step onto the road to get past. A resident reported they had been hit by a car wing mirror whilst walking along the path and having to step into the road. Police Liaison confirmed that in such an instance the driver should stop and should ideally be reported to Police to aid statistics. Callum Purves confirmed he has raised a request with PKC to have this stretch of hedge cut back.

Glenlomond sewage, and Water Supply to Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie

Cllr A Davidson reported Glenlomond water had not been cut off recently. Problem with sewage works: a specialist company has quoted £20k+VAT to complete repairs which is unaffordable to the villagers. The village is currently researching possible sources of grant funding, while still pursuing Scottish Water to adopt the system. Cllr C Purves suggested this was difficult as grant sources aren't available for what the council would consider private issues, but it is a topic Cllrs can raise with the council.

Portmoak Primary parking issues: Cllr D Morris will write to D McKeown at PKC about the outstanding issues

Friar Place, Scotlandwell; hedge height reducing visibility: Cllr S Forde had been due to follow up but was not in attendance. Cllr A Miller had made enquiries with Friar Place residents at Friar Place and reported that they are not experiencing an issue with the hedge encroaching visibility on exiting Friar Place. PKC have sent planning officers to site multiple times and have not highlighted a sight line issue. Cllr A Miller raised a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Cllr D Paterson seconded this. Two other CC members agreed with this motion.

New Matters

Portmoak Community Council By-Election, new PCC members: the recent by-election had resulted in 3 additional full members of PCC. The Chair welcomed Cllrs A Miller and D Paterson to the CC. Cllr Davidson had also become a full member having previously been co-opted.

Grahamston Road signage for no vehicle access to LLHT and speed limit: W Robertson suggested that the CC may be able to help residents with funding for formal signage and ask local people about the scale of the issue. D Morris did not think this was a task for the CC as all signage on private land was primarily a responsibility of landowners.

Reports

Police Reports: Mark Craig, Police Liaison, was in attendance and gave a summary. Local policing plan included enforcing

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speed limits along A911. Daily encouragement for patrols to do speed checks. Police reports: several speeding drivers have been stopped, including one charged with dangerous driving. There had been a road traffic collision outside Old School Cottage in Scotlandwell. A break-in had occurred at Portmoak Primary School. Regular patrols had been attending at the Sluice House and Burleigh Sands speaking to campers, reminding them of their responsibility to leave their campsites tidy. Mountain Rescue had been called to John Knox's Pulpit. Joint effort between MR, Fire & Rescue and Ambulance services: a teenager had fallen from a height, but fortunately they are safe and well.

Planning

New Applications:

21/01122/FLL P Kinrossshire Extension to dwellinghouse at 32 Whitecraigs Kinnesswood. Comments by 20-Aug-21: no CC comment.

Existing Applications:

21/00997/FLL Erection of 22 dwellinghouses, 3 garages and a garage with ancillary accommodation, formation of SUDS pond, landscaping and associated works (LDP site H54), land 100 Metres South East Of Cragton Villa Rost Gardens Scotlandwell. The date has passed for public comments. The CC noted that at the time of consideration of the planning application by the CC there was outstanding information, as indicated by PKC consultees. There are 25 comments, 22 in objection and 3 in support. The number of valid objections will push the application to review by the Planning and Development Management Committee. The CC have submitted a letter including a complaint that a time extension was not granted for PCC to discuss the application with residents and a special meeting had to be organised. There was opinion that designating H54 as building ground is questionable now that recent knowledge is available as to the high value of carbon sequestration in peat lands. Cllr D Morris felt the next action should be to take the objection to the Scottish Government.

At the Special Meeting on 27/07/21 the developers had admitted that they had submitted the application in order to pressurise SEPA. This questionable approach should be raised with the Scottish Government. PCC feels there is a fundamental question about whether H54 should remain in the local development plan as a site for development. All the zoning was done in a time prior to current knowledge and concerns about peat conservation and climate change. There was comment that it seemed conflicting to be planning to remove peat from H54 while 100m away at Portmoak Moss the raised bog and peatlands are being conserved. There is speculation that there could be as much as 3-4m of peat in the site that requiring removal and each plot could need to be investigated. Both environmental and physical impact of excavation and back fill are potentially huge and impactful

to local communities by way of extremely large numbers of construction vehicles travelling the A911.

PCC also noted concerns that these 22 houses are proposed to be built when there is still no safe walking route from Scotlandwell along to Portmoak Hall. All four Cllrs were very keen that this off-road path should be created during their period of office which ends in Mar 2022. Cllr W Robertson agreed the land had been zoned without the appropriate path infrastructure in place. A resident expressed concern about large urban style developments in rural locations being disproportionate in size to the existing villages. Cllr W Robertson explained that in previous years policy was not to expand villages more than a certain percentage and by incremental growth, but this is policy is no longer in place. Cllr C Purves suggested that the main issue was directives from the Scottish Government with allocations of housing need required to be built in each area while building density is often in excess of the LDP guidance. In such instances the council and councillors are often operating with one hand tied behind their back.

There were concerns voiced by Cllrs and PCC that while housing was required, PKC Planning Officers need to assess what they need from the developer e.g. it was important to ensure the quality of the entire carbon footprint was assessed thoroughly and that new housing should be of a high environmental standard. Also that the size of the houses should be in alignment with the locale, and that there should be affordable housing created in every site, and correct application of housing policy followed. It was not acceptable for a commuted sum fee to be paid to PKC – according to PKC policy this is a final option, after on and off site affordable housing has been considered as the first option but PKC planning officers are ignoring the policy and making the commuted sum route the first option.



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Community Council News

This means that the commuted sum usually is not routed back to create affordable housing in the same community.

Planning Decisions

Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee: Cllr K Donaldson reported no update. Next liaison meeting on Tue 21 September 2021.

Paths Group: The Paths Group has been busy this month with a focus on keeping the following paths clear of vegetation:

- Peat Loan from Grahamstone track to Portmoak Moss
- Dryside Road path from Easter Balgedie to Springfield Farm
- Michael Bruce Way (MBW) around the water tank to Esme's Gate and on up the steps
- MBW from Kilmagadwood Gate back along above the golf course
- MBW from The Napix to the hill gate
- Main routes across Stephens Field.

The Paths Group extended their thanks to Alistair from PKC Community Greenspace for bringing the flail machine along at the end of July to help make light work of the Peat Loan and Dryside Road paths.

If any residents are interested in volunteering please contact Alison 07943 881181 or Anne 07547 457046. PCC would like to thank the Paths Group for their commitment and time in keeping local paths clear for everyone.

Treasurer CC Accounts

CC Account: £595.85

Michael Bruce Account: £1372.65

Cheque being processed for website fees. £91.15 still to be paid out.

Credit union form had been passed to Secretary for counter-signature.

Councillors' Reports

R Watters: Raised a reminder to Community Groups that the Community Investment Fund is open for applications. A Panel will sit to decide allocation of funds. One member from each CC will be on Panel along with the WCllrs. Panel to sit on 13 Sept 21.

W Robertson: highlighted speed problems along The Causeway between Scotlandwell and Lochend Farm. TRACKS have planning consent to start the path connecting Lochend with the LLHT. W Robertson has requested that the section between Scotlandwell and Lochend be designated a Green Route to reduce speed and help connect Scotlandwell residents with the LLHT.

C Purves: Additionally wanted to flag the Public Consultation on a new National Care Service, taking responsibilities from Councils into a National Care Service, including childrens care services. Cllr CPurves voiced concerns that this will erode local control or influence over services. Members of the public are encourage to comment at: <https://consult.gov.scot/health-and-social-care/a-national-care-service-for-scotland/> Comment may be appropriate from the CC and members of the public.

Matters notified to the Secretary

Public Consultation – Draft Flood Risk Management Strategies & Local Flood Risk Management Plans

The public are encouraged to comment online: <https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/floodriskconsultation2021/>

AOB

Cllr Dave Morris: At the PKC planning and development management committee meeting which considered the plot 5 housing application for the Lomond Inn site he raised the significance of the flooding issue. In Aug 20 the whole of the Main Street in Kinnesswood became a river as water flowed off Bishop Hill. Such flood water needs to escape from the Main Street before flooding houses and the best escape route

is the Lomond Inn site. This has potential implications for Plot 5 of Lomond Inn site and much larger implications for the proposed houses at the lower end of the site. The planning committee approved the application and ignored this flooding issue. Both the CC and PKC need to give this some further consideration.

Milnathort And Orwell CC

Unfortunately, the minutes of the September Milnathort CC meeting were not received in time to be included in this month's *Newsletter*.

Fossoway and District Community Council

News from the September 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, 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 fossoway.cc@gmail.com or via the CC's Facebook page, which we will answer in our next meeting, be it virtual or physical, on Tuesday 5 October 2021.

Present at the meeting on 7 September were CCllrs S Bruce-Jones, T Duffy, C Farquhar, C (Arwen) Haigh, M Haigh and N Marchant; Cllr C Purves, 3 members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs Angus Cheape and Graham Pye; PC Ashley Mitchinson; Cllrs M Barnacle, W Robertson and R Watters.

Police Report

There were no incidents to note in our area since the last CC Meeting from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch. CCllr Duffy had specifically asked for more information in relation to the RTA near West Crook Way on 23 August but none was received.

Matters Arising

Bank of Scotland Closure: Cllr Purves and CCllr Marchant continue to make representations and reported that the Cambuslang Hub project was to be extended until 2023.

Community Development Trust: CCllr Marchant reported that the information displayed at the Gathering received a lot of attention and questions from public with good feedback. Fossoway Primary school have offered to promote information and additional engagement with Blairingone. Ideally the CDT would have 100 members but an initial minimum of 20 is needed. Next meeting is 29 September to analyse feedback.

Fossoway Gathering: CCllr Duffy said that the Fossoway Gathering on 4 September was very successful, with in excess of 900 attending. All stalls reported good turn-out and sales and it was good to see so many members of the local and wider community attending. The CC congratulates the organising Committee for all their efforts. It was highlighted however that the Gathering needs more volunteers in particular for set up and break down of the event.

CCllrs Marchant and Bruce-Jones 'manned' the CC stall in conjunction with Cllrs Barnacle and Purves and reported good engagement with the public.

Fossoway and District Community Council Benefit Fund (a.k.a. Hydro Scheme Fund): CCllr Duffy reminded everyone that the fund is open for applications, but stressed that potential applicants must read all the conditions fully before applying.

Fossoway Area Transport/DRT: The next meeting of the Transport Group will be in late September. An extensive questionnaire has been received from Scottish Govt on consultation on Public Transport, closing date 6 October. It was agreed that CCllrs M Haigh and Farquhar in conjunction with Cllr Barnacle prepare

responses to the questionnaire on behalf of the CC.

Drummond Park Fire Hydrant: Cllr C Haigh has received information from the Dundee Fire Service regarding the Fire Hydrants in Crook of Devon. All Fire Hydrants have recently been assessed and refurbished as required.

4 Mowbray / 2 Naemoor Road / 17 Main Road / 2 St.Serfs Road / 1 West Crook / 1 Waulkmill / 1 Drum / 1 Kingfisher

The Hydrants are digitised and were updated five years ago, so when there is a fire in the area the Fire Service gets a GPS allocation to know exactly which is the best hydrant, if needed, and which has the best pressure for the fire. Scottish Water records how much water is running through the hydrant at any time. A Fire Hydrant Inspector visited all the Fire Hydrants and checked them all two days after our telephone call. The village is divided in two and the most appropriate fire fighting equipment is sent from Perth/Kinross/Fife or Clackmannan and Fife and perhaps Stirling.

In response to a question from a MoP it was advised that other villages should contact the Fire Service at Dundee which covers P&K as well as Dundee for details of number and location of hydrants.

A977 Mitigation Measures: Cllr Purves shared responses from Brian Cargill of PKC on updates to Mitigation Measures as follows:

School Road Junction – It is hoped to have the project passed to our preferred contractor (Tayside Contracts) in the next few weeks for programming. If Tayside Contracts are able to accommodate this project in their programme of works then we would hope to have this project ordered and ultimately delivered this calendar year. However, if Tayside Contracts cannot undertake the works in a reasonable timescale then we will then have to consider using alternative contractors to deliver the works. Either way we intend to have this project designed, ordered and delivered this financial year (before 31 March 2022).

Drum Signalisation – In the process of appointing a consultant to design the works and we hope to have procured a consultant's services in the coming weeks. Once the design work is complete the works will then be ordered and programmed for delivery. It is intended that the works will be carried out between Christmas 2021 and the end of the financial year (before 31 March 2022).

B9097 Realignment – In the process of appointing a consultant to design the works. Once the design work is complete the works will then be programmed and ordered. Given the road safety team's current workload and the volume of works currently in the Tayside Contracts programme of works it is intended that the works will be carried out early in the new financial year (1 April 2022 onwards).

Still no update on when the 20mph signage is to be installed.

Cllr Duffy has contacted the Police to establish what is required and what implications are for placing the PC Bob Speed Check Cut-outs at various locations. Until that is received no action to be taken. The CC cannot fund these so the Community needs to do so but must have a designated person to facilitate.

Cllr Purves will make an application to request speed lines to the west of Crook of Devon and east of Powmill.

Return to Physical CC Meetings: The CC has been advised by PKC that as proceedings have been taken of all virtual meetings that it would be sufficient to submit a report of any significant decisions made during the virtual meetings to be signed off at the first physical meeting. Cllr Bruce-Jones will compile the report.

Cllr Bruce-Jones has contacted the various Community Halls which are now taking bookings and confirmed the meeting in October at Crook of Devon Hall. Covid guidelines for indoor meetings will have to be followed including physical distancing and a QR poster for Check in Scotland.

New Business

Speeding in Carnbo: Representation received from MoPs on behalf of Carnbo regarding speeding on A91 and mitigation measures. Reported that 99% of residents had responded positively to the planned introduction of a 30mph limit for Carnbo but had questions regarding when it would happen, what enforcement measures would be included, what other factors were required such as street lighting, would the speed limit be extended to include the stretch outside the Village Hall and to the west past the Gelvan Road. Was this an issue for PKC or Scottish Office? Major issue that they wished highlighted was the speeds at which traffic approached on the straight stretches both east and west of Carnbo.


Cllr Purves responded that reference to Scottish Office was due to the application through Spaces for People. Ward Councillors did not agree with Council's view that it did not meet the Spaces for People Criteria and had continued to make representations. Reduction in limit to 30mph will go ahead and suggested that this will be completed by end March 2022. Street lighting was not a prerequisite of getting the limit in place nor would it be a consequence. The proposal to include the Village Hall in a 30mph limit was not included but he would put in an application to extend 40mph to before Hall.

Flooding in Drum: Cllr Bruce-Jones reported that she had received questions and concerns relating to the ongoing issue of flooding in Drum, in particular in light of recent planning applications. This included what were the implications for Drum being designated flood vulnerable, and was it feasible to suggest that a flood report should be included in all future planning applications for the Drum area. In the absence of Cllr Barnacle it was not possible to get a clear view and it was agreed to obtain further information for the next meeting.

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Community Council Business

Minutes Secretary: Cllr Duffy has written to PKC with a budget request, but there is no funding available, they suggested that we might approach local schools to see if one of the pupils might be interested. An advert has been placed through PKAVS on volunteer websites. Cllr Marchant has agreed to produce a 'job description' for a volunteer to be advertised at schools and social media channels. In the meantime it was agreed that Cllrs would take turns to take minutes.

Cllr Cheape attended the Kinross Fund quarterly meeting. Six applications were considered and five grants totalling £10,000 were approved. A summary was provided by Catherine Francis, the new representative from Foundation Scotland:

Broke Not Broken: To contribute to the cost of establishing a school clothing bank to alleviate financial stress in disadvantaged families and reduce the amount of clothing going to landfill. £2000.00

Broke Not Broken: To cover the cost of day trips for disadvantaged families and enhance health and welfare. £2000.00

Friends of Wallace Park: To fund the building of three fitness stations as part of a wider programme to redevelop Wallace Park in Glenfarg. £2000.00

Friends of Portmoak School Parent Council: To fund playground equipment for Portmoak Primary School. £2,000.00

Kinnesswood in Bloom: To fund the installation of a shed to store tools and purchase new garden machinery. £2000.00

No applications were received from the Fossoway area.

Cllr Nicola Marchant attended the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg Stronger Communities meeting where they were reminded that the new fire alarm standards are due to come into force in February 2022, when all homes will require one smoke alarm in the most frequently used room, one in every circulation space on each floor and a heat alarm in the kitchen. Alarms will need to be mounted on the ceiling and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance, such as a boiler, fire or flue, in a room - a carbon monoxide detector will also be required. The Kinross Advice HUB is now operating again and the programme for September is available.

Cllr Nicola Marchant shared the Fossoway and District Community Development Trust flyer with the group to help raise awareness.

P&K Councillors' Reports

Callum Purves: The Community investment Fund has closed for this month. As with previous years, the ward panel for Kinross-shire to determine which applications should receive funding comprises ward councillors, local action partnership members and a representative from each of the six local community councils. The funding determination meeting will take place virtually at 6 p.m. on Monday, 27th September. The applications will be available to view on-line in advance of the meeting via an on-line system.

The Kinross local committee held a good meeting with Council and hope to have formal submission to Council in October. CC representation will be required on the Committee.

Planning

Due to the closing date for comments, the first three items below were discussed amongst the CC Members by email in order to reach a decision in time.

New Applications

21/01298/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle) at Land 20 metres west of Little Aldie, Aldie. CC will object as outside settlement boundary and does not meet Housing in the Countryside Policy 19.

21/01314/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at Land 20 metres north west of Coachhouse, Crook of Devon. The CC will make a

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Neutral Comment requesting that conditions from *19/01826/FLL* be carried over.

21/01209/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and garage/studio (revised design) at Land 50 metres south west of Mitchell House, Main Street, Crook of Devon. The CC will make a Neutral Comment seeking a review of the flood risk.

21/01162/FLL Formation of outdoor riding arena at Appleburn, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone, Dollar. No CC Comment.

21/01347/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and garage at Land at Castle Hill View, Rumbling Bridge. No CC Comment.

21/01393/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 2 Cottage, Whorlawhill, Carnbo, Kinross. No CC Comment.

21/01398/FLL Erection of a dwelling house (revised site layout) at land 40 metres north west of Dunollie, Fossoway. No CC Comment.

Withdrawn Applications

21/01164/FLL Erection of 3 dwelling houses, 3 garages and associated works at land 30 metres north east of Rantrie Knowe, Drum.

Appeals

21/00001/FLL S42 application to delete condition 6 (access upgrade) of permission *20/01319/FLL* at Land 180 metres south west of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. Not yet determined

Decided Applications

21/00947/FLL Siting of four holiday accommodation units, formation of parking area, landscaping and associated works at Land 70 metres south east of Coup Steps, Powmill. The application was rejected, the CC had not commented.

21/01025/IPL Renewal of permission *18/01296/IPL* (residential development (in principle)) at Land 30 metres north west of Sunnyside, Drum. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

21/01110/FLL Alterations and replacement extension to dwelling house and extension to raised decking at Calvay, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

21/01012/FLL Change of use from agricultural land to form extension to garden ground at Meadow View, Fossoway, Kinross, KY13 0UP. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

21/01120/LBC Internal alterations at Solsgirth House, Solsgirth, Dollar. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

21/01168/FLL Erection of garage/workshop/garden machinery store at Craigend House, Powmill, Kinross.

The application was rejected, the CC had not commented.

21/00190/FLL Alterations to vehicular access and formation of track at Dam Wood, Blairingone. The application was approved, the CC had objected

Enforcement Issues

20/00809/FLL Craigton Farm Lane No update

Correspondence can be found on the CC's FB Page.

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 is on Tuesday 5 October 2021 7.30pm at Crook of Devon Village Hall.

Club & Community Group News



Kinross Trishaws

There has been so much activity bubbling away in the background, all coming together to make our Kinross Trishaws as popular and effective as ever, taking those out for bikes rides who simply would not be able to get out themselves. Like everything, Covid has placed its restrictions on the venues we attend but we are now up and running and providing rides to both Causeway Court and the Day Centre on a weekly basis. The feedback we as pilots receive from our passengers is just lovely and the appreciation is really heart-warming; this makes it such a pleasure for our volunteers.

We also continue to provide rides on an ad-hoc basis; one incredibly special trip was provided for an elderly lady who has cancer (treatment has now stopped as is not effective). A kind friend of hers arranged this for her birthday and packed a lovely lunch for them both and even a glass of bubbly! That was a first for the Trishaw – a very poignant ride.

A couple of our Pilots attended the Falkirk Trishaw gathering to represent the Kinross chapter. It was a really great day by all accounts with a good number of Trishaws attending at quite a magnificent setting. The sun even shone! Thank you to Christine and Bill Cargill for representing the Kinross Chapter.

The Trishaws also had a bit of an Aladdin's lamp moment with the old Trishaws being replaced with brand new ones. The feedback we have received is that these are a smoother ride making it an even more pleasant trip for our passengers which is great news. We have also been very busy training our new pilots and organising training rides so they are fully trained to take out our precious passengers.

Last weekend as a thank you to all our volunteers we hosted a BBQ at the Boat House, this was a lovely evening where we could exchange other stories and meet other Pilots. Such a pleasant evening at a gorgeous setting too. A big thank you



to Loch Leven Church for allowing us to use the venue and erecting the gazebos!

As always, a massive thank you to all our volunteers who make this project happen – without you we simply could not do it. If you see us out and about remember and give us a wave!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on kinrosstrishaws@gmail.com.

Portmoak Film Society

The film club reconvened after 18 months in September at Portmoak Village Hall in Scotlandwell and 15 enthusiasts enjoyed 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood'. The film is about Mr Rogers, the beloved star of children's TV in the US for 40 years (no, we hadn't heard of him either). Starring Tom Hanks, the theme was the power of kindness which seemed a fitting start to our new season after kindness to and from each other helped us get through the pandemic.



Our next film, to be shown on **Saturday 9 October**, is 2019's 'Blinded by the Light'. Another movie in the lighter vein, this film follows the story of a young Asian teenager living in Luton in the 1980s and who only manages to get through life's trials and tribulations thanks to Bruce Springsteen. Fans of 'The Boss', pay attention! The film is directed by Gurinder Chadha of 'Bend it like Beckham' and 'Bride and Prejudice' fame.

We have made the venue as safe as possible. All guests are asked to wear masks throughout the evening, following Scottish government guidance for the use of community halls.

The seating is well spaced and hot drinks and refreshments will be served after the film but please keep your distance and bring your own cup! Use your membership card to get in (£40) or pay £6 on the door. Films start promptly at 7.30pm. Newcomers and regulars, all welcome! For more info contact Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825.

U3A

u3asites.org.uk/Kinross



We are delighted to report that Kinross-shire U3A held its first in-person open meeting since lockdown. We have to maintain some safety precautions including using a one-way system and wearing face coverings (unless exempt) within the church, and sadly no after speaker refreshments, but we were able to meet again.

On Tuesday 7 September, 25 Members came to hear Collin Passe, a volunteer from Cowden Japanese Garden, give an illustrated talk on the history of the garden.

The next open meeting, on 5 October at 2.30pm, will be our AGM. As you might expect u3as don't run themselves. There is always something to do. It is not a huge burden, but a shared load is always easier to carry. We always need volunteers to help on the committee. So, if you are interested, please get in touch, without any commitment and we will tell you what's involved.

This will also be a chance to find out what is happening about your interest groups, and to suggest any new groups you would like to see.

When we've done with the business, we'll round off with a quick (socially distanced) quiz. Further details are on our website.

Kinross Garden Group

In September we had a very successful get together at the Green Hotel. It was superb to see so many members there in person after such a long absence and conducting talks online using Zoom.

Our first meeting of the new season starts on Thursday 14 October at the Parish Church, Kinross at 2pm with Nancy Stephens from Bearsden who gave us a great talk last season. Her talk this time is entitled 'Delovely, Delightful, Deranged', and is about plants in case you were wondering! Covid-19 measures will be in place throughout, namely face masks, sanitising and social distancing to ensure safety.

Membership fees are £20 for the year and £5 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts, you will be made very welcome. Doors will be open from 1.30pm. For more details contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589 or by email at acaroline1000@gmail.com

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Kinross Guide Dogs

The team worked hard during August and September to raise funds. The Farmer's Market was busy, fun and it brought out the wonderfully supportive people of Kinross-shire.

We also enjoyed a very good raffle and stall at the Milnathort golf club 'Ryder Cup' day. The generosity of the golfers and club is greatly appreciated by all of us.

The amazing the British Sign language taster course has been very much enjoyed by all attendees. So much so, that we hope to confirm the next course starting at the end of October. Watch this space! Our amazing BSL tutor Maria Gilmour has been guiding us skillfully through six lively, fun and relaxed sessions, hosted by the Green Hotel for free. This means that all our funds raised go directly to Guide dogs. Many thanks to Pauline Caskie in events management for arranging this at the hotel.

Our current pup is still waiting for a date for her training in Forfar. It will probably be in October so her dainty form will soon be absent from the dog walking community. The photo shows our visit to the sunflower maze where she happily posed for a photo.

I am still looking for groups that may like a free talk about Guide dogs, whether youngsters or the less young youngsters. Contact me by email at she61@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to speak about volunteering. We are a friendly bunch and are always looking for new volunteers so, if you fancy joining us, you'll be made very welcome.

The 90th anniversary year of our organisation begins in October so you will see many people doing 90 things for Guide Dogs. If you have ideas and would like to do 90 laps, 90 cakes, 90 sprints or sell 90 anythings, I'd love to hear from you to kick off this important year with a great start.

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September has been a time of carefully working back towards our 'new normal service' and welcoming a steady stream of old friends. By the time of publication, we will have held our 'Bring a Friend' morning and, perhaps, gained a few new faces after enjoying the hospitality offered. Our management committee are working towards a project lunch, (date to be confirmed) and holding our AGM on the provisional date of 12 November. Brighter days are promised!

Our October project is Save The Children: currently four emergency appeals – Yemen, Gaza, Syria and Covid-19 India. No matter what emergency, children always suffer the most. Save the Children supports vulnerable children to grow and become who they want to be by ensuring they have good food, healthcare, education and protection from violence.

In Yemen it is currently supporting 88 fixed health facilities and 23 hospitals, providing life-saving treatment for malnourished children; training healthcare workers in the prevention and management of nutrition; responding to deadly disease outbreaks and supporting Covid-19 treatment centres. It is also running safe spaces where children can learn, play and recover, providing food to young children, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers at risk of malnutrition; cash and vouchers to families for food and medicine to boost local markets.

In Syria, it is supplying hygiene kits, food baskets, teachers and school materials for children displaced by the hostilities.

In India, in addition to medicine and hygiene kits, they are providing oxygen cylinders for children affected by the Covid-19 crisis.

In Gaza where, with the current escalation of the hostilities, children are only receiving four hours of electricity a day, it is providing LED lamps to help the children study; helping to treat injured children; providing hygiene and first aid kits for families.

Save the Children's Emergency Fund allows them to respond wherever the need is greatest and means they can be on the ground within hours of a disaster striking.

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



Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

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Kinross Farmers' Markets

This month the market is on 23 October on the High Street from 10am to 2pm and will feature a great variety of stalls.

Local Bookweek Scotland Events

KLEO is delighted to be a Bookweek Scotland partner again this year. Author of numerous bestselling novels Jenny Colgan will come to Milnathort Town Hall on Tuesday 16 November at 7.30pm for a live talk about her new novel *The Christmas Bookshop*.

One of Scotland's most gifted authors James Robertson will join us on Thursday 18 November at 7.30pm and you can hear more about his brilliant new book *News of the Dead*. As numbers are limited for these events please book your free tickets on our website.

Big Sing for COP26

Come along and take part in the Big Sing for COP26. The Iona Community came up with the idea to organise a Big Sing in front of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh on Saturday 6 November at 2pm as they shared deep and disturbing concerns about the effects of climate change and their fears and hopes for the forthcoming COP26 in Glasgow.

Not everyone feels comfortable to travel to Edinburgh or Glasgow at the moment, so we would like to support this idea by organising a Big Sing locally at Kirkgate Park (at the amphitheatre) at the same time. We ask everyone just to turn up and sing along to some well-known tunes with a climate theme. Bring an umbrella (just in case) and a flask of coffee/tea if you like. Song sheets will be provided and/or you will be able to download them from our website.

Festive Weekend

Light Up Kinross will put the Christmas Lights on in Kinross on Friday 26 November so Kinross will look very festive again. During that weekend there will be various festive activities as detailed below.

Light Up the Night Kinross-shire 2021, 26-28 November

Help make Kinross-shire shine brightly! Residents and business owners all over Kinross-shire are invited to create bright lit-up displays in street-facing windows, to turn Kinross-shire into a glowing, festive art trail for a weekend. This year we'll be taking the theme 'People & Place'. You might want to

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reflect you, your family and the place you live in your window designs, or just put together a display that makes you smile! Ask to join our Facebook group Light Up the Night Kinross-shire to find out more.

Ross Mitchell: Lockdown Portraits, 26-27 November

Photographer Ross Mitchell spent 2020's lockdowns documenting the Kinross community, capturing outdoor portraits on his daily walks. Experience the resulting 3,000 images in a new way as they light up the street facade of Kinross Parish Church, right in the centre of the town.

Festive Market, 27 November 10am-3pm Market Park

This year's Festive Market will once again be at the Market Park as we do our best to make the market as safe as possible. We hope to bring it back to the town centre again in 2022. There will be a wonderful variety of stalls to do your Christmas shopping at and there will be fabulous musical entertainment too. A great event in the lead up to Christmas! If you like to book a stall space at this market (only spaces left for bringing your own gazebo stall) please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk.

Kinross Kacophony Orchestra Concert

After a year of not being able to meet up Kinross Kacophony Orchestra started rehearsing again a few weeks ago and is currently practising a few pieces for a concert on Wednesday 10 November, 8pm, at Kinross Parish Church.

The orchestra has been led by the excellent conductor Dougie Flower who has inspired players of all levels, and abilities, to take part. The weekly rehearsals have been very enjoyable, and several members have commented on how much they look forward to rehearsals every week. After all, they do say that music is good for the soul and there is certainly a feel-good atmosphere in the room every time we practice.

As numbers will be limited for this event, please book your free tickets on our website.

The Kacophony Orchestra is for adults who would like to play their instruments in a group. We invite all orchestra instruments to come along (all abilities welcome but it is handy if you read music). Please don't worry if you haven't played for a while, we are a very friendly and informal bunch. Sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm in Milnathort Town Hall. The weekly fee is £4.

If you are interested in coming along please phone or e-mail Bouwien on 01577 863107 or bouwien@kleo.org.uk.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

After the hard work of preparing for visits from the judges we have continued to maintain the garden areas in the village. There is still plenty of deadheading, cutting back and sweeping up to do.

The school have been harvesting their crops since they returned to school and have been distributing vegetables to parents and friends. There was an amazing total weight of 29.5kg of tatties from one of the raised beds. Some of the staff have been cooking with the children. The homemade tattie and leek soup has gone down very well with the children, some coming back for seconds, thirds and even fifth helpings! It must have been good. The school dinners have also made use of crops like peas and carrots and the children have enjoyed eating their own produce.

Inside the polytunnel there have been great crops of tomatoes and peppers. The polytunnel should come into its own next year when it is fully laid out. John and Rory have

completed the raised beds inside the polytunnel so it's great to see that job completed.

We are grateful to Foundation Scotland for giving us £2000 towards a base for the new shed and the acquisition of battery-operated garden tools. We have applied for further funding to buy the rest of the tools and two water trolleys and should hear about that soon.

The electronics for the listening post have been repaired and should be in place in the Michael Bruce garden by now.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year; our sponsors, the Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom, those who give us encouragement in person or on our Facebook page, or who do little jobs when they see them needing done. It all adds up to fantastic support.

By the time you read this we will have heard how we got on in the Beautiful Scotland Awards. [See p25 - Ed.]

Recipe

Supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



Thai Pumpkin Soup

This Thai pumpkin soup is an easy autumn warmer. It's a great way to use up the flesh from carved pumpkins around Halloween. You can go as spicy as you like by changing the amount of Thai red curry paste you use. Use the toasted pumpkin seeds to garnish and make it extra special.

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 1 small to medium pumpkin, peeled, deseeded and chopped
- 1 onion sliced
- 200ml coconut milk
- 500 ml vegetable stock
- 1 tblsp grated ginger
- 2-3 tblsp Thai red curry paste
- lime juice for seasoning (optional)
- 2 tblsp vegetable oil
- Sea salt (or soy sauce) and black pepper to season
- Pumpkin seeds toasted

Method

Heat oven to 200°C. Toss the pumpkin or squash in a roasting tin with 1 tablespoon of oil then roast for 30 minutes until golden and tender.

Put the remaining oil in a saucepan with the onion and ginger. Cook on a medium heat for a few minutes till softened.

Stir in the curry paste for 1 minute, followed by the roasted pumpkin and all but 3 tablespoons of the coconut milk and stock. Bring to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes then blend till smooth.

Return to the pan to heat through, seasoning with pepper and optional lime juice. Serve drizzled with the remaining coconut milk and toasted pumpkin seeds if you have them.



Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk



September brought a month of regular painting sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays for members in Millbridge Hall, albeit with face coverings and other safety measures in place. Two new members have been welcomed into the club in the last month. All members are enthused and excited to be creating new artworks for an exhibition later in the year.

We are delighted to confirm that we will hold our Art Exhibition in the Green Hotel on 18-21 November 2021. As well as members' artworks to view and purchase, there will also be crafts for sale. More details of this long-awaited and well-loved event will be issued very soon.

Special General Meeting Report

On Tuesday 17 August, 25 current members met in Millbridge Hall. This was the first meeting of KADAC since the Covid-19 lockdown in March 2020. Before the painting session started, Gillian Ross, chairperson, led a short special general meeting. She welcomed members back and thanked them for their unending support in keeping the club 'alive' over the 18 months of restrictions.

Members were offered a non-alcoholic drink and, after a short tribute to Elma Milne, who sadly passed away in May this year, a toast to remember Elma was made by the chair. Elma was an active KADAC member for 40 years.

Before the main business began, members also raised a glass to Kinross and District Art Club.

The chair reported briefly on the past 18 months of club news and a treasurer's report was also presented. Members unanimously agreed that, given the suspension of the club due to the unprecedented circumstances of Covid-19 restrictions, the AGM, which should have been held on November 2020, would now be held on a date to be confirmed in November 2021. The financial year would end as normal on 31 October 2021.

Members were informed of the safety measures required in the hall before settling down to paint.

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



Ian Gellatly, Bruce Robertson and Jim Miller enjoying being back at KADAC painting sessions.

Michael Bruce Trust

Cottage and Garden Maintenance

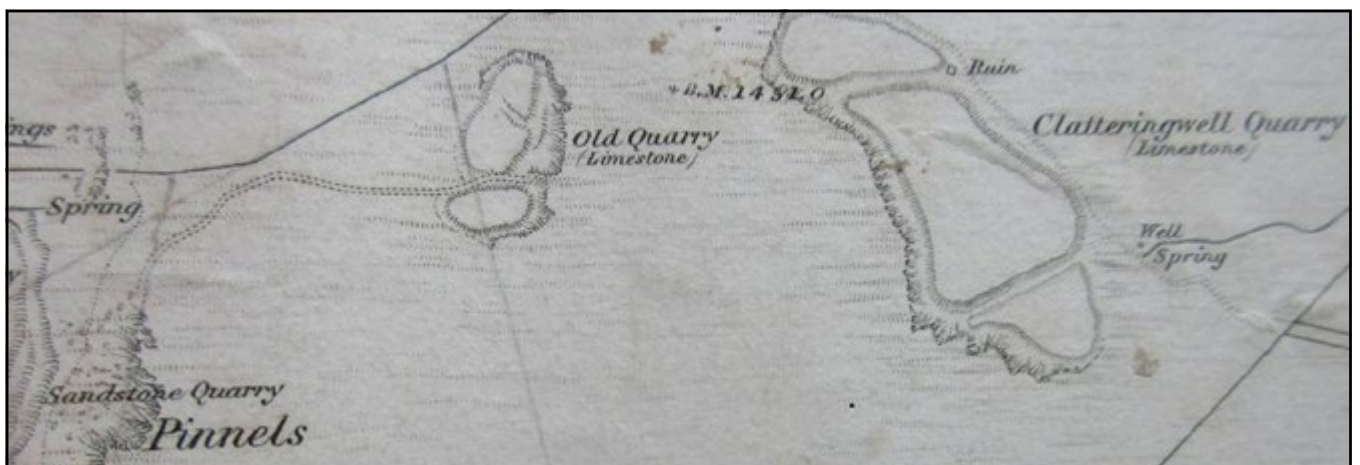
THE MAINTENANCE OF THE cottage museum and garden in Kinnesswood has been a priority during the past year while the cottage has been closed during two periods of lockdown. The Trustees are grateful to all who have donated to the appeal launched in the autumn of 2020 and fundraising continues. A survey of the garden and schedule of work were completed earlier this year and a survey of the cottage was carried out in July. Once we have received a report and schedule of work for the cottage we will be able to obtain quotes for the work to be done.

In 1922 the Trust Chairman James Mackenzie initiated a cottage restoration project to ensure the birthplace of the poet would survive for the next century. Today, the current Trustees are aiming to initiate work in 2022 in the hope that both cottage and garden will be enjoyed by the community and visitors for a further 100 years.

Anyone wishing to visit the cottage at this time should contact Dr David Munro. He can be reached on 01592 840203 or via email davidmunro@kinaskit.co.uk.

Annual Illustrated Talk

It has been two years since the last annual talk was given and now that Portmoak Village Hall is available once more we are planning to hold a talk at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 October.



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Trust Chairman Dr David Munro will give a talk entitled 'Inexhaustible Quarries – Cutting Stone From The Bishop Hill.' Entry at £4 per person will assist the Trust in keeping alive the memory of the poet Michael Bruce (1746-67).

To comply with Covid guidelines, masks will be worn and a track and trace system will be in operation along with the availability of hand sanitiser. There will be no raffle or refreshments on this occasion.

KYTHE

Continued funding to support youthwork in Kinross-shire

KYTHE is delighted to announce that the funding currently being provided by Perth and Kinross Council and Gannochy Trust has been extended for a further two years.

David Gray, Chair of The Gannochy Trust said, 'In conjunction with our partners at Perth and Kinross Council, we are delighted to be extending our Strategic Youth Work Partnership funding for a further two years. Our collective work has helped buck the national trend of diminishing youth work, which is particularly noteworthy in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Council and the Trust look forward to working with our partner agencies to continue to develop the delivery of youth work services in Perth and Kinross.'

With the previous funding (established in 2019), KYTHE has grown with an expanding team of youth workers and volunteers to reach more young people, and has continued to transform young lives throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

This continued funding will support our work to ensure every young person in Kinross-shire is given the opportunities they need to reach their potential with a personalised approach to youth work, where every young person coming through our door is valued as an individual.

Barry Dougall, Senior Youth Worker KYTHE said, 'A big thanks to everyone who has been part of this process, I know that KYTHE has grown immensely due to the partnership. It's certainly exciting times with regard to strategic youth work and this extended funding really sets us up to continue to develop the work across Kinross-shire.'

A recent example of the need for youth work in the local area was the number of young people who attended Friday afternoon drop-in; an incredible 47 and the highest number ever!

Many of you will have read last month's article about KYTHE's work with KWP and the young people engaging with the project. Through this personalised approach to youth work, we are delighted to report that one of them, with further support from KYTHE through 1-2-1s and constructing a CV, has now gained full-time employment locally. Youth worker Barry said of him, 'This young man had struggled through school, misunderstood I believe, but what a success he is.'

To find out more or get involved contact office@kythe.org.uk or visit our website.

Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk/wp/
www.facebook.com/KinrossCCLub

The last two weeks of our Summer Outing programme saw members climbing to the top of East Lomond anticipating opportunities for some landscape photography and then the following week to Aberdour for some beautiful seascapes. The locations for all of our meet-ups during the last few months have been fantastic and have given us all the chance to catch up with



This month's photograph 'Buttercup' by John St Clair

each other in some stunning and diverse places many of which are on our doorstep or not too far away.

Last Thursday we began our new syllabus for the 2021-2022 Season with a welcome evening where we enjoyed a slide show featuring the images our members had taken during our outings and images we took inspired by the monthly themes. We then launched our new syllabus with a run through the new and exciting events the club has in store. There is a great line up of speakers, competitions and events to look forward to.

During the following weeks we have a talk by Jeanette London on Smartphone Photography, Mick Ryan will present his talk Travelling Into Nature and Antony Zacharias will talk to us about Long Exposure Photography. All of these talks will be presented via Zoom but we do anticipate returning to the Kinross Church Centre as soon as we are able and it is safe to do so.

If you are interested in joining us for our exciting new season or would like to learn more about our camera club and how to become a member please get in touch by email to secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

Kinross in Bloom

At our first proper meeting in September in over 18 months, we made the decision to empty the



planters and take the hanging baskets down early. The plants suddenly looked very tired and, despite the best efforts of our volunteer waterers, we felt it was time to empty the planters.

Once again, a big thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time over the summer to water the plants. Our thanks to Murray Hunter and the boys from the Rugby Club who helped us take the baskets down.

One of our volunteers has very kindly planted more bulbs in the area in front of the tennis courts.

We have taken delivery of over 1700 pansies. They have all been planted on and are in the polytunnel and will be planted into the planters around the town in October.

Now that restrictions have been lifted, we are back to having our regular meetings in the Church Centre on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. If you would like to join us, please come along. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 October. The AGM will be at 7pm on Wednesday 3 November.

If you would like to help in any way (formally or informally) please contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com





Boys Brigade and Girls Association

The fact that everyone is glad to be back was clearly evident from the smiles on the faces of our members as they joined their friends at the Church Centre to start the new session. Numbers are up in all three sections with quite a few new faces joining in the fun. There are still some spaces available in the company at all ages and stages for any boys or girls to join us on a Friday evening.

The photograph above was part of Perth Museum's railway themed display. It shows boys of the 1st Kinross Company waiting for their train from Kinross to Elie for a battalion camp around 1950. We are attempting to put names to the boys in the photo so, if anyone recognises a face from the photo, please get in touch.

Camp is always something to look forward to and, with two summers without a camp, members are itching to get back under canvas again for a week of fun. We are planning to join in with Kinross & District Town Twinning Association for a camp in Gacé from late July till early August 2022.

Our annual enrolment service will take place in late October, not forgetting our Hallowe'en Party on Friday 29 October.

The company hopes to parade at the annual Armistice ceremony on Sunday 14 November, depending on group meeting regulations at that time.

Other Battalion events for Junior and Company Sections are already in the calendar with the badminton competition taking place at Bell's Sports Centre on the evening of Tuesday 26 October. The battalion dodgeball competition will take place on Tuesday 9 November and the annual swimming gala is scheduled for Saturday 27 November.



If you have lots of apples (and the picture is quite a patchy one this year) bring them along to be turned into juice. It's best to rinse your apples and bring some containers for the juice.

Our apple-themed baking is always very popular. There will also be tea and coffee and children's drinks. It's a free event but donations will be very welcome, to cover our costs.

We're trying to be more eco-friendly so, if you can remember, do bring your own cup. Lots of people carry them these days.

Not so many of us carry change anymore but we won't have a card machine in the orchard so we'd be grateful if you could raid that cash jar!

As ever, there will be activities for the kids and, for the first time, guided walks round the orchard where, as well as the fruit trees, there are many native woodland species to find out about.

Speaking of which, there's been quite a lot of tree felling in Portmoak Moss, at the western end. This is focusing on non-native species as well as some of the birch trees which scatter seeds onto the peat dome. It's all part of the bog restoration programme being carried out by Woodland Trust Scotland, with our support.

Peat bogs are even better at storing carbon than trees so we're doing everything we can to stop them growing on Portmoak Moss and drying it out. Our members regularly pull out seedlings by hand and we were delighted to be joined by some new volunteers for a morning of birch removal at the end of August. There will be another birch-pulling event on Sunday 7 November at 10.30am-4pm.

Our open meetings are held at the Well Inn, Scotlandwell, at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

www.portmoakcw.org.uk



Portmoak Apple Day returns on **Sunday 3 October**, in the orchard opposite Portmoak parish church (the field abin the kirk). We will be thoroughly Covid-19 safety conscious, so we're looking forward to what has become one of the favourite events in the woodland calendar. We're very pleased to have Andrew Lear, aka appletreeman, back with us, to help everyone identify the apples growing in their gardens. You need to bring an apple or two, as well as a twig and leaves from your tree.



Kinross Centre

Well, that's us into October already! Christmas is fast approaching and here's hoping it will be better than last year.

As we said last month we are gradually getting back to some normality. We had our first concert on Friday 17 September with David and Evelyn Cairns. They were amazing; the music was brilliant and they had everyone singing and dancing. It was great to have a bit of normality back.

We have had a few trips this month as well. We have been to Burntisland, Glendevon, and around our beautiful Loch Leven. Not forgetting our famous tea and cake (when we remember the teabags!). We are hoping to introduce more concerts and outings in the coming few months.

Our coffee bar has been quite busy and it's great to see our friends again. We are still being a little cautious so protective screens are still being used between the tables, and everyone entering the building must wear a mask unless exempt.

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of Kinross Centre, we very much appreciate it. Once again, a massive thank you goes to all the hard working staff, volunteers and committee at Kinross Centre. We don't know where we would be without you all.

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 01577 863869.

Kinross-shire Climate Café

On Monday 6 September, Kinross-shire Climate Cafe met for the first time in Milnathort Town Hall. The meeting was focused on reducing waste and recycling. Ana de Miguel, PKC Waste Minimisation Officer presented a very interesting and informative talk about different types of waste, how and where it is recycled, and PKC waste strategy. The meeting was very well-attended and everyone was really interested in the topic; in particular practical guidelines on waste kerb disposal. There were several questions from the audience ranging from detailed queries on types of recycled material to PKC strategy on reducing landfill waste. Heated discussion continued to the last minute. For anyone who could not attend the meeting, there are a few informative slides on our climate cafe Facebook group (www.facebook.com/kleo.org.uk/). Ana de Miguel was also invited to submit an article in the *Newsletter* (see p51).

On Sunday 12 September some of our group visited Portmoak Moss to attend a guided walk organised by

Portmoak Woodland Community Group (PWCG). Jeff Gunnell led the walk round the restored wetland and the surrounding woodland. Along the way we learnt the story of peatland which goes back 6000 years, with a rich specialised habitat of sphagnum moss and heather that attracts bees. In summer months this area attracts different species of dragonflies and damselflies that take advantage of ditches and pools. We also learnt about the huge PWCG conservation efforts to preserve the habitat from invasive birch. Jeff told us about a major conservation project organised by PWCG that took place a few years ago to block the draining ditches and improve the moss microclimate. Those efforts restored the carbon storage capacity of this habitat, which was estimated to equate to a carbon footprint of 40,000 people. We all enjoyed the guided walk and would recommend the visit to this beautiful nature spot on Loch Leven by Scotlandwell.

In the preparation for COP26, we had two Climate Fringe Week events. Climate Fringe Week started on 18 September and our first event was called 'Voices from Loch Leven'; a multimedia online documentary production based on reflections of local people on climate change. The series of four short films is part of Climate Fringe Week and the first part was released on 20 September at 7pm via a link posted on our Facebook page, with successive parts following daily. If you are interested in watching but have no access to Facebook, please contact Gosia Stanton (details below).

The second event was a fundraising climate café stall at the next Kinross Farmer's Market in September. There were small up-cycled objects to buy, a raffle of homemade and zero-waste produce, seeds for sale and 'make an upcycled lampion' kids activity. All proceeds were for funds for future community events.

Our next meeting is on Monday 4 October at Milnathort Town Hall with a focus on COP26. We are open to anyone interested in climate change to join our group for informal chats and any suggestions about things you would like us to organise.

If you would like to get involved or have questions related to the above, please contact Gosia Stanton by email at climatecafe@kleo.org.uk.

Kinross Cubs

Cubs returned in mid-August after the summer break. On our first night the Cubs were learning about knots and also roasting marshmallows and starbursts on campfires. It was a brilliant first night back and we were also delighted to welcome six new faces to the pack as some of the older Beavers started their transition to Cubs.

The following week the Cubs were working on their first aid skills for the Emergency Aid Level 2 badge. Mark also brought the Ochils Mountain Rescue vehicle down for the Cubs to see and told them a bit about what Ochils Mountain Rescue do.

Sonny and Caitlin





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Lauriston Nursery are delighted to have been awarded Investors In Young People Standard Accreditation 2018 which recognises our continued commitment to the recruitment, support, development and retention of young people in our business as well as our investment in training within the nursery sector. We will continue to strive to nurture their potential and support their growth.



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From January 2019, Lauriston Nursery can offer funded spaces at our bespoke facility in the heart of Kinross for all aged 3 to school age.



RAISING THE STANDARD OF CHILDCARE

Although the evenings are starting to get darker earlier we have been fortunate with the weather with the sun usually shining on Wednesday evenings. The start of September saw great teamwork from the cubs as they were working in their sixes putting up our tents, learning how to do this safely whilst looking after the tents and each other.

The Cubs have also been on their travels this term and we were out for a hike in September. We were lucky to get another fabulous evening for a walk up to John Knox's Pulpit. Everyone had a great time and more badges were presented on the same evening. Congratulations go to Sonny and Caitlin (pictured) who were both presented with their Chief Scout's Silver Award. Certificates for having 100% attendance at cubs last term were presented to Muir, Mungo, Jamie, Andrew, Finlay, Ewan, Ryan, Jude and Benjamin. Well done boys!

On the same evening, we were also delighted to see Gary, one of our assistant Cub Scout leaders, presented with his Chief Scout's 5 Years' Service Award. Congratulations Gary!

This term we said goodbye to five Cubs as Sonny, Caitlin, Harry and Georgie all move on to Scouts. Callum has also left us after spending the past couple of years with the section.

If you would like to get involved with 1st Kinross Cubs and see how far your young one can grow, then please email us at kinrosscubs@hotmail.com for more details.

Kinross-Shire Beavers

On 20 August, Beavers resumed after the summer break. It was a great first night back with den building in the local woods. The whole colony had a great time, and it was great meet our new starts. On this evening Angela, one of our assistant Beaver Scout leaders, was presented with her wood badge after completing all her leadership training; a fantastic achievement. Well done Angela!

We focused on dental hygiene and some Scottish themed games the following week. It was a great evening using various skills to show that animals have different types of teeth and what they use them for. A big thank you to Julie Savin for coming along to run the dental hygiene session.

On 3 September, the Beavers climbed Benarty Hill. Starting to the south of the 'sleeping giant' the Beavers followed the well-trodden path which snaked up the hill. Visibility was good, with views across the Kingdom and the Lothians. However, by the

Grass-sledging Beavers



time we reached the top, the cloud had descended so we were not treated to views across Loch Leven or Kinross. We spent a small amount of time at the summit before retracing our steps. Well done to all the Beavers who were fantastic, completing the climb with ease. There was more fun to come over that weekend as the beavers headed to Fordell Firs for a full day's worth of activities where everyone (including some of the leaders!) tried archery, the assault course and grass sledging.

On 10 September we had a brilliant evening at Kirkgate Park playing loads of games from around the world. We also visited the graveyard to complete a quiz. A lot of awards and badges were issued as well; Rohan, Rose and Danny were presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Award whilst Adam, Robbie, Atholl, Rupert, Finn, Struan and Harris M were all presented with a certificate for having 100% attendance last term. Lastly, we said goodbye to Rose, Rupert, Finn, Callum, Robbie, Rohan and Danny who are all moving on to Cubs. Good luck for the next stage of your scouting journey.

Interested in volunteering with Scouting? It is easier than you think. We have opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people in our group. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, but you will 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.

Circle Dancing

Circle dancing is in full swing, and I have been delighted to welcome seven new folk to my classes over the past few weeks which has been really lovely. One of the new ladies sent an email with this message: 'Thank you for welcoming me so warmly into your class. Everyone was so friendly and I really enjoyed my first session.'

If this has tempted you to consider trying circle dancing, please contact Lynne on 07931 398098 for more details.

Milnathort and Kinross Bridge Clubs

Lockdown has highlighted the value to our mental health and general wellbeing of our weekly bridge sessions in Kinross and Milnathort. Although some of our members have been playing online, this is not a substitute for face-to-face bridge. The social aspect, the company of like-minded people and the spirit of friendly competition has been missed by us all.

Both clubs are currently working together, in conjunction with the Scottish Bridge Union, to establish a sound and safe policy for return to play. The SBU has issued a in-depth risk assessment document laying out how clubs across Scotland could operate.

The Milnathort and Kinross clubs, working with their venue managers, have adapted this to facilitate the safe return to club meetings for their members. The plans will be continually updated as circumstances change.

It is envisaged that a phased return will take place when the respective club committees feel it is safe to do so. Every member will be kept informed and additional help will be needed to carry out the extra work involved.

If you are a bridge player and would like to know more about the clubs, please contact Gloria Wilson on 01577 862553 or Catriona Marshall on 01577 864482.

Fairtrade in Kinross-shire

Concerned about Climate Change? Buying Fairtrade goods is one of the steps you can take that will make a difference.

Climate change is a global issue that will be discussed in



Glasgow at COP26. There is no climate justice without trade justice. The Fairtrade movement stands united in its call to address current crises together. In Fairtrade, we believe that farmers and workers are a key part of the solution to achieve a sustainable future, and that ensuring them a living income is a critical step to move forward. A fair income is part of the necessary preconditions to reverse the trend of environmental degradation and build back from the pandemic in a fair way.

Every time you choose to buy a product with the Fairtrade mark you are supporting farmers who have used sustainable farming methods and are paying them a fair price for their work. #ChooseTheWorldYouWant!

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



This month we look back to the year 1991 and the initial school exchange between Kinross and Gacé secondary schools. Covid-19 has hit all planned trips to the continent and we hope that, for the summer of 2022, we can restore the wonderful, friendly relationship we have with our twin town community.

In June 1991 a party of over 100 pupils and staff from Kinross High School travelled for a 'Music Week' in France. The strings group performed in Gacé's Tahiti before an enthralled Gacéan audience.

The Gacé accordion band came over to Kinross High School to perform their own style of music. One of the highlights was the Gacé pupils performing the famous Can-Can Parisian dance on the Kinross High School stage.

It was from these musical exchanges that a regular annual exchange began between the language departments of Kinross and Gacé secondary schools.

We are planning to kick-start our 47 year relationship with a joint twinning youth group official trip to Gacé in the summer of 2022. We are currently looking at various travel options but hope to take a coach across the channel, leaving Kinross in late July, returning just over a week later in early August. More details will be available once we have assessed the various options open to us.

Anyone thinking of joining us (we will be staying with host families but will be making daily trips to various places of

interest including a day trip to Paris), should contact our twinning secretary David Munro.

The committee hope to resume social gatherings and fundraisers over the autumn and winter period in preparation for our visit to Gacé next summer. New twinning families are welcome to join us and anyone wishing further information should contact secretary, David Munro, on 01577 862126.

Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh (Open) Group

www.dofe.org

Our group is run wholly by parent volunteers and seeks to ensure that as many of our young people as possible get the opportunity to undertake the DofE Award, alongside those taking part through Kinross High School.

Over late spring and summer we have been busy supporting our current gold, silver and bronze cohorts through their respective awards. Expeditions with a difference (no overnight camping) were completed and our young people have been brilliant in conducting themselves whilst working towards such an amazing achievement.

Thanks go to all the volunteer parents and supporters who helping us succeed, despite the challenging conditions and restrictions presented by Covid-19. This shows that, with good planning and preparation, we can all achieve success.

A short description of their experience is given by two of our young people, Luke Volland and Lisa Robertson. Luke explained:

'I did my Silver DofE expedition with the Kinross-shire group in the Ochils. Most of the people in my group I had not spoken to that much in school before the expedition. The walks took place in my local area so I found the navigation to be fairly easy, it also helped that we managed to walk on three nice weather days.

My group got on really well together from the start of the first walk. We helped each other out with carrying the heavier loads and we also walked together as a group even if a couple of us thought we made a wrong turn. The walks were all around 15km long and we were set around 8 hours each day to complete them. I found this very good because it allowed us time to chill out and also to complete our aim as a group which was to investigate the different flora and fauna in our local area. Prior to the walks my group organised our own three course meal plan for each day of the expedition, which in theory would have been nice, but our cooking was slightly questionable! With lunch came the task that all the group were dreading: 'the food review'. After about 50 painfully embarrassing tries we managed to film something semi presentable. Overall, I found the expedition walks



much better than anticipated and have been encouraged to continue on to do my Gold DofE Award.'

Lisa describes her experience as follows:

'I decided to do the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme because I had seen my older sister taking part in the expeditions and I wanted to have that experience too. For my bronze award, I developed my music skills by taking Grade 4 piano. For the physical part of the award, I had ballet lessons and passed Grade 5. Then I volunteered in the community selling fair trade. Our hikes gave us the opportunity to learn to work together as a team, cook on a Trangia stove and put up tents. We enjoyed walking around the local area including Loch Leven and Benarty Hill.

The good thing about the Duke of Edinburgh award is that it is so varied. It has helped me think of ways to develop my own skills as well as encouraging me to find a way to help and volunteer locally. I would recommend it to other young people who are interested in gaining skills in navigation, map reading and team building. I would also recommend it to those who want to take themselves out of their comfort zone and try something new.'

Luke and Lisa highlight how they worked together to achieve their aim whilst also the importance of meeting new people and working as a team, as well as building respect, self-confidence and personal resilience. One of the key elements of DofE is also encouraging young people to make their own decisions and understand the results, and sometimes consequences, of these.

Our 2021-22 gold and direct silver groups are now started. By the time this Newsletter is out we will also have advertised for our new bronze (S3) cohort. If you are interested in undertaking the award or volunteering in any capacity, including administrative support, contact us by email at dofekinrossshire@gmail.com.

Broke Not Broken

When you think things can't get busier, and then they do!

It has been a busy 18 months and we are keeping up momentum making plans for the coming months. We are preparing for the food bank usage to increase, due to the combination of furlough stopping, fuel prices increasing, and the removal of the Universal Credit uplift. We have also had some issues buying in food where supplies are low. Our suppliers are having difficulty down the supply line, due to several factors including Covid-19 and Brexit. We have applied for funding to buy in more supermarket vouchers to ensure people can access the food that they need.

Over the school holidays we ran a School Uniform Bank. This was a huge amount of work, and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers really putting in a herculean effort. A total of 95 children accessed the service receiving a mix of

new and preloved items, as well as a voucher to put towards shoes or underwear and a new school bag.

We also ran the Tuesday Trips. This involved hiring a coach each Tuesday and taking households to a different location each week. Destinations included Aberdour beach, St Andrews, Tentsmuir Beach, The Scottish Deer Centre, Active Kids near Stanley, Kelpies and Camperdown Park. We included a packed lunch for each day and it was a huge success. The families all have difficulty accessing transport for many different reasons and the coach took them to places it can be tricky to access using public transport. We ensured we picked people up from all the outlying villages enabling great access to the project. We are planning to replicate these over the October holidays and one over Christmas as well.

Upcoming projects we are planning include:

Winter Clothing: £25 voucher per child to help with purchasing winter clothing and footwear.

Winter Warmer: Bundle including a slow cooker, vegetable bag and voucher for Hunter's butchers.

Christmas Helpers: Last year we gave out Argos vouchers to families to help mitigate debt over the Christmas period. We may do that again but offer a choice of vouchers, as well as set up an Amazon wishlist, to allow people to buy items for families as well.

Christmas Hampers: We are hopeful we can make this more of a community event this year. We are receiving guidance on that, and we are making smaller hampers again but, this time, adding vouchers for local food retailers including Baynes, Hunters, Sainsburys and so on.

Dental Support: Working with the community link worker, we are funding electric toothbrushes to help local children who have been struggling with accessing dentist services in Perth to maintain their dental hygiene. We continue to supply fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products in food parcels, and have funding to keep doing so.

Meanwhile, the counselling service is active, and can work with up to 15 people. We have secured funding for this service for the next two years. The Advice Hub is getting more active now too with more groups attending the Health Centre on a monthly or weekly basis. The Recovery Café has been taken over by Hillcrest Futures who have funding to restart this much needed service.

We also co-ordinated two collections for Afghan Refugees, both emotional events. The amount of donations on both dates was staggering, and a real tribute to how welcoming and caring our community is; not just caring about our own community but the plight of others.

Finally, as a proud moment for us as volunteers, we were awarded our lovely Queen's Award for Voluntary Service crystal and certificate signed by The Queen in a ceremony officiated by both the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Andy Middlemiss, Lord Lieutenant Stephen Leckie and Dennis Melooy Provost of Perth and Kinross. It was a lovely event with trustees past and present, as well as a great showing from current volunteers, referral agents and council workers who helped us right back at the start when we were a constituted group. It was lovely to see these faces we haven't seen in so long still supporting us and being our cheerleaders. We are hoping to put the award on display at the Community Campus to share with everyone. See page 15 for more details of the evening.

We are so grateful to everyone who has been supporting us. Without you we really couldn't do any of this. And it is important to give these opportunities and services to people in our community. So this is a big thank you to all of you.



Portmoak Hall 100 Club

September Draw

1st	No 113	Keith Milne	Wester Balgedie
2nd	No 38	Mike Holland	Kinnesswood
3rd	No 105	George Brown	Kinross

Kinross-shire Historical Society



The Committee regrets that it will be unable to start the usual programme of talks in October. This is due to the capacity restriction of 87 at Kinross Parish Church, when we have a membership of 189.

Instead, we hope to start the programme in January and that, by then, the restrictions on numbers will have been relaxed. The idea is to have a three month programme instead of six months. We will let everyone know the exact position in December.

There are lots of interesting talks in the pipeline.

Kinross and Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil

Happily, we have now reached the stage where we feel confident in inviting new people to walk with our group. Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy the countryside, explore new places, improve your mental and physical fitness, and meet people. Whether you're a new walker, are returning to walking, or go out regularly, try a walk or two with us to see if you'd like to join our friendly and relaxed group. You will be made very welcome.

Weekend Walks

Sunday 3 Oct - Linlithgow Circular, 8 miles

A walk along good paths and tracks around the loch, up to the canal basin and along the towpath as far as the Avon aqueduct. Then follow the river to Linlithgow Bridge, with road and tracks back to the loch.

Saturday 16 Oct - Auchlinsky, Common Edge and Seamab Hills, 6.5 miles

This walk in the Ochils climbs nearly 1000ft from Castlehill reservoir to the top of Seamab overlooking the Pool of Muckhart. It takes you through commercial pine forest and open grazing land planted with deciduous trees by Woodland Trust Scotland.

Monthly Thursday Walks

Thursday 28 Oct - The Hermitage, Dunkeld and Pine Cone Point, 6.5 miles

Along the river to Ossian's Hall to view the waterfalls. Through the pine woods and along forest track. Gentle linear walk up to Pine Cone Point, through woodland to the Tay. Past Neil Gow's Oak and back to The Hermitage via Inver.

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

For further details of where to meet us, or for general enquiries, please call our Group Secretary, Sandra Wilkinson on 01577 865472.

Tuesday Short Walks

For those who are new to walking, or want a shorter walk, come and join us on our Tuesday morning walks. These are usually a maximum of 4 miles, 1½ to 2 hours, followed, if practical, by an optional sociable visit to a coffee shop, farm shop or pub for refreshments.

Tuesday 5 Oct - Errol and the River Tay Reed Beds

A circular walk from Errol down to a wooded bank at the edge of the River Tay. The walk takes us above the reed beds and then above the watery tidal flats.

Tuesday 19 Oct – Cupar, Riverside East, Tarvit Pond and Tarvit Farm

Walk on good paths through parkland, a wood and open countryside with views over Cupar and surrounding area. Some pavement walking.

For further details of where to meet us, or for general enquiries, please contact Edna Burnett on 01577 862977. You may also want to have a look at our website.

Kinross Flower Club

Our first meeting of the year will take place at 2pm on Thursday 30 September in Millbridge Hall. Mrs Karen Kinhead will give a demonstration called 'Where is home'. We ask that masks are worn until seated.

Our second meeting will take place in Millbridge Hall at 2pm on Thursday 28 October. Mrs Christine MacAlpine will entertain us with her demonstration called 'My Bucket List'.

Members and visitors welcome.

Kinross High School



The new school year is well under way! We're very much looking forward to being able to gradually reintroduce some of the things that allow our learning community to get the most out of what KHS has to offer.

We've had the pleasure of welcoming an enthusiastic bunch of new S1s. We're pleased to see their fellow pupils doing a fantastic job of helping them settle into secondary school life. Mr Henderson, Depute Headteacher, oversaw the transition from P7 to S1 and couldn't be more proud of his charges. 'Our S6 leadership team did an excellent job in helping S1s find their way around the campus', he beamed, 'and have also been tremendous in settling them into the routines of secondary life. S1s have been choosing their extracurricular activities so they can get further involved in the life of the school.'

Returning pupils have also made a great start to the new school year; we've appointed a top team of House Vice Captains from each year group, prefects are enjoying having more responsibility in their new roles and S6s have started thinking up ideas to bring some fun back to KHS safely.

Just before the summer holidays, Andy Middlemiss and Brian Timms from the Rotary Club visited the campus to present prizes to Andrew, Matthew, Sasha and Lilly for their involvement in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). The week-long adventurous residential camp challenged the fearless youngsters to take part in rock climbing, canoeing, leadership exercises, team building activities and more. They even bagged themselves a £30 Go Ape voucher and a book about leadership for their valiant efforts!

Our DYW co-ordinator has been busy seeking out opportunities for young people to help develop the young workforce and give pupils skills that will set them up for their futures. Recently, a group of senior pupils participated in the WorldHost Customer Service Training Programme, a 3-day careers event organised by Springboard. On the final day, the group sat an assessment to receive an industry-recognised qualification in customer service which will not only enhance their CV, but also their career options when moving on from Kinross High School.

In our efforts to prepare young people for the world of work, we're always looking for local businesses to offer work experience, deliver workshops or help in any way they can. If you or someone you know would be interested supporting young people as they prepare for future employment, please get in touch with KHS DYW@pkc.gov.uk



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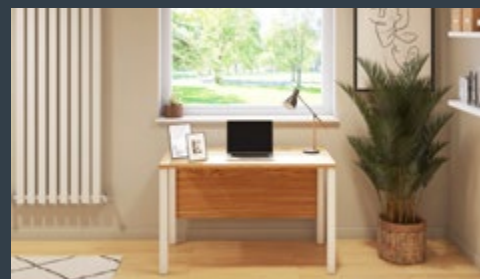
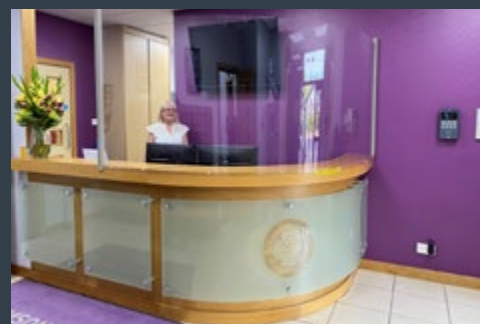
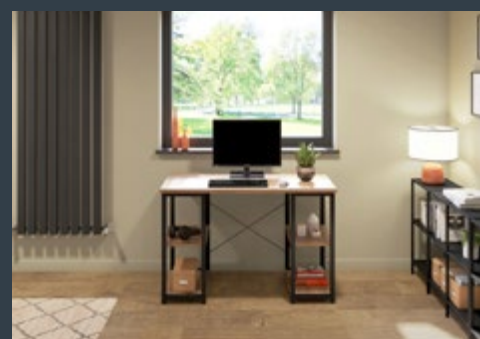
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Andrew, Matthew, Sasha and Lilly proudly accepting their awards.

Talking about moving on from Kinross High School, we have recently said *au revoir* to Mr Paul Becher after almost 22 years of teaching Modern Languages. Mr Becher is excited to be taking on a fresh challenge in his new role as a Support for Learning teacher at Perth Grammar School and we wish him the best of luck. Stepping in to fill his shoes is new teacher Mlle Judée who we are looking forward to working with.

We're also welcoming Chen Wang from China to the Modern Languages department as a volunteer teaching assistant and Miss Sim as a teacher of Drama. We're also benefitting from having an additional Community Link Worker, Ms Pass, who will be on campus for part of the week as part of a job share.

With lots of new faces to get to know and extra-curricular activities making a comeback, we're looking forward to our school feeling more like it used to.

Loch Leven Community Library

www.culturepk.org.uk

Mums, dads, grandparents, and carers are once again enjoying the regular Bookbug sessions at Loch Leven Community Library. If you would like to join a session of rhyme, story, and song with your child on a Saturday morning, you must prebook at the library as spaces are limited.

The Saturday morning sessions run from 9.15am–9.45am.

WorldHost pupils looking pleased as punch after completing a 3-day careers event.



To reserve a spot at the next Bookbug session, email lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk or phone the library on 01577 867205. We request you arrive 10 minutes before the session start time of 9.15am.

Details of the sessions can be found online at <https://www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on/bookbug-at-loch-leven-community-library/>

Loch Leven Community Library Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am–7pm
Wednesday	10am–6pm
Thursday	10am–7pm
Friday	10am–6pm
Saturday	10am–1pm
Sunday	Closed

Contact us by phone on 01577 867205 or by email at lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk

SPARKS

Supportive Project for Activities and Recreation in Kinross-shire

SPARKs continued throughout the lockdown last year, initially meeting on messenger video chat, before moving onto Zoom. It was a good way of keeping the group going when we were unable to meet in person and it was something to look forward to every week.

From 14 June onwards, we were able to meet in person again. We meet from 1-3pm every Thursday. A huge thank you goes to Kinross Men's shed for allowing us to use their fantastic facility!

Weekly Quiz and Catch up

It has been brilliant to meet up in person once again. We have been doing well with the general knowledge quizzes and Brian has started us on the Tenable quiz questions. These are excellent, and sometimes quite challenging. We are also able to play boccia on a weekly basis. We have a couple of new volunteers, Jean and Liz, who are a great support along with Alison, John and Pas.

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Club & Community Group News

When we get together, refreshments are available. These are usually followed by a quiz, board games, arts and crafts, Boccia, and the occasional guest speaker. Each activity is on a voluntary participatory basis and is open to all disabilities. The aim is for people to have a chat and reduce isolation within Kinross-shire. We ask for a small weekly donation of 50p or £1, to cover the cost of refreshments.

Shona Adams Memorial

A few of us attended a small memorial gathering at the Potager Garden for Shona on 16 August 2021. Members of Shona's family, friends, her support network, along with Potager and SPARKS members, shared lovely stories about her. We also joined the Potager Garden to provide a memorial plaque for Shona.

Boccia

Duncan and Ross took part in the Perth & Kinross Disability Sport Boccia Championships on 21 August 2021 at Bells Sports Centre. It had been the first competition for a long time and it was a fun day. Ross won a game in his section and Duncan got to the quarter final. The event was very well organised by Graeme Doig and his team.

Our Saturday boccia sessions started again at Loch Leven Community Campus from 4 September 2021. Sessions run every Saturday at 11.30-12.30 and cost £1 or £2 session. The small fee covers the cost of hiring the court. It's fantastic to get back to playing on the proper court.

We would like to encourage more people to come along. Everyone is welcome and we have a lot of fun and laughter every week! See p88 or contact Duncan by email at duncanmcintyre1961@icloud.com for more details.

Kinross & District Rotary Club

www.ribi.org



We're celebrating!

We're always happy to support the local and international community – and have tried to find ways to do so even during the restrictions caused by the pandemic. We were delighted to receive a coveted Presidential Citation, – for helping Rotary open opportunities in the lives of people all over the world – in recognition of 'the effort put in under trying circumstances during the year' by our club.

And we are excited to be able to emerge from those 'trying circumstances' and get out and about again!

We will be 'popping up' at the Farmers' Market on 23 October – we are holding a Table Top Sale of quality goods in Kinross Centre. Come inside, browse and buy – or just come in and meet us and find out more about what we do.

Soon we will be out and about all over Kinross-shire with Santa and our much-loved sleigh trips! Trips start on the weekend of the Festive Market November. Details coming soon. We are reliably informed that Santa can't wait to see you all again!

Looking ahead, we are making plans to participate in the 'Queen's Green Canopy' – a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. We welcome any ideas for consideration about a suitable site. For further details, see <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

We will be co-ordinating the Shoebox Scheme once again. We hope that local school children will get involved with their usual enthusiasm. If you have no young people to help in filling their boxes and would like to participate yourself, contact our secretary (see below) for arrangements. Details for suggested contents and about the distribution of the finished boxes can be found at www.rotaryshoebox.org. Past collections in Kinross-shire have among the best in the whole

of our (huge!) Rotary District 1010 – let's make it another bumper collection!

Our meetings over the next weeks are going to be a hybrid of Zoom and face-to-face events to ensure that we include all members and potential members.

On 6 September we met on Zoom to plan future meetings and events – and exchanged 'Pet Tales' with one another – and we held a face-to-face meeting on 14 September when members met for the first time in 18 months at the Kirklands Hotel! It was great to be back!

This was a breakfast meeting – held on the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 7.30am. Some of our members are able to attend this meeting only and enjoy this opportunity to involve themselves in the club's work. For details of breakfast meetings and 'Associate Membership', contact our Secretary.

There is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to be involved in Rotary.

Why I Became A Rotarian

Carolyn Poller tells us her story: 'When a friend, and member of Rotary, suggested that I should join the club, I had initial reservations about how much time I had to share with a very active family life and career. But I was very warmly welcomed at my first meeting and quickly realised that I could be involved in activities however and whenever suited my busy lifestyle. Moreover, the weekly meetings broadened my outlook on life – a chance to work and socialise alongside people from a wide range of backgrounds, experiences and occupations, and hearing inspiring speakers on an array of topics. I had, then, little idea of how much excellent work is carried out by Rotary Clubs, providing local support and global impact – or the personal benefits of being involved: the chance to learn or to lead; to give your time and talents and to receive so much in return. I can wholeheartedly recommend joining Rotary.'

Mental Health Drop-In

In conjunction with The Lighthouse in Perth we run a mental health drop-in every Monday afternoon, from 2pm to 5pm.

This is held in the Health Education Room in the Kinross Surgery opposite the campus – just ask at reception if you have trouble finding it.

Please drop-in for a quiet, confidential chat on any mental health issues you may be having at anytime on a Monday afternoon. We offer support and can give directions to other agencies who can provide further help.

We have a busy programme of meetings and events planned. If you are interested in any of our speakers or events, you are welcome to join us.

For further details, contact secretary.kdrc@gmail.com

OCTOBER PROGRAMME

7 Oct Club Meeting: ZOOM

Andy Middlemiss

The Malayan Emergency: 1948 to 1960

12 Oct BREAKFAST MEETING

Followed by group visit to Arlary Stables

18 Oct Club Meeting: KIRKLANDS HOTEL

Bruce Crawford

Reflections on his career as parliamentary minister

25 Oct Council Meeting



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Annual General Meeting

The Trust held its AGM via email and online in late August. Here are brief summaries of some of the reports. More information is available on our website.

In his Chairman's report, Alistair Smith expressed sadness at the passing of Karol Swanson in May. Karol was a very active member of both the KCT Planning Committee and the Raingardens Challenge and will be much missed.

This year is the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust. It was established with the objects of promoting and encouraging a public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg. These aims are designed to help maintain the essential character of the area through the preservation, conservation, development and improvement of buildings in general.

The Trust is excited at the creation of the Raingardens Challenge as part of its commitment to improving the environment.

The Trust encourages good architecture with its Architectural Awards for new build, renovation and restoration of old buildings. Unfortunately we have not been able to identify any candidates for the awards this year.

The Awards committee also runs the Well Kept County Competition which has been running now for 55 years since its inception by Sir Robert Stewart in 1966. (Results of this year's competition were announced in last month's Newsletter.)

The Chairman thanked the KCT Planning Committee, Awards Committee, Executive Committee and members for their support over the past year.

Planning Report: In the Trust's year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, there were 180 Kinross-shire planning applications. The Trust submitted 15 objections and five letters of general comment.

Of the 15 applications we objected to, PKC approved seven, refused four and a decision is awaited for one. Three of the applications we objected to were withdrawn.

Of the five applications on which we made general comments, four were approved and one withdrawn.

What is heartening is that even where an application that we had objected to has been approved, in a number of cases – probably around a third – we can see that our concerns have

been taken into account. This might be in the form of the applicant being required to submit additional information, or a condition being attached to the planning consent.

Office bearers: Alistair Smith, Eileen Thomas and Ken Miles were returned as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Lathro Phase 2 and Play Area Provision

In January, the Scottish Government Reporter indicated he was minded to allow Persimmon's appeal against PKC's refusal of the developer's application for increased numbers of houses on phase 2 of the Lathro Farm development. The Reporter's decision was conditional on the developer and the Council registering a section 75 agreement within 13 weeks. There have been various delays to this but an email on the DPEA website indicates that the S75 agreement has now been signed. We can therefore expect the Reporter to issue the final grant of appeal very soon.

In September, contractors for Persimmon were preparing to erect play equipment next to the SUDS pond in phase 1 of Lathro Meadows. Persimmon were supposed to build a temporary play area here before the occupation of the first dwelling in phase 1! The permanent play area is to be in phase 2.

When the Trust raised Persimmon's failure to provide a play area with PKC earlier this year, we were told that the Council saw little merit on insisting upon play provision at the temporary location and would instead seek to bring forward the permanent play area early in the phase 2 development. (Under the conditions listed by the Reporter, the permanent play area need not be provided until occupation of the 100th house in phase 2.)

We were also told that the Council had health and safety concerns due to the proximity of the SUDS pond. Why, then, in 2017 did planning officers recommend approval of the application for the temporary play area in this location?

Raingardens Update

Several exciting developments since the last update. At last the wildflowers sown in the sandy soil infiltration trenches at Loch Leven's Larder are in bloom and looking good, bringing colour into the greyness of the car park, and stabilising the soil.

Experts from Buglife and Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, visiting (and working) as part of a Hands-on Workshop



Club & Community Group News

looking at four of the raingarden sites in Kinross, remarked on the variety of wildflowers and their value as pollinators (see article elsewhere in this issue).

We have enjoyed working with Kinross in Bloom looking at raingarden opportunities, notably at Springfield Road and the Park and Ride. Plans for improvements to the Park and Ride, as outlined in earlier *Newsletter* articles, are well advanced now. We are getting quotes for a simple barrier fence to run along the far side of each of the three grass strips there, to stop cars being driven directly across when they leave. The damaged compacted grass is to be stripped and soil level lowered – hopefully sufficiently to allow the rainfall runoff from the car park to enter the new raingarden features to be created there.

Hopefully the new raingardens will help improve the appearance of the site where visitors to Kinross by bus arrive and get their first perception of the town.

Elsewhere we have been looking at opportunities to extend the work with local schools, following the success at Portmoak Primary school (helped by volunteers from Kinnesswood in Bloom). It would be great to have some raingarden projects in Milnathort and we'd welcome contact from anyone who might be able to help find opportunities there.

The same applies regarding the High School. Across from the community campus is an area of grass managed by conventional (expensive) frequent mowing. It is bounded by roads on three sides so not a safe area for ball games etc. But it has an eroded edge alongside the access road into the Loch Leven Health Centre which could be made into a wildflower swale and little wetland, and the grass area itself could be managed as a wildflower meadow, with involvement and teaching opportunities for the school? Again, anyone interested please contact us.

SWI



Cleish SWI

President Agnes Thomson welcomed 30 ladies (26 members and four visitors) to our September meeting.

After business she welcomed two of our committee members Lizzie Glennie and Anne Doig who had arranged a 'Fun Night' for everyone to enjoy.

Logo Game Winner - Faye Gibb

Bingo (one line) Winner - Alison Morris

Bingo (full house) Winner - Jackie Wood

Quiz Winner - Faye Gibb

The 'Fun Night' was concluded by Lizzie Glennie reading a poem — *Smile* by Spike Milligan — which left everyone feeling uplifted.

A vote of thanks was given by Vice President Helen Buchanan.

Flower of the month competition

1st Janette Craig

2nd Alison Morris

3rd Fiona Barnfather



Thanks to Gillian for the beautiful lunch and organising a great day.

Carnbo SWI

President Heather Dennis welcomed everyone to the September meeting.

Following business Caroline Waring gave a short talk and all present were happy to participate and greatly enjoyed a taster session of Yoga in a chair.

Jay Hutchison gave the vote of thanks.

Flower of the month competition

1st Margaret Greener

2nd Linda Band

Picture of a sunrise competition:-

1st Sheila Reid

2nd Margaret Greener

The next meeting will be on 18 October at 7.15pm. The topic - *Something Floral*. Visitors welcome.



Sports News

Kinross Golf Club

www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk



Kinross Golf Club won the Perth and Kinross Scratch League final on 15 August. Well done to the guys on a great win against a strong Auchterarder team. Thanks also to Kinross member Andrew Morrison for his company's generous sponsorship. Match scores were:- Fraser Sneddon (retired) lost to Rory Franssen; Andy Jackson beat Ewan Farquharson 3&2; Jamie Arthur beat Kenny Macaskill 4&3; Gordon Jackson halved Scott Haxton Scott Michie beat Kevin Donaldson 7&5.

If you are interested in playing golf at or joining Kinross Golf Club, please visit our website for details.



Kinross Volleyball

We are back training indoors at last! Monday night training sessions have resumed at the Campus large games hall from 8.15-9.30pm. Beginners and new members are welcome. Come along if you want to have fun and get a wee bit fitter at the same time. We are looking to recruit new players (both male and female) for our teams which compete in the Perth District League on Sunday evenings at Bell's Sports Centre. Both our Premier League and Recreational League teams have started preparations for when the local leagues resume and would welcome new members to become part of their squads.



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Come join the fun - new members welcome

Sunday afternoon 'Pop up and Play' sessions continued throughout September with youngsters and adults alike enjoying the fun atmosphere.

The two Kinross teams entered for the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch, were disappointed to learn of the last-minute cancellation due to the rise in Covid-19 numbers throughout Scotland.

A number of local youngsters continue to travel to Perth's Darnhall Beach Centre on Sunday mornings for free junior coaching sessions with local coach Iain Cook.

It is hoped that the Kinross High School extra-curricular Wednesday sessions will be resuming soon so that youngsters from S1 to S6 can prepare for this season's Scottish Volleyball schools' competitions and festivals. S1 and S2 pupils play 3 v 3 volleyball, S3 and S4 pupils play 4 v 4 volleyball and S5 and S6 pupils play the full 6 v 6 adult volleyball game.

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>



Last month was another busy month for the club. As we ended our summer training schedule and move into the winter training plan, the club took advantage of the last of the light evenings. However, the dark nights won't stop our dedicated club members getting out to run.

On Saturday 21 August we hosted the KRR Path of Condie half marathon. It was great to finally be able to organise an event and we had KRR club members and other runners from all over taking part. With some rain, the very hilly race was a great success and well done to Matt and Caroline for achieving first local male and female. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the event a great success.

For the monthly round up of race results, club members attended various park runs all over the UK. The runners were



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very busy this month and the list of other races attended was a long one including the Forfar 10k, the Drummond Hill Trail race, the Blast running Sunset Marathon team event, the Roon the Toon 10k, Perth 10k, Kirkcaldy Parks trail 10k, the Last Duel Trail race, the Glencoe Half Marathon, the Killin 10k and the Pentland Road 10k.

Alex and Gillian Mc took part in the Race across Scotland which was 215 miles long, with Alex finishing the full event and Gillian running 153 miles. A fantastic effort from them both to run this mammoth distance.

Training sessions included a 90 second interval speedwork session, a pyramid reps session, 4 minute intervals session and the famous 2 mile time trial.

Trail runs were the Walnut Whips trail run, the Glenlond Trail run, the Falkland Estate Duck Pond route, and a practice run of the Christmas handicap route (only around 100 days to go!!), and our pictures this month show both the wonderful sights from our trail runs, and also the great amount of fun our runners have on our training sessions.

KRR were present at the Fossoway Gathering with a stall. We also ran the junior fun run. The young runners all had a great time.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to hosting the Milnathort Dash on Sunday 19 September and we have our fingers crossed for less rain on the day.

Just a reminder as always that the club training sessions fit all abilities and involve a variety of running activities as you can see from the list of this month's sessions. Interval sessions improve running speed, trail runs build up strength and stamina, and slower chatty runs are good for socialising.

The club welcomes all abilities and, whether you are new to running or experienced, just looking for new routes to try out or to meet new faces, there is something for everyone. If you fancy getting involved or trying out a run with the club, visit our website and get in touch. However you run, enjoy it.

Kinross Rugby Club

Senior Section

Our senior 1XV squad has been training within Covid-19 restrictions throughout the summer. Following three victories in our preseason games we are hopeful of a successful season. A disappointing performance in the season opener saw us pipped at the post by Madras in St Andrews. However, the 1XV were back on form in our first home game where we won 27-21 against Alloa. This was the first time Kinross has beaten Alloa in almost 10 years and a fitting end to our 40th anniversary open day at KGV playing fields. The senior squad, like our veterans (over 35) and youth age groups, are always



Chris Innes rising above everyone to secure another line-out

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Youth Sections

Our youth sections cover P1 to P7 and we are also fielding U13s and U14 boys' teams and a U14 girls team. All are progressing well, but we would encourage as many young people to come and join in to stay healthy, get fit and build confidence in a friendly atmosphere.

With the first two weekends of the season completed all age groups have been playing competitively with many great performances against Glenrothes and Dunfermline. Training for P1 to P7 is on Saturday mornings and our U13 and U14 boys and girls train on Wednesday evenings. For more details contact us by email at kinrossrugby.juniors@gmail.com.

Finally, a big thank you goes to our army of willing volunteers and generous sponsors; without this support the club would not be the welcoming, family friendly place it is. Thank-you to Soho Wealth, Fife Mitsubishi, MetOcean Engineering, Performance Carbon Ltd and Abbey Removals and Storage Ltd.

Struan Bennett

<https://struanbennettri.wordpress.com/>

School Games and British Triathlon Super Series wins

The British Triathlon Super Series comprises five events in the UK with the best three finishes to count. Struan won the British Triathlon Super Series for the Youth B Age Group with three first places to score maximum points and be a clear winner.

Representing Scotland at the school games in Loughborough,

Struan crossing the finish line when winning the relay at the school games



Struan took part in the individual and team triathlon events. In the individual Triathlon event, he won his heat in the Aquathlon and then was a clear winner in the final later that day. He lost a couple of seconds of this lead in the bike dustbin test and started the final cycle leg on his own, hanging on to win by three seconds. In the Triathlon relay on the anchor leg, Struan started in second and caught 35 seconds over the 400m swim to bring the Scottish Team into first place. With a strong cycle and run he held onto the lead to pick up his second gold medal of the school games.

Struan would like to thank Kinross Otters, Fife AC, Kinross Cycling Club, Live Active, Sportsaid Scotland, Pedal Potential and the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust for their support throughout the 2021 season.

Orwell Bowling Club

Green Avenue, Milnathort, KY13 9YN

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The committee agreed to run a limited number of club competitions this year due to the Covid restrictions. The following are the results for 2021.

Gents

Champion

Presidents

Somerville Pairs

Cunningham Cup

Winners

David Winton

Michael Hamilton

Gordon Clark &

Bobby Brian

Gordon Morton &

Michael Hamilton

Runners Up

Gordon Clark

Graeme Duncan

David Winton &

Gordon Morton

David Winton &

Vic McKechnie

Ladies

Champion

Miller Cup

Hamilton Salver

Ann Wilson

4 Bowl Pairs

Nomination 2

Bowl Pairs

Winners

Maz Thorn

Maz Thorn

Jean Menzies

Linda Reid &

Jeanie Jackson

Jean Menzies &

Sandra Fullerton

Runners Up

Jean Menzies

Sandra Fullerton

Joan McFarlane

Maz Thorn &

Anne McGouldrick

Linda Reid &

Jeannie Jackson

Mixed

Senior Champion

Keir Cup

Centenary Cup

Kinloch Trophy

Meldrum Cup

Winners

Tom Reid

Michael Hamilton

Gordon Clark

Gordon Clark

Graeme Duncan &

Bobby Brian

Maclay Mixed Pairs

Gordon Clark &

Anne McGouldrick

Runners Up

Vic McKechnie

Tom Reid

Gordon Morton

Sandra Fullerton

Sandra Fullerton &

Nicol Tomney

David Winton &

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The committee would like to thank all members who supported the club this year. It is hoped that we can have a have a face to face AGM at the end of November.

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Local Volunteer Opportunities

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Greyhound Rescue Fife

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

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

KLEO

(Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation): If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events (concerts, comedy and the festive street market), please join the KLEO team! For more info about KLEO events, go to www.kleo.org.uk. If interested, please contact Bouwien Bennet at info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven: We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk or call 01577 862355.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

The Museum Trust is looking for volunteers to help care for Kinross-shire's heritage collections and man the Museum Study Room in the Loch Leven Community Campus on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would like to know more, drop by or contact the Museum on 01577 867153 or email: information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk

Swansacre Playgroup

A long established charity playgroup for children aged 2-5 years, we need volunteers to help support us with play sessions. For more information, please email swansacre@gmail.com

Kinross Heart Start

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

Light Up Kinross

Light Up Kinross is a small local charity with responsibility for Kinross Christmas lights and decorations. We require additional volunteers to assist with fundraising and administration of the lights. If you are interested, please contact David Colliar, email davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk or Bill Freeman, email billywhizkid78@gmail.com or contact our Facebook page.

Common Grounds

Charity café staffed by volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays in Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Open to public 10am-12.30pm. Opportunity to serve in café or bake for the café. Also opportunity to gain recognised hours towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Saltire Awards for young people 16 years and over. Funds raised are used to support charities mainly in Africa. Contact: Convener Elspeth Caldwell on 01577 863350 or Secretary Linda Freeman on 01577 865045 for more information.

Children's Hospices Across Scotland:

Can you spare a few hours of your time? We are looking for volunteers in our kitchen, housekeeping, driving, childcare and garden teams.

Anyone who is interested is welcome to come for a visit. Please contact us by phone on 01577 865777 or email volunteering@chas.org.uk. To apply online visit www.chas.org.uk.

Seamab

Seamab is a residential school that cares for some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland. We are looking for volunteers to help us place and manage collecting cans. Volunteering for Seamab makes a huge difference to the lives of the children and is a great way to meet people and develop new skills. For more information contact Melloney Flinn at mflinn@seamab.org.uk or call 01577 840307.

SSAFA

The Armed Forces charity is always on the look out for new volunteers in a variety of roles: client case working (free training is provided), admin office roles, fundraising when back on stream, or PR/media work. Contact the Branch Secretary 07594 650900.

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.

Milnathort Town Hall Committee

Can you spare a couple of hours a month? We are looking for volunteers to join us. For more information please contact us at milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com.

Volunteering with Aberlour!

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to support Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. If you have a genuine interest in the wellbeing of children and families and live in Perth and Kinross 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

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 and wellbeing. 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.

Scotland's Gardens

Do you love gardens? Might you be interested in meeting local garden owners, helping to support local gardens that currently open for charity, plus those that are considering it? If so, and you would like to know more, please ring Lizzie on 01577 862900.

Duke of Edinburgh

The Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh Open Group was established over 13 years ago as wholly parent run group. Everyone is a volunteer and we are licensed to run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme for young people in the area via Perth and Kinross Council.

We have a wide range of adult volunteering opportunities available, be that help with admin and fundraising to those who want to lead expeditions out in the hills. There is something for every parent or adult here.

We also welcome back those participants who have completed

their awards, are over 18 and wish to give back to the Group. We can arrange all necessary training and also support adult volunteers financially to complete any relevant qualifications that they may require.

Contact us at dofekinrossshire@gmail.com or visit www.dofe.org/run/volunteer for more information.

The Potager Garden

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

Interested in Guiding?

Girl Guide Troops In Milnathort, Kinross & Portmoak Need Helpers. Volunteer with Girl Guiding and help make a difference to the lives of girls. Be an inspiration for girls and young women and help them realise their full potential and share some unforgettable moments along the way. Register on line at go.girlguiding.org.uk and I will get back to you. Kinross need a Guide Helper, Brownie leader and helper. Portmoak need a brownie helper and Milnathort are looking for a Rangers leader. If you would like to volunteer and would like a little more information, please just give me a buzz. Call Alison on 07764 750212

Friends of CHAS Kinross

Friends of CHAS Kinross, a local volunteer fundraising group, came together in 2020 to help raise funds for Children's Hospices Across Scotland. Their first fundraising initiative (an online raffle) was a resounding success, raising an amazing £2,500. Led by local entrepreneur Beth Gibson, the group are now looking for new members to help them plan their next fundraiser.

Do you enjoy meeting people? Making a difference? Planning fun and creative events? Then please think about Friends of CHAS – Kinross. They'd love for you to join them.

If you'd like to learn more about the group or are interested in joining, please contact community fundraiser Lyndsay Stobie at: lyndsaystobie@chas.org.uk or 07557 370746.

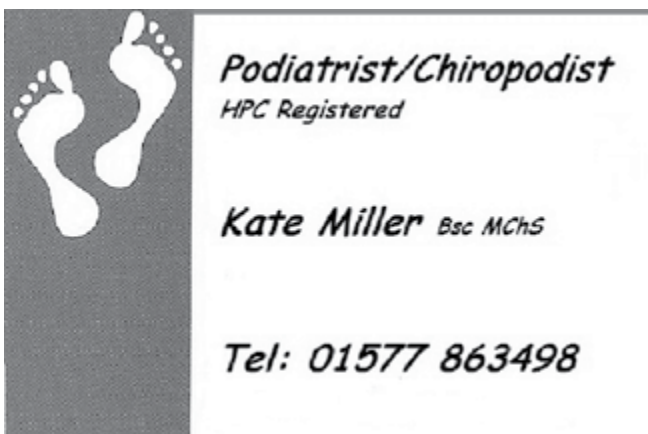
1st Kinross Cubs

1st Kinross Cubs is a part of the 1st Kinross Scout Group and offers the young children of Kinross-shire the opportunity to gain new skills and experiences under the guidance of the Scout Association. Every year the Scout Association help over 450,000 young people in the UK enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. It's not just young people who can get in on the action. Working alongside our youth members are thousands of adult volunteers, with a huge variety of roles and opportunities available. Why not strengthen your CV while making a real impact on the lives of young people? How much time you give is up to you, and you don't need any previous experience. We currently have several volunteering roles available with the cub section, and whatever you choose, we'll make sure you're properly trained and supported. If you are interested and would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, then please contact Daryl on 01577830346 or email kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk

Kinross in Bloom

Volunteer group which provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment in Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com

Organisations: If you would like a volunteer appeal to be added to the list above, please email the Newsletter Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.



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JUST SWANNING AROUND

WE ARE NOW IN the heart of autumn, pink-footed goose numbers are building and they can be seen feeding in the fields around Kinross & Milnathort. The leaves are starting to change colour; look out for the yellow leaves of the aspen and the dark-red leaves of the gean (wild cherry).

The early morning, crisp sunrises are now accompanied by the honking calls of the wintering whooper swan. October will see the peak arrival of our whooper swans. These majestic swans can be told apart from their familiar, resident cousins by the colour of their bill and the noises that they make. Whooper swans have a bright yellow bill, unlike our usual mute swans with their orange bill. Whooper swans also have a noisy, 'honking' call compared to the aptly named mute swans which only hiss and grunt. The whooper swans that winter in the UK come from Iceland. These birds fly over the Atlantic Ocean to our shores to escape the cold, harsh arctic winters. They provide an atmospheric soundscape to Loch Leven NNR!

Numbers of wildfowl on the loch is now at its peak. We can get counts of 5000 coot, 1500 greylag geese, 1200 mallard, 800 mute swan, 15,000 pink-footed geese, 400 pintail, 500 pochard, 4000 teal, 6000 tufted duck, 800 whoopers and so much more in October! The loch can see up to 60,000 birds on it. A truly important, international migration and wintering station!

As well as the honking of the 'whoopers', large numbers of teal and wigeon also add to the soundscape of the loch. Most of these birds have migrated from the Baltic/Scandinavia and Siberia. We can get over 200,000 teal and 400,000 wigeon wintering in the UK. In recent years, the highest count of wigeon on the loch was 3299 and the highest count of teal was 9324. The calls of these fabulous ducks can provide a wonderful atmosphere as you walk around the Loch. The call of the wigeon is a wonderful whistle and teal make a lovely high-pitched 'pleep-pleep' call. The sound of winter at Loch Leven NNR!

The woodlands are coming alive with autumn wildlife! Levenmouth woods are full of big winter flocks of siskin, blue-tit,



coal tit, long-tailed tit and great tit. The birch that dominates Levenmouth Wood is turning into a lovely golden colour. Fungi is littering the floor at the moment! Ian our seasonal member of staff found a lovely mushroom called an amethyst deceiver. This deep violet mushroom is found in woodlands across the UK, especially in ones with beech. Worth keeping an eye out for this small, purple treasure!

Latest wildlife highlights from the loch include; 3 ruff, 29 black-tailed godwit, 13 dunlin, slavic grebe, amethyst deceiver, whooper swan, 34 pintail, 38 shoveler and red squirrels feeding on the beech mast!

As always, keep an eye on the blog (Loch Leven WordPress), Loch Leven NNR Facebook page and the Loch Leven NNR Instagram for regular updates.

Cheers!

Simon Ritchie

Loch Leven National Nature Reserve Officer

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STEPS TO IMPROVEMENT

AS THE LEAVES BEGIN to change colour and the nights draw in, a familiar feeling of autumn creeps into the reserve at RSPB Loch Leven. We have had some excellent bird of prey action this month, including five ospreys, marsh harrier, kestrel, and buzzard. Migrant waders have begun to arrive now too, with a mixture of black tailed godwit, greenshank, and dunlin along the edge of the strip. Teal, wigeon, shoveler and mallard have been

seen out on the loch, and little grebe, great crested grebe, moorhen, and water rail have been spotted around the flood. We have also had a visit from a short-eared owl seen around the bog, just left of the flood from the Carden hide!

The reserve team have been hard at work dealing with summer management. This includes drawing down the water levels of the wetlands to further expose areas of land and provide lots of muddy habitat for migrant waders. Other work that has been undertaken includes the re-seeding of areas of the new car park with wild-flower, strimming along the predator fence, invertebrate surveys, and the cutting back of vegetation over the paths. We have also been working on the new pond dipping decking in the secret garden to provide a great

place for kids to go looking for newts and other creatures of the deep!

We have our annual Halloween treasure trail starting again this month too from 11-31 October. Carlin Maggie the old witch of Bishop Hill is back, and she's left some items lying around Loch Leven! Can you help find them in our spooky Halloween treasure hunt? Pick up your treasure pack at the visitor centre and see how many objects you can find! Drop in anytime between 10am-4pm, no booking required, £3.50 per pack.

We are pleased to say the project to renovate our visitor centre is still on track to be completed for mid-October. A wider part of the project also includes the painting of a mural on the steps leading up to the visitor centre from the underpass by artist Chris Rutherford. This is due to be finished soon, so please stop by our coffee cabin to have a look at the final masterpiece. You can see regular updates of this via our social media pages. In the meantime, please continue to visit our pop-up shop located in the car park and follow our diversion to the coffee cabin to visit our wetlands and hides.

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Visitor experience officer

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www.scotlandsgardens.org

For further info on these gardens, and any others opening all over Scotland for charity, please visit the Scotland's Gardens website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Weather



Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

August 2021

Total Rainfall	85.8mm/3.43in
Heaviest Fall	34.1ml/1.36in (7 Aug)
Total Sunshine	155.4 hrs
Sunniest Day	10.8 hrs (24 Aug)
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Gardening

WINDING DOWN TO WINTER

THE NIGHTS ARE FAIR drawin' in, aren't they? As I write this, the trees are starting to turn and there's a distinct chill in the air. It'll soon be time to turn the heating on and look out the cosy jammies to see myself through the winter.

Until then... there's still lots to do before the ground gets too cold and everything gets locked up for the winter.

You've still got plenty of time to plant up spring-flowering bulbs, which is probably just as well as I haven't done mine yet. Tulip bulbs will be going into pots as soon as I've taken out my summer bedding plants.

As a general rule, tulips are usually rubbish after the first year (two at the most), unless they're a variety that naturalises (spreads). I usually buy fresh bulbs each year and plant the old bulbs in a corner of the garden to be used as cut flowers come the spring – if they decide to bloom a second time. Replacing bulbs every year probably isn't the most environmentally friendly approach so next year I'll be looking for bulbs which naturalise – we each need to do our bit.



Over the next few weeks, I'll be planting out my polyanthus – the plug plants were bigger than expected and they've bulked up enough to be planted now – I went for a really bright, colourful mix so they should look great – and they'll come back every year.

October's also a good time to carry on lifting/dividing and pruning back your perennial plants and shrubs. If you have



late flowering perennials such as Rudbeckia, you generally need to wait until spring to lift. But others can be done now, like Lupins and Hostas. Of course, you don't have to cut back any of your perennial plants until the spring – you can leave the foliage in place to shelter wildlife over the winter. After tidying your borders for the winter it's usually a good idea to

mulch with bark chips, spent mushroom compost or manure – this insulates the plant roots for the winter and keeps weeds in check – that's always a good thing!

You can also carry on collecting seeds from your annual flowers for use next year – just remember to label them or come spring, you'll have lots of 'mystery' trays of seedlings – yep, been there, done that!



If you have any roses, you can probably give them a prune back about now, especially climbing roses. This will encourage more side growth next year and produce many more stems to flower from. If you also add some well-rotted manure to the base, you'll get a stunning display next year. Shrub roses can also be given a bit of a trim – this removes the unseemly dead heads and will also reduce the likelihood of 'wind rock' over the winter, which can damage the roots.

Tender perennials will also be making their way indoors this month – Fuchsias and Begonias – the Fuchsias will stay in their pots in the greenhouse (with all foliage trimmed off), the Begonias will be dried out slightly and foliage removed, wrapped in paper and overwintered in a cool, dry place.

So, October in short – pruning, mulching, dividing, composting and overwintering.

It's that time of year when we're winding down to winter that I wrap this column in fleece and shove it into the back of the shed – ready to be dusted off and the cobwebs removed in the spring. So, enjoy your time in the garden and I look forward to seeing you all again next year, ready to start all over again.

I'll leave you with some photos of my favourite flowers this year – Begonias, Hydrangeas and Dahlias.

Teresa Stirling

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A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A REST



EVER HEARD THE SAYING 'Get off the farm once a day, get out of the parish once a week and out of the county once a month'? A farm adviser shared it with me one day and I think it's a marvellous mantra for farmers and a good recipe for balancing out the demands of farm life.

My own Dad farmed on his own for many years and devoted long hours to build up his farming business, both he and Mum, in her own career, worked very hard without much time off. Bank-head isn't remote, but like many farms it could be easy to work away and go for days without seeing anyone.

However, Dad set me a great example and broke up his long hours by getting off the farm. He always popped to the village to pick up the daily papers and half a dozen fresh rolls for lunch and before he retired (semi-retired) he sold lambs most weeks at the Cally Mart in Stirling.

Some farmers drop the lambs and head home but many others, including Dad, make a point of seeing the lambs weighed and grabbing a bite to eat at the mart cafe, before going through to the ringside to view the sale. Dad knew all the buyers and developed a good understanding of what kind of lambs they liked and what was selling best. He also en-

joyed a regular catch up with the other sellers, making a lot of friends who he looked forward to seeing each week.

As for the 'out of the county once a month' part of the saying, I think many of the trips further afield were associated with picking up spare parts to fix machinery break-downs rather than a monthly theatre outing. Whatever the reason, the trips into Fife or over the Forth Bridge were a good opportunity to see what was happening in the rest of the country before returning refreshed to the farm.

Nowadays many jobs on farms are mechanised and as such more farmers work alone than ever before. When you combine lone working with the impact of Covid restrictions that have kept us all at home and farmers away from auction markets and agricultural events, it's not surprising that the helpline run by the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institute (RSABI), a farming support charity, has been busier than ever taking calls from farm and rural folks who are struggling to cope with isolation and loneliness.

With this in mind, I jumped at the chance to join my friend Tricia who was looking for a challenge to raise funds for the charity. We hatched a plan that

would see us burst the boundary of Kinross-shire and venture west to pick up her teaching colleague, Sharon, before travelling on to the Trossachs to embark on our adventure. With a packed lunch safely in our rucksacks, a set of walking poles and a pair of sunglasses each we left the car park at Strathyre by 9.45am to embark on our climb of Ben Ledi.

The fundraiser is an annual event usually taking place in the Great Glen but this year it did not have a set format, so we chose hill walking and worked our way up the west side of Ben Ledi slowly and steadily, climbing through the clouds and on through a never ending set of carefully laid stone steps before reaching the summit about 12.45. It was certainly worth the climb, the clouds cleared to let the sun out revealing wow factor 360 degree views; we felt on top of the world in so many ways.

The saying recognises the importance of getting away for a wee while, giving yourself a chance to clear your head and recharge your emotional battery before the next farming shift begins. Thanks Tricia for challenging me and I'm pleased our efforts will help to keep the rural helpline going. If you would like to donate please visit our team page. <https://rsabi.enthuse.com/pf/corbett-conquerors-ben-ledi>.



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Regular Services and Events:

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Sundays

NEW: Over the last few months we have been experimenting with different formats for our Sunday mornings, including more informal times for fellowship and music before the more formal service. Check the weekly email, website or contact the church office for up to date information.

10.30am: Morning Service in the church. Booking advised for attendance, through the church office by Friday at 10.30am. However, you can also just turn up.

Sunday morning services are also available as a live stream on the church website, YouTube and Facebook, and on Zoom*. Thereafter available to view on YouTube, Facebook and the church's website; from around 1pm, listen by phone on 01577 528270 and press 1; or request a CD or copy of the sermon from the church office.

6pm: Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom*

Mondays

8pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship

Tuesdays

1.45pm: House Group

Wednesdays

12 noon: Mid-week prayers, in the church.

1.30pm: Craft Group meet in the church.

7.45pm: Men's House Group.

8.00pm: Women's House Group.

Thursdays

11-12pm Table Talk – Chat and coffee on Zoom*

Fridays

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association in the church centre.

Anchors 6pm; Juniors 7pm; Company and Seniors 7pm

Other Services and Events:

October

Sun 3 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by an informal Communion at around 11.45am

Mon 4 8am: Silent Meditation in the church

Tue 12 7.15pm: Guild, 'Lighthouse for Perth' on Zoom

Thu 21 9pm: late evening service of Compline in the church and probably livestreamed on Facebook (check weekly email)



Sat 23 10am – 2pm Traidcraft and Eco-Congregation stalls at the Kinross Farmers Market

Tue 26 7.15pm: Guild, 'Japanese Garden' on Zoom

Sat 30 1pm All Friends Together join the Annual Celebration for Prospects on Zoom

***For Gatherings on Zoom:** see weekly email or contact the Church Office for link details.

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October 2021

Updates and changes to the dates below can be found on our church website: <https://cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk>

Sunday, 3 Oct

9.45am: Celebration of Holy Communion at Fossoway Church
There will refreshments after the service and the Traidcraft Stall will be present

12.15pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
Morning Worship by Zoom

Thursday, 7 Oct

2-4pm Refresh is starting again and will continue weekly.

Friday, 8 Oct

7.30pm Film Night

Sunday, 10 Oct

9.45am: Morning Worship celebrating National Giving Day

12.15pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
Morning Worship by Zoom

Sunday, 17 Oct

9.45am: Morning Worship in Fossoway Church

12.15pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
Morning Worship by Zoom

Sunday, 24 Oct

9.45am: Morning Worship celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving

12.15pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
Morning Worship by Zoom

Thursday 28 Oct

7pm: Celebration of Holy Communion by Zoom

Friday, 29 Oct

7.30pm Film Night

Sunday, 31 Oct

9.45am: Morning Worship

12.15pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
Morning Worship by Zoom

Our House Group continues to meet by WhatsApp on a Thursday evening. The material that we are looking at through video and study is also sent out by email. If you would like to join the WhatsApp Group or receive the material by email, please contact Rev Lis Stenhouse (see below).

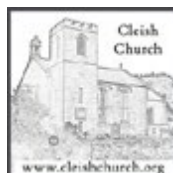
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We are very pleased to announce that our church building is open and we look forward to welcoming you to worship with us once again in Cleish Church.

Updates and changes to the dates below can be found on our church website: <https://cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk>

Sunday, 3 Oct

- 11am:** Morning Worship with
Celebration of Holy Communion
12.15pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
Morning Worship by Zoom

Sunday, 10 Oct

- 11am:** Morning Worship celebrating National Giving Day
12.15pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
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Sunday, 17 Oct

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Sunday, 24 Oct

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Thursday 28 Oct

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Sunday, 31 Oct

- 11am:** Morning Worship
12.15pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
Morning Worship by Zoom

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Sunday services continue in Portmoak Church at 10am each Sunday with all current Covid-19 safety procedures in place. With the reduction in social distancing requirements, more people can be accommodated within the church but masks must still be worn. It is no longer necessary that seats be reserved in advance each week, but contact tracing information is still required for those attending. The situation will continue to be monitored, and further changes will be made as the regulations change.

Uncertainty continues as to when the final parts of the renovations at Orwell Church will be completed, and church services able to resume.

It is expected that the church will be available sometime in October, and plans are being made for a service of dedication on an appropriate Sunday. There will also be an afternoon event in the church, open to all in the community, to say

farewell to Angus and Marion.

Please check the church website or Facebook page for further information.

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Our services are also broadcast from the church building as livestreams via 'Zoom' and Facebook Live. Thereafter, recordings of these services can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Please be assured of our prayers and intercessions, especially if Covid-19 has directly affected you and your family. As always, you are most welcome to contact the Rector by phone or email if there is anything that our community can offer, a listening ear or any practical help under restrictions as they stand.

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.*

Events and Services in October**Sunday 3 Oct: HARVEST SUNDAY**

10am Sung Festival Eucharist marking the end of Creationtide.

Wednesday 6 Oct:

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion.

Sunday 10 Oct: Pentecost 20 (Proper 27)

10am 'Virtual' Holy Communion (only available via Zoom and Facebook Live)

Sunday 17 Oct: Pentecost 21 (Proper 28)

10am 'Virtual' Holy Communion (only available via Zoom and Facebook Live)

KINROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 7 Cicadas 8 Chiller 9 Reef 10 Kacophony 12 Pleat 13 Artisans 15 Kind 16 Louse 17 Arid 18 Treasure 20 Horse 21 Greyhound 22 Moss 24 Hundred 25 Behaves
DOWN: 1 Five 2 Hayfield 3 Basket 4 Chipotle 5 Floods 6 Deny 11 Chalmers 14 Noise 16 Laughter 17 Acremoar 19 Agenda 20 Hedgcs 21 Grub 23 Seed

Church Information

Sunday 24 Oct: Pentecost 22 (Proper 29)

10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 27 Oct:

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion

Sunday 31 Oct: Pentecost 23 (Proper 30) (NB BST ends today!)

10am 5th Sunday Shortened Communion (Meeting Room)

10.30am Café Church – an experimental space for anyone curious about God, faith or the Church to meet up over pastries and a warming cuppa. Currently limited to 20 people so let us know if you'd like to come!

The Scottish Episcopal Church has committed itself to becoming carbon neutral by 2030. There is much to consider in the next 8½ years regarding climate change, and how our choices affect the lives of millions of our neighbours across the world.

As the schedule of services shows, our Sunday worship this month will focus on 'Faith in a Changing Climate' (USPG). Every week, the sermon slot will take on the form of open, respectful discussion in which we might learn from one another.

If you are interested in joining us either in person or online via 'Zoom', please contact Fr David.

St James' Catholic Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329

www.catholickinross.com

Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com

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Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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

KCF also runs the Talking Donkey cafe. 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.

Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross

At Last! We're delighted to announce that we are able to recommence Gospel meetings. These will take place **every Sunday at 4pm** for approximately 40 minutes.

We look forward to welcoming old friends and new and especially welcome everyone who is able to join us. **We will, of course, follow all the current Covid guidelines.**

Sadly, we do not think it's appropriate at this point to restart Friends and Neighbours, but continue to monitor the situation.

www.kinrossgospelhall.info

contact **0781 805 0785**

Loch Leven Church (Charity No: SC049050)

Loch Leven Church is temporarily meeting in The Boathouse, Kinross every Sunday morning from **10.30–11.30 am.**



Death Notices

James Ferrier

Died 6 August 2021

Cathie, Andrew and David would like to thank all relatives and friends who have supported us during the last hard weeks. We received and really appreciated a huge number of cards, letters and flowers. Grateful thanks go to the staff at Cornhill Hospice, doctors and district nurses at our local Health Clinic and to Stewart Funeral Directors for their services. We are indebted to Father Martin for his frequent visits and of course his lovely Mass. Thank you all for giving James such a wonderful send off and in donating £1000 in aid of Cornhill Macmillan Support Group. Despite the masks the singing was wonderful; we just hope you all stayed Covid-free.

Our sermon series from the end of August to October is called *Who Is Jesus ... And Does It Matter?* and we'll be hosting the following services in October:

3 Oct: John 10:11-14: *'I am the Good Shepherd'* Lonely? Stephen Jones, LLC

10 Oct: John 11:25: *'I am the Resurrection and the Life'* Fearful? Graeme Gunn, LLC

17 Oct: John 14:6: *'I am the Way and the Truth and the Life'* Seeking? David Lee, House of Shalom, Indonesia

24 Oct: John 15:1-5: *'I am the Vine'* Purposeless? Gordy Mackay, Perth Baptist Church

31 Oct: Communion. Jamie Lidstone, Gateway Community Church.

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome and there are separate activities for children during the service. **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**

REMEMBER, REMEMBER...

WITH BONFIRE NIGHT FAST approaching, Kinross Community Police Officers Ashley Mitchinson and Martin Gemmell would like to remind the public to stay safe.

Ashley and Martin would also encourage people to follow the rules around the use of fireworks.

ORGANISED DISPLAYS

It is safer and often less expensive to attend organised firework displays. A list of public displays can be found at www.firescotland.gov.uk.

Please consider the impact of fireworks on people and animals.

SCHOOLS/ COMMUNITY GROUPS

Reduce the risk of injury to young people by raising awareness: www.firescotland.gov.uk.

OTHER TIPS ON THE NIGHT

- Keep pets indoors – most animals get very scared by the lights and noise from fireworks
- Never throw spent fireworks on a bonfire
- Take care around bonfires – all clothes, even those labelled 'low

flammability' can catch fire



FIREWORKS LEGISLATION

It is an offence:

- To set off fireworks from 11pm–7am (or after midnight on 5 Nov).
- To modify, tamper with or misuse fireworks.
- To sell fireworks to anyone under 18.
- To throw or set off fireworks in any highway, street, thoroughfare or public place.
- For anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in a public place.
- For anyone other than a fireworks professional to possess display category fireworks.
- To cause unnecessary suffering to any domestic or captive animals.

DISPOSAL OF FIREWORKS

Used fireworks should be soaked for a few hours in water before placing in a plastic bag in the general refuse bin.

Rev Angus Morrison Says Farewell To Orwell and Portmoak

ORWELL AND PORTMOAK CHURCH were delighted when God led Angus and Marion to their Parish of Orwell and Portmoak 10 years ago after serving the folks in Stornoway for many years.

The last 10 years have had their difficult moments when ill health changed plans, but for the most part, our Church has flourished and developed. Angus and Marion have brought much blessing to us and created within us a wider perspective of the life of the Christian Church across many different boundaries.

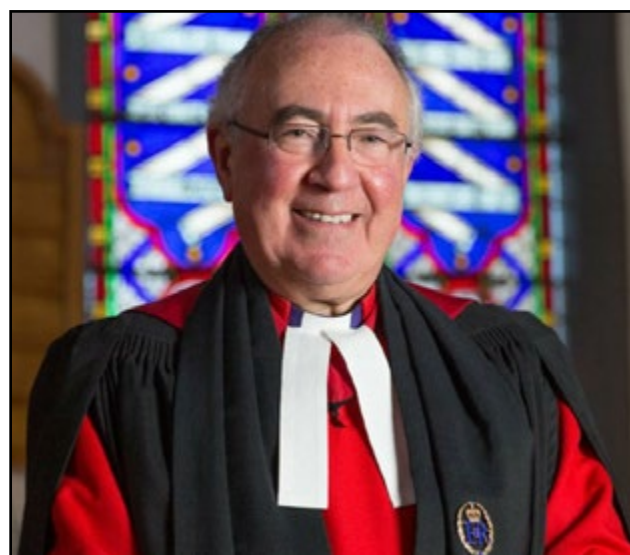
It was with great excitement that we travelled by coach to Edinburgh to witness the opening of the General Assembly in 2015, and Angus installed as Moderator

Members of Session also enjoyed an evening in the Moderator's Flat where we learned much about his role.

Four years ago, Angus and Marion, accompanied by members of Session, visited our twin church in Mombwe, Malawi and the following year the Rev Bonet Kamwela, his wife Roselynn and a member of Session visited us for three weeks. This was a learning experience for all of us. Through Angus's contacts we have had the opportunity to learn of work in Malawi, Egypt, Bosnia, Italy, India and much more.

The whole congregation is grateful to Angus, for his hard work, his care and his positive messages over the last 18 months. Angus was due to retire over a year ago, but when we were hit by the pandemic, he put his retirement plans on hold to support us through this difficult time with messages, Bible studies and an online service each week, viewed by many far and wide.

It has been a pleasure for all of us at Orwell and Portmoak



Church to work with such a knowledgeable, kind, and considerate Christian who, although ably communicating and supporting those in the highest echelons of society - including Her Majesty in his role as Queen's Chaplain - can just as easily play and connect with the three-year-old at Messy Church - a truly marvelous people person combined with a deep theological knowledge and understanding - one of a kind - unique

We know that it is now time for us to part with Angus, at least in his role as our parish minister, and we wish Marion and him every blessing as he moves to a new stage in life's journey.

If you have any fireworks which did not work, do not return to them. At the end of the display faulty fireworks should be soaked, bagged and binned.

CONTACT US

Visit www.firescotland.gov.uk for practical fire safety advice.

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT Call 0800 0731 999

Text 'FIRE' to 80800

SCOTLAND'S FIRE CREWS are up to four times busier than usual on 5 November, wasting time and resources attending unsafe bonfires

FIRE & ALCOHOL DON'T MIX!

DON'T go near bonfires or fireworks whilst under the influence of alcohol.

BONFIRES & THE LAW

It is an offence to lay or light a fire in a public place so as to endanger any other person or give them reasonable cause for alarm or annoyance or so as to endanger any property. If you know anything about fires that have been started deliberately, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Fly tipping is a major cause of fire. If you see fly tipping contact your

local authority. Visit www.dumb-dumpers.org for more info.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

There are two categories of fireworks you can legally buy, CAT F2 and CAT F3.

CAT F2: Stand at least 8 metres away for safety. CAT F3 fireworks have a minimum distance of 25 metres, or about 82 feet. CAT F4 fireworks are NOT for private use. Make everyone aware of safe distances.

BONFIRE SAFETY ADVICE

If you have a bonfire at home make sure it is well away from anything flammable. Ensure smoke does not cause a nuisance.

FIREWORKS CODE

Only adults should set up firework displays, light and dispose of fireworks. Children should be supervised, and watch at a safe distance.

SPARKLERS

Sparklers burn at 1000°C-1600°C, over 10 times hotter than boiling water.

- Supervise children and never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Light sparklers one at a time and

wear gloves.

- Put used sparklers hot end down into a bucket of sand or water.

1 Plan your firework display to make it safe and finish by 11pm.

2 Only buy fireworks with the CE mark, keep them in a closed metal box - take them out one at a time.

3 Follow the instructions on each firework - read them in daylight or by torchlight, never by naked flame.

4 Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.

5 Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.

6 Never return to a firework once it has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.

7 Don't put fireworks in pockets and **NEVER** throw them.

8 Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.

9 **NEVER** use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.

Make sure the fire is out and surroundings are safe before leaving.

- Never drink alcohol near fire or fireworks. - NB it is an offence to consume alcohol in a public place.
- To reduce the emission of harm-

ful smoke and combustion bonfires should comprise of untreated wood and paper based materials only.

- There is a danger of explosion from pressurised containers or sealed vessels.

- **NEVER** throw fireworks on bonfires.

- **NEVER** use flammable liquids to ignite bonfires

- Smoke must not pose a public nuisance, affect visibility on roads or inconvenience traffic.

- Sparks, flying embers or burning debris must not endanger property.

- **NEVER** leave a smouldering bonfire unsupervised - make sure it is completely extinguished.

ORGANISING A DISPLAY

Visit www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/fireworks/using.htm for guidance and practical advice.

BE SAFE!



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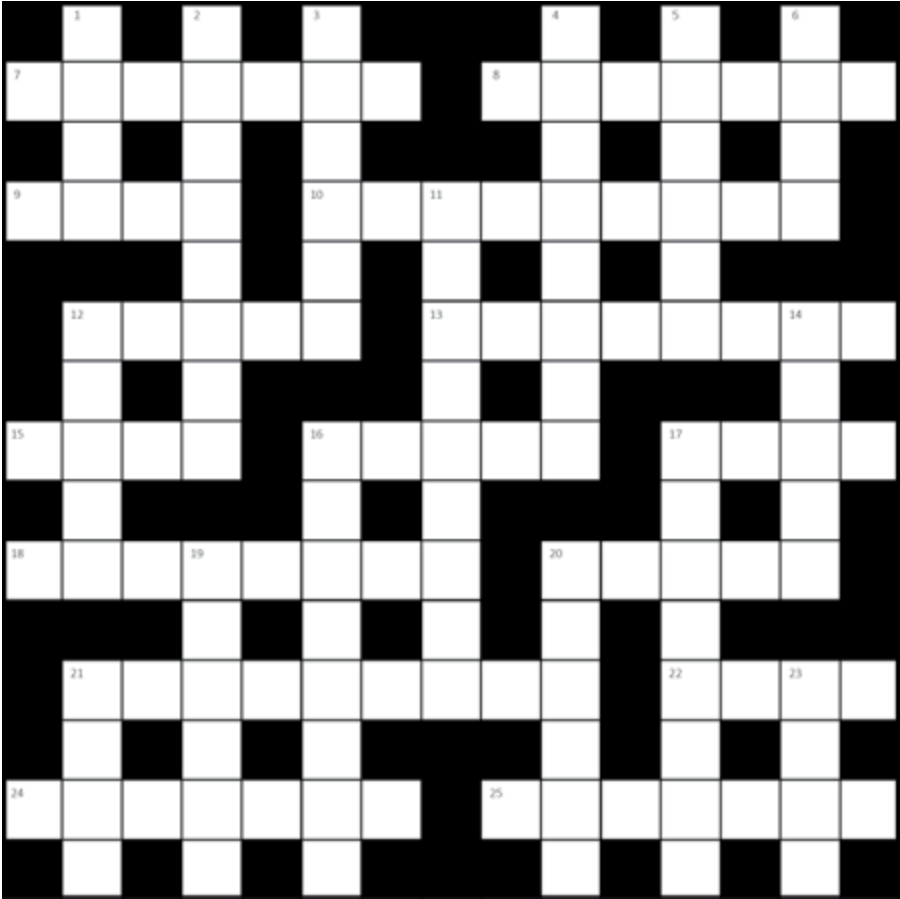
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ADVICE

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 99.



ACROSS

- 7 Tropical insects (7)
- 8 New cold products in Greens found here (7)
- 9 Barrier, for example (4)
- 10 Kinross orchestra (9)
- 12 Fold (5)
- 13 Found in droves at the Farmers' Market (8)
- 15 Considerate (4)
- 16 Bug that is the scourge of primary schools (5)
- 17 Dry (4)
- 18 Found by hunting at Vane Farm (8)
- 20 Arlary animal (5)
- 21 Breed needing walked by Kinross volunteers (9)
- 22 Portmoak ecosystem (4)
- 24 Number of this issue, see also 1 down (7)
- 25 Performs (7)

DOWN

- 1 Number of this issue, see also 24 across (4)
- 2 Kinross Community Garden (8)
- 3 Scored by Kinross Hoops? (6)
- 4 Smoky spice (8)
- 5 Concern after rainfall (6)
- 6 Refute (4)
- 11 Single reed woodwind instrument (9)
- 12 Before (5)
- 14 Fireworks concern (5)
- 16 Result of comedy (8)
- 17 Long Kinross drive (8)
- 19 List of points discussed at CC meeting (6)
- 20 Source of discontent for pavement users (6)
- 21 Food for birds (4)
- 23 Found at Plant Swap (4)

SUDOKU

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Weekly Programme For October 2021

Monday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.30pm
	Art class – with safety measures	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service (6 & 20 Oct ONLY)	11.15am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.30pm
	Tai Chi (6 & 20 Oct ONLY)	1.30pm
Thursday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.15pm
Friday	Tai Chi (8 & 22 Oct ONLY)	11.15am
	Bingo – with safety measures	1.30pm
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.30pm
	Halloween with Scary Bingo (Limited Numbers, 29 Oct ONLY)	1.30pm



Film shows • Cards
Dominoes • Art Class
Exercises • Chiropody
Trips • Daily Papers

COFFEE BAR OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC from 8.30am - 4pm

Older Adults Lunches Daily



We only have a small programme of events at the moment due to restrictions, but we hope to introduce more as and when restrictions are lifted.

Please be aware events may be cancelled at short notice.

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Notices

Music In Dollar

Music In Dollar will hold their first concert of the 2021-22 season on Saturday 30 October at 7.30pm at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy. To start us off after the long break we will have two of Scotland's most revered multi-instrumentalists, Mairearad Green (accordion and bagpipes) and Anna Massie (guitar, banjo and fiddle). They are a truly captivating duo, providing a highly energetic performance with an instantly warm and friendly stage presence. They have played together for over ten years and brought out four albums. They play with other bands – Mairearad with King Creosote and Mike Vass while Anna plays with Blazin' Fiddles and Rant – as well as a host of other well known artists. Be sure not to miss this great opportunity to see them at your local Music Society! www.mairearadandanna.com

We will be observing all the relevant Covid-19 secure regulations re masks, sanitising, social distancing etc, to ensure the safety of all participants.

Tickets cost £10 either on line or at the door, £7 for members and free to under-18s and those in full time education.

Further information from the Concert Secretary on 01577 864589 or the Society website www.musicindollar.org.uk.

Kinross Garden Group

2021/22 Season

Thursday 14 October 2pm

Parish Church, Kinross.

Nancy Stephens from Bearsden

'Delightful, Delovely, Deranged'

All welcome to join us.



Portmoak Community Woodland Apple Day

Sunday 3rd October 2pm - 4pm
Portmoak Orchard
Scotlandwell

**Have you got an apple tree?
What variety is it?
Eater, cooker or juicer?**

Bring apples and a twig with some leaves to the apple day and our expert 'appletreeman' Andrew Lear will identify them

*Bring enough and we'll turn them into juice using our APPLE PRESS
Don't forget containers*

Toffee Apples, Games and Nonsense for the bairns

Refreshments - Tea, Coffee - maybe even apple juice. Apple based home baking. Traditional traybakes. Contributions, financial and baked, welcome.





Lifelong support for our Forces and their families

WHO ARE WE? We are the national charity, which for nearly 140 years has been helping serving and ex-service men and women, Regular and Reservist, and their families, in need. Eligibility is based on only one day's paid service.

WHERE ARE WE? There are 91 branches all over the UK, of which 22 are in Scotland. They all operate with a network of trained volunteers in the local area, to look into cases with understanding and sensitivity. Many of the volunteers are ex-Services themselves. The Perth and Kinross Branch has an office

in Queen's Barracks, Perth – courtesy of 7th Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Scotland. Our Branch Patron is the Provost of Perth and Kinross who, with his council staff, are wonderful supporters.

WHAT DO WE DO? We take immediate action whenever there is hardship and need. Our help and advice is totally confidential, and we help all ages. We work closely with other agencies, and service charities, and help can vary hugely...

We may help a war widow manage her bills; an ex Serviceman with a mobility challenge; assist a Service family with a special needs child, or a returned veteran from Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts.

Last year we helped 50,000+ cases in UK. www.ssafa.org.uk

HELP, ADVICE, FRIENDSHIP Please don't hesitate to get in touch: SSAFA, Perth & Kinross Branch Queen's Barracks, 131 Dunkeld Road, PERTH PH1 5BT Tel: 07594 650900 (with answerphone) or Email: Perth.Branch@ssafa.org.uk

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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

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2021

Term Ends: Friday 8 Oct

Autumn Holiday: Monday 11 – Friday 22 Oct

WINTER TERM 2021

Term starts: Monday 25 October 2021

In-Service days: Thursday 11 November 2021 and Friday 12 November 2021

Term ends: Wednesday 22 December 2021

Christmas holiday: Thursday 23 December 2021 - Wednesday 5 January 2022

RBS MOBILE BANKING

Weekly on Fridays
10.15 - 11.15 am

Giacopazzi car park, Kinross

Mindspace Recovery College

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



Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

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- Webchat from our Perth CAB website www.perthcab.org.uk/ this is available from 10:00 each weekday, currently until 13:00 but we hope to expand these hours soon
- Via e-mail to advice@perthcab.org.uk

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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
November	Friday 15 October	Saturday 30 October 2021
December	Friday 12 November	Saturday 27 November 2021

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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Local Correspondent

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For more information contact us on facebook –
Fossoway Toddler Group

KINROSS CARERS DROP IN

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your journey

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Contact Gail Boath
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KVG/BOS is supported by Perth and Kinross Council but there is always a shortfall. Our Management Committee are continuously fund raising, and coupled with the donations we receive from local organisations, service users and individuals, we are able to provide the funds to cover our expenses and running costs. We are so grateful to everyone who supports us and allows KVG/BOS to deliver this vital community service.

Our continuous service to the community is only possible due to the core funding received from:-

- Perth and Kinross Community Care
- Perth and Kinross Community Transport Fund
- and the generous donations from
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- Local churches, community groups and organisations
- Legacies and Bequests




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**Kinross-shire Volunteer Group
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Taxi Driver, A2B Taxis, Kinross

A2B Taxis are currently looking for a self-employed, part time taxi driver to potentially cover a council contract. Hours are Monday to Wednesday (approximately 1-2 hours AM and PM) and also one Friday, Saturday and Sunday per month.

Candidates must be of good character, smart appearance and be able to look after and keep their vehicle clean and sanitised at all times. Would suit active retired person living in the Kinross-shire area. *Anyone interested in this position should call Bruce on 07743 332237.*

Handy Person / Gardener, East Brackley Livery Stables

General DIY property maintenance and gardening. Flexible work pattern to suit applicant of 2/3 days a week. £10 an hour. *Call George Linton-Smith on 07710 478019 for details.*

Volunteer Administrator

The Kinross-shire Partnership is looking for one or two volunteer administrators to assist our board of directors with various projects in the local area. Knowledge of computers and social media essential.

For more information call Richard Scott on 07999 510500 or email ciacleaning@live.co.uk.

MOBILE POST VAN AT BUCHAN AVENUE, KINNESSWOOD

MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45
WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45

KINROSS DELIVERY OFFICE ROYAL MAIL 87 High St, Kinross KY13 8AR OPENING TIMES

MONDAY	8-10am
TUESDAY	8-10am
WEDNESDAY	8-10am
THURSDAY	8-10am and 4-7pm
FRIDAY	8-10am
SATURDAY	8am-12pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available *Newsletter*, subject to space.

DOMAIN NAME £410

Kinrossshire.com

*Seller Details: Alan Hart
07932 172060*

mcmucklehaddie@gmail.com

ROOM RENTAL £400 per month

Double bedroom to rent in recently decorated property. Good storage, tc, cd player, sitting room and kitchen facilities, gas central heating, CO2 detector, landlord safety certificate. Rent to be paid in advance and includes all bills. Deposit required and credit checks to be completed. Home has two house cats. To arrange viewing contact Gwen.

*Seller Details: Gwen Perry
07971 460490*

Jd.mcarthur@gmail.com

SILVER CROSS PRAM AND CRADLE Donation

Much loved and well-worn Silver Cross pram and collapsible baby cradle with drapes for a donation to Motor Neurone Disease.

*Seller Details
01577 850207*

Sunday Ceilidhs

Sunday Ceilidhs 2pm till 5pm

Oct 24	Ewan Galloway
Nov 7	Concert: Leonard Brown and The Homelanders
Nov 28	Kyle Innes
Dec 12	James Coutts

DOLLAR MUSEUM OPENING TIMES

**Saturdays 11am-1pm and 2-4.30pm,
Sundays 2-4.30pm
Entry free. All welcome.**

MOBILE LIBRARY 13, 27 October (Fortnightly, Wednesdays)

Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)	09.30 – 10:00	Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
Portmoak Hall	10:05 – 10:20	Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 – 14:45
Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 – 10:50	Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	15:00 – 15:30
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20	Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:45 – 16:15
Hatchbank Road (Gairneybank, Kinross)	11:40 – 12:00		

*Contact us by phone on 01577 867205
or by email at lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk.*

Befriending Kinross



**Are you new to the Area?
Would you like someone to talk to?**

Someone to have a coffee with?

Help to feel less socially isolated?

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com

t: 07747 018 550

Kinross-shire Fund



The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the area a better place to live,



by making grants to a wide range of local charities, organisations and projects which make a positive difference to the community.

To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly. The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 9am - 7pm

Sat - Sun 9am - 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.

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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Kinross Kindness

Community information and support 01577 212036

Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre 01577 862112

Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours 01577 865252

NHS 24 111

Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard 01382 660111

Perth Royal Infirmary

(Admissions and Enquiries Desk) 01738 473734

Ninewells Hospital, Dundee 01382 660111

Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy 01592 643355

Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline 01383 623623

Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross 01577 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort 01577 862219

Police, non-emergency 101

Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emergencies 999

Gas (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

Water (loss of supply, foul water emergency) 0845 600 8855

Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages 0345 988 1188

Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)

Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm)

01738 475000

Reporting non-emergency Road and

Lighting faults (CLARENCE) 0800 232323

PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

Adult care services 0345 301 11 20

Anti-social behaviour helpline 01738 476173*42*

(*42* telephone and leave a voicemail)

Child protection 01738 476768

Council housing emergency repairs 01738 476000

Dangerous buildings 01738 476476

Environmental Health 01738 476476

Flooding 01738 476476

Homelessness 0800 917 0708

Mental health services 0345 301 11 20

Roads (e.g. reporting blockage) 01738 476476

Traveline Scotland 0871 200 22 33

Loch Leven Community Campus 01577 867200

Kinross High School 01577 867100

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

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Mobile Library Service

Mobile Library services have now resumed. See panel on p102 for details. For more information, see: www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries and click on 'Services in the Community'

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone: 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

email: jo@samaritans.org

Visit us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays	1630 – 2130	Thursdays	1630 – 1900
Wednesdays	0830 – 1100	Fridays	1000 – 1630
and	1930 – 2130	Sundays	0800 – 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.
We're here for you, anytime.

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in school? If so, contact Enquire, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: Tel 0345 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland.

Diary

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The Kinross Community Council Newsletter

is available from:

Greens	High Street, Kinross	Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Baillies	High Street, Kinross	Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Sainsburys	Station Road, Kinross	Fossoway Store	Crook of Devon
Giacopazzis	Lathro, Kinross	Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Keystore More	Green Road, Kinross	Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Giacopazzis	New Road, Milnathort	Powmill Stores	Powmill
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort	Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Heaven Scent	South Street, Milnathort	Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg