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Editor's Page

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Letter from The Editor

I've heard a rumour that summer is coming. We're not going to get too excited, though – this is Scotland, after all.

You might see the Trishaws out and about taking some elderly residents of Kinross out for some fresh air in the sunshine over the next few weeks. Don't forget to wave; yours truly is in training to be a Trishaw Pilot and can't wait for her first real trip out and about on the streets of Kinross with 'proper' passengers!

We have the Summer Market to look forward to on Saturday 26 June at the Market Park – let's hope for some dry weather. It's always a great event and this year there will even be live music thanks to Gig On A Truck (see p8 for more details).

Further ahead in the summer are tentative plans for both Kinross Show in August and the Fossoway Gathering in September, and we just have to hope that they will be allowed to happen this year.

There are lots of stunning gardens open locally that you can visit (see p88 for the full list from Scotland's

Open Gardens Scheme in June). Many can be visited by arrangement and ticket sales go back to charity.

Find out more about Scottish Lavender Oils and the wonderful Kinross Lavender Farm on p44-45. It is Scotland's only specialist lavender and botanical garden, and it will be open for visitors again this summer.

We all deserve something to look forward to!

It has been tough time for everyone over the past year 18 months. *The Newsletter* was surprised and delighted to receive an unexpected letter from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Perth and Kinross. The letter was to thank us and recognise our contribution to the community during the pandemic (see p23). Wonderful!

Many thanks to all the *Newsletter* team for their unstinting efforts over this difficult time – and also to our readers. We couldn't have done it without you!

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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Letters

Kinross - Cowdenbeath Railway Line

I, LIKE OTHERS WOULD welcome a train service from Kinross southwards. The Fife Circle railway is the nearest existing railway to connect with, most likely at Cowdenbeath. Putting aside for the moment the difficulties of financing and constructing that as a new section, another issue first needs resolving for the project to proceed; that involves the national train service.

Some years ago as a commuter to Glasgow I considered using the new railway service to it from Alloa. That had been instigated by Keith Brown the then convenor of Clackmannanshire Council. Soon afterwards the chance fell my way to ask him why there was only an hourly service. His answer was that the railway line along the north side of the Forth also carried coal and other freight away from the Forth Bridge, thereby freeing more time for trains, both passenger and commercial, between Aberdeen, Edinburgh and beyond.

When organising a student project in Ayrshire I had a similar response regarding rail usage there. Suffice to say that rail travellers tend to forget the complexities of co-ordinating the running of trains throughout a railway system.

One solution for trains from and to Kinross would be to transfer passengers at Cowdenbeath station onto the Fife Circle trains which do go to Edinburgh, and the reverse for the homeward journey. Would there be sufficient room on those existing trains to take the transferred passengers? If not could more carriages be added? That might depend on the length of the platforms at the stations, because people as at present would be getting on and off at all of them.

An alternative would be not to transfer passengers, thereby keeping the current trains' number of carriages and the same lengths of platforms. The resultant direct journey to Edinburgh might be rejected by the national rail service, considering it would add to the volume of trains over the Forth Bridge and the surrounding rail lines.

For those readers who don't know, a railway line is being reinstated to serve Leven, the neighbouring towns and those in the East Neuk to the Fife Circle via Thornton. Its campaign group also envisage a direct link through Kirkcaldy to Edinburgh. What transpires will be interesting for Kinross. However, as the Levenmouth project has just commenced, those in charge such as the national railway service could have some idea now whether the Kinross proposal would be acceptable in principle.

Only then can the Kinross project move forward. For anyone thinking that far ahead the Levenmouth Railway websites are worth looking at, setting the standard for obtaining a new public railway, with such matters as opportunities, constraints, demand, financing.

Robert Walker

GERS Figures

I READ WITH INTEREST the two letters from Susan Forde and Lucille Henderson in which they expressed their lack of confidence in the figures produced by the Scottish Government. The figures show that Scotland enjoys a very generous financial settlement from the UK Government to the tune of £15 billion pounds per year.

I would ask them to consider that the SNP now take confident ownership of these figures.

Some other points:

- The Scottish Government's Independence White Paper in 2014 (page 67) states: 'GERS is the authoritative publication on Scotland's public finances'.

- They are the responsibility of the Scottish Government's Chief Statistician.
- As the GERS report itself explains: 'The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics'.
- The Independence white paper cites GERS figures on no less than 15 occasions and used them as the basis for the economic case presented.
- Finally, during the independence campaign, Alex Salmond answered a question from a journalist with 'Alistair, you know that, because it's in the GERS figures.'

Why don't supporters of Independence recognise that the SNP trust these figures? Is it because the figures don't look good for an Independent Scotland that they wish to rubbish them?

George Millburn, Kinross

I HAVE FOLLOWED THE correspondence over the past few months relating to Scotland's share of its own taxation, and the reliability of the Government Expenditure & Revenue (GERS) figures. These last are the Scottish Government's own figures and in earlier years were published positively by the SNP because they tended to show a positive Scottish contribution.

Not any more, and it is quite disturbing (though perhaps in this era of fake news not surprising) that the SNP are now in the absurd position of rubbing their own figures.

Of course Scotland could be an independent country in its own right (not in the EU though) and there's a respectable argument for that. But not one based on lies. To pretend that this is a land of milk and honey, subsidising the wicked English, is a cruel joke being played on those who would be struggling to get by after independence on much reduced income, benefits and services. The companies and high level tax payers could well and easily relocate. Individuals on benefits are trapped.

The Scots have always been inventive and canny. I think they will eventually see through the SNP's totally false prospectus.

Campbell Watson, Kinross

LUCILLE HENDERSON SUGGESTS (Letters, May) that we should go to Facebook for 'detailed and well-researched information' on the financial prospects of an Independent Scotland. She suggests that we refer to 'Believe in Scotland' by Gordon McIntyre Kemp.



Letters

I'm not sure why anyone would refer to Facebook when the Scottish Government produce a detailed annual income and expenditure report, freely available on the government website. Of course, it does not illustrate the finances of Scotland after independence, but it does give an indication of the current £15 billion deficit in our spending, which is met by the UK Government. This would be the 'run rate' for Indy Scotland and the new government would have to explain what spending cuts and tax increases would be made.

She refers to Mr McIntyre Kemp as some sort of expert. He has been a director of three business – all have failed. Intelligise Limited, which was based at Mr Macintyre-Kemp's home in Jordanhill in Glasgow was 'dissolved via voluntary strike-off' in February 2016. He put more than £50,000 into this social media consultancy that ended with net assets of £594.

The other two dissolved companies he was a director of are – Creative Learning Action Ltd (SC210189) and Icosmart Ltd (SC212158)).

Why on earth would we take financial advice from Mr McIntyre Kemp?

Susan Forde wrote (Letters, March) that Scotland gets a poor financial deal from the UK Government. She alleged that Scotland sends £1 to Westminster and only gets 57 pence back in spending.

I pointed out in April that Ms Forde was mistaken, and the truth is that Scotland gives £1 to UK Government and gets back £1.23 in spending. My source was the figures produced by the SNP Scottish Government on a voluntary basis by professional statisticians and economists.

Ms Forde writes again in the latest issue and doesn't challenge my figures. Therefore, I assume she agrees that her original suggestion was incorrect, and that Scotland gets a very good deal from being part of the UK.

Instead, she alleges that the figures produced by the SNP government are wholly misleading and close to false accounting.

Almost every single point she makes in her letter is incorrect. I have just selected a few so as not to make this letter too long.

- She says that the figures are mostly estimates. Is she suggesting that the Scottish Government do not know what they spend on Health and Education in Scotland or that the UK Government do not know what they spend on Pensions in Scotland?
- She says that the Scottish Government is not allowed to borrow. This is completely wrong. In fact, the Scottish Government will have accumulated £1.99 billion in capital debt by the end of 2020-21. This is not my opinion, this is from the ScotGov website.
- She then states that Scottish MPs are barred from voting on English matters such as Health and Education. Of course they are. How would she feel if Westminster MPs made decisions concerning devolved Scottish issues?
- Lastly, she says that NHS spending gets 30% less income than NHS England. This is simply nonsense. Health spending per head is higher in Scotland than in England due to our older population and the challenges of delivering care in Highlands and Islands.

We benefit greatly from being part of the UK. There is nothing wrong with arguing for Independence, but if it is such a good idea, you would think that supporters would use facts instead of fiction.

Alan Thomson, Kinross

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT on Lucille Henderson's letter in the May issue of the Newsletter where she asserts that 'GERS was conceived as a political, not a statistical exercise'. I am not sure where she has gained this idea from but it is perhaps worth quoting from the Scottish Government themselves:

'GERS is produced by the Scottish Government statisticians. It is designated as a National Statistics product, which means that it is produced independently of Scottish Ministers and has been assessed by the UK Statistics Authority as being produced in line with the Code of Practice for Statistics. This means the statistics have been found to meet user needs, to be methodically sound, explained well and produced free of political interference.'

Lucille Henderson goes on to support the Scottish Government by referring to their 'growing and capable competence over the past 14 years.' Examples of their "competence" presumably includes the vast sums written off on poorly judged involvement in such ventures as Prestwick Airport, Ferguson Shipyard, BiFab, Lochaber Aluminium Smelter, the amalgamation of police forces etc. Billions of pounds squandered. Even the much lauded Queensferry Crossing which we were told would not have to close because of high winds like the Forth Bridge had to, has to be closed owing to icing of the overhead cables leading to lumps of ice falling on cars. Perhaps they didn't plan for Scotland having a colder climate than other warmer countries where a similar design was used. The steel to build it was also purchased from China.

On health the SNP have presided over a worse life expectancy than in much of Eastern Europe. A Glaswegian man has lower life expectancy than a man from Uzbekistan, Egypt, Venezuela, Libya or Bangladesh to name but a few. The record on drugs is appalling with Scotland's drugs death rate

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being 3.5 times that of the UK, 15 times that of Germany and 35 times that of France. Our homeless death rate is the worst in the UK.

The record on Education is equally depressing. Scottish children used to excel in literacy and reading comprehension but that is no longer the case with standards falling year on year.

All the above is hardly an endorsement of 'capable competence.'

Scotland's Budget Deficit (pre Covid) was 8.6% of GDP compared to 2.5% of the UK as a whole and is now 22-25% of GDP compared to 14.5% for the UK. Although the SNP may wish to leave the 6th largest economy in the world to be ruled by the EU, the EU's own criteria for membership is that budget deficit must be 3% or less which Scotland has not managed to achieve for 20 years. The cry for Scotland to increase borrowing, even if it were possible, would be at very high interest rates, much higher than the UK can currently borrow at and would have to be paid for by the Scottish public in higher taxation and cuts in services. Austerity would be in a different league to what many people complained about under the Conservatives.

As a final note I have written to the SNP now on five separate occasions to ask how we would all benefit from Independence but they have either been unable to answer or declined to answer. They don't seem to have much confidence in their own policies. All I can say in conclusion is be very careful what you wish for.

Alan Miller, Kinross

Newsletter Editorial Policy

I NOTE FROM THE May edition that you say the newsletter is politically neutral. As you are aware, I changed my political allegiance at PKC in March and sent you my statement on the 3 reasons why, which you were originally going to publish in my column for May but then, on reflection, changed your mind, stating it was too political at election time. I note, however, that you allowed Councillor Watters to make political points in his column. I find it strange that you are happy to print reader's political opinions at election time but not those from all local Elected Councillors, most of whom are elected representing a political party and usually campaign for those parties at election time.

The above suggests it is not a level playing field. The idea that Elected Councillors should not be able to comment before an election to either Holyrood or Westminster, when national policies directly affect their local authority is quite frankly "a denial of democracy". I was particularly aggrieved that you did not, at the very least, print the opening paragraph of my statement and the principal reason for my change of allegiance, in relation to my successful lobbying of the Conservative Group to endorse my proposal for a funded "pilot" Area Committee for Kinross-shire that I have been campaigning for as an Elected Member since 1999; whilst allowing Councillor Watters to challenge the speed with which other Elected Members wish to bring this proposal to fruition (it has been frustrated by officer obfuscation for years), when his party made no such commitment in their failed budget motion. Whilst I am under no illusion that my statement would have made any difference to the eventual outcome in Perthshire South and Kinross-shire, I challenge above the way the newsletter have handled things for the May edition, by way of broader principle.

I assume you are the sole arbiter of editorial content and have not been influenced by others with a different political agenda. Finally, I believe this to be the first occasion in

Congratulations!



A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to 12-year-old KHS pupil **Andrew Scott**, who secured second place in the Secondary School category of the Young Academy of Scotland Children's Voice Competition. This was a Scotland-wide competition which asked children to share their ideas for the future in a poster.

Well done, Andrew!



over 20 years as a Councillor that I have made criticism of the newsletter and hopefully it will be the last; because in all other respects than my comments above, I find it an excellent local publication and think you do a wonderful job in putting it together every month.

*Cllr Michael Barnacle
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Councillor*

*** The Newsletter does its utmost to provide a fair balance of political opinions, especially during elections. The four Scottish Parliamentary candidates were offered the opportunity to speak to the electorate in the May edition: they were given equal space and strict word counts were imposed. At the same time local councillors were reminded that their regular columns should, as usual, refer to local issues and all had adhered to this.**

We therefore thought it would appear insensitive to print a column in the same issue dedicated to presenting one councillor's case for changing his political allegiance, especially as other elected representatives had accepted our request to restrict their content to local matters.

By comparison, the reference to a rival party in Councillor Watters' column was brief. However, we do accept that his remarks pertaining to differences between that party's approach locally and in Westminster could have been removed.

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Return of the Summer Market

KLEO are delighted to announce that the Kinross Summer Market will go ahead on 26 June. This is a community event to celebrate summer with a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls at the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel) on 26 June from 11am to 3pm. Everyone is welcome, so come along and support local makers and local businesses.

There will be some entertainment too! Horsecross Arts (Perth Theatre) is coming with a 'Gig On A Truck'. It will be at the Kinross Beer Garden, where people can sit socially distanced while enjoying some great music from Make Geography History, a vocal and guitar duo playing a range of music from the 50s to the present day.

Make Geography History will perform at 11.30am and 2pm. Kinross Beer Garden operates a 'First Come First Served' policy.

For more info about KLEO please visit www.kleo.org.uk

Shop Local

Our superb local farmers' markets carry on every month in Kinross. Local produce not only tastes great but helps the environment and the local economy. What's better than being outside in the sunshine choosing quality, tasty foods? Farmers' market produce hasn't travelled thousands of miles or been refrigerated on a journey by rail, road, sea or air. Knowing where your food comes from and how it's produced makes

KINROSS FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market takes place on
every fourth Saturday in the month.

The dates for 2021 are:

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24 July

28 Aug

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23 Oct

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meals more personal. The challenge of using seasonal fruit and veg when cooking also creates more interesting meal-times! Importantly, buying locally profits producers rather than supermarkets. Buying local can be a sociable affair, with sellers and producers on first name terms and great personal service. Support your farmers' market if you can: it helps to preserve the countryside we all love.

Here are just some of the stallholders you will see at the Summer Market:

Arran's Cheese Shop

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'Make Geography History' will perform at 11.30am and 2pm.



GIG ON A TRUCK

PERTH CONCERT HALL AND Perth Theatre launched Gig On A Truck back in November 2020. It's effectively a mobile pop-up stage to take music and more to car parks and gardens. It was originally designed as a way to take live performance out to car home car parks and public spaces to lift spirits during a period of isolation, when connection was needed more than ever and residents could watch live music from their windows. The mini 'Perth Theatre' stage fits easily into the organisation's van and is easy to assemble and disassemble. To enquire, please e-mail engagement@horsecross.co.uk.

Gig On A Truck is funded by The Gannochy Trust.

'We are so happy that live entertainment is starting up again, Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation (KLEO) said. Gig On A Truck is a wonderful idea to bring the community together after such a difficult year.

People need some fun again.'



NEW GRANT SCHEME FOR COMMUNITY HERITAGE PROJECTS



PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE Trust (PKHT) have launched a new Community Heritage Grant Fund and are inviting applications from local groups.

The aim of the fund is to support community projects which conserve or enhance the historic environment of Perth and Kinross.

The trust is hoping to give financial support to projects which fall into either of the following categories:

- **Conservation of historic buildings or monuments in Perth & Kinross that have established and generally unhindered public access.**
- **Community based recording, research and interpretation of the historic environment in Perth & Kinross**

'The Trust recognises how difficult it is for community groups to access funding for heritage projects' said Maggie Wilkins, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

'We are keen to assist groups in their efforts to deliver local heritage initiatives across Perth and Kinross and have designated £65,000 towards a Community Heritage Grant Fund. Through this fund we hope to support at least 15 eligible projects over the next two years.'

PKHT are inviting applications for grants of up to £5000 although larger sums may be considered in exceptional circumstances; a minimum award has not been set. Applications will be considered twice a year with the intention of committing up to £20,000 at each session until the fund is expended.

Initial deadlines for the receipt of applications are: 31 July 2021, 31 January 2022 and 31 July 2022.

Potential applicants are asked to check their eligibility before applying and to note that the fund is intended to support projects developed by community-based organisations or are for community benefit. Applications for domestic or commercial properties are unlikely to be eligible.

The Trust hopes to support a variety of small heritage projects over the whole of Perth and Kinross and invites potential applicants to contact PKHT to discuss their project as early as possible in its development. An application form, guidelines and conditions can be found on the PKHT website: www.pkht.org.uk/communityheritagegrants

Date Set For Road Repairs

MUCH NEEDED ROAD REPAIRS are finally due to begin on the C495 at Lethangie in August.

Carriageway overlay and patching works will be undertaken when a temporary traffic regulation order takes effect from 16 August 2021 for a period of two weeks.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving and temporarily prohibit parking and loading (both sides) of the C495 from its junction with the private access to Kinross Campus (311964, 703545) to its junction with the A911 (313906, 704335), a distance of 2.51 kilometres or thereby. The alternative route for vehicles will be A911 - NEW ROAD - A922.

Local councillor Willie Robertson said, 'I am really pleased that the Lethangie Road is in the programme for much needed repairs. The Council are working hard to catch up with delayed roads maintenance works – an extra £7 million has been added to their budget to help them to do this. I am sure that the many motorists who use the Lethangie road will, like me, welcome this news.'

Community Councillor Lynne Mackay said, 'I am really pleased to hear the long anticipated works to the road that runs from the Community Campus to Lethangie have finally been scheduled for August.'

This has caused a lot of concern for the community and motorists who will no doubt be relieved a date has finally been set for resurfacing this particularly troublesome road.'

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FOODBANKS ARE A SAD indictment of our times but, for many of us, they are a lifeline.

The Kinross foodbank charity Broke Not Broken has made sterling efforts to help keep people fed and clothed during the pandemic.

School Closure Vouchers

Since January, Broke not Broken have been posting out supermarket vouchers to families in need, who have been referred for support. While this has been accompanied with a 36% reduction in foodbank use, it was a spend of almost £18,000! This supported 117 children over 13 weeks. This was a huge outgoing, but the charity believe it was very important and the feedback has backed this up:

‘Thank you so very much for your help with the vouchers. They have been so much help to us over this period they have not been at school. I understand they will be stopped when the kids go back to school and that is fine. They will be getting school dinners again so the need for us to buy as much food will reduce again. Once again, thank you so much for the support you have been able to give us. It has been appreciated.’

‘These vouchers have been amazing. They have ensured X was able to have healthy and fresh food daily, fruit, veg and hot food, all thanks to you.’

‘Hi, thank you so much for the

Sainsbury’s vouchers. They really made a difference during such a difficult time for everyone.’

‘Hi, thank you again for the vouchers we have been receiving. They have been made a great difference in our weekly food shop.’

Back To School Vouchers

The School Closure Vouchers project ended after the school Easter holidays, and at that point all recipients were contacted to ask, ‘If you could have help with anything else, what would be your priority?’ Food, and heating were common, but the most prominent need was asking for help buying school uniforms and clothing for children.

Broke not Broken acted on that and spent almost £4000 sending out vouchers for people to buy clothing and footwear for their children. They asked each household if they wanted vouchers for specific shops and so we were able to tailor the vouchers to what was most useful to them.

By asking clients what they need, and listening and being able to provide specific vouchers, they give them power and control back at a time where that is lacking.

Broke not Broken have applied for funding to duplicate this project at difference pinch points during the year.

Food Parcels

So far in 2021, they we have delivered food parcels to 470 households sup-

porting 1486 people, of whom 859 were children.

What Else Have The Charity Been Doing?

They continue to support any clients with a referral for fuel poverty to pay off arrears and get a significant top-up.

Their counselling services continue and places have increased from 12 up to 15, with funding now secured for the next 2 years for this project, with enormous thanks to The Whyte Trust.

They have extended the offer of counselling to our volunteers. They are aware they may find themselves involved in distressing scenarios, and want to make sure they are looked after.

They have also attended various Zooms and Teams meetings with Perth and Kinross Council’s Community Partnership Conference groups working towards a Local Outcome Improvement plan, meetings with other Scottish and UK foodbanks sharing best practice Stronger Communities meetings where local community groups come together to share projects and information. All this is as well as a very enjoyable Volunteers Meet-Up which occurs every few months.

Annie said, ‘We are making plans for the rest of the year and applying for funding to make sure these all go ahead where possible. We are so grateful for your support, thank you so much, we couldn’t do it without you.’ You can contact the charity at admin@brokenotbroken.org.

BEWARE OF THE DOG WALKER!

IT HAS COME TO the attention of local police that some members of the public are failing to control their dogs whilst walking in the local area.

We would like to remind all dog owners that they have a responsibility to control all dogs whilst enjoying the countryside. Farmers are legally entitled to protect their livestock which can result in the destruction of a dog by shooting it.

While no farmer wishes to resort to this option, it has been necessary for this action to be taken before, but it can quite easily be avoided if owners ensure that they have proper control of their dogs.

The advice to dog owners walking and exercising their dogs in the countryside is to ensure they are under control at all times, and avoid going into fields where livestock are grazing. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code says dogs shouldn't be taken into fields where there are lambs or other young farm animals.

While it is possible for people to be



prosecuted for these types of offences, the real message is please don't let it happen in the first place.

Never let your dog worry or attack farm animals. Don't take your dog into fields where there are lambs, calves or other young farm animals. If you do go into a field of farm animals, keep your

dog(s) on a short lead and keep as far as possible from the animals.

If cattle react aggressively and move towards you, keep calm and take the shortest, safest route out of the field.

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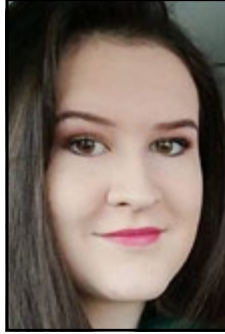
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HELP KIRSTY WALK AGAIN

#helpkirstywalkagain

KIRSTY MCCLOSKEY (20) from Kinross was in her final year of a nursing degree at Dundee University in November 2019 when she suddenly began to experience debilitating headaches, vomiting, visual distortion, numbness and difficulties balancing. She was diagnosed with severe migraines and the condition came and went, returning with a vengeance in January 2020.

A scan at Perth Royal Infirmary on 5 February 2020 discovered a tumour the size of a satsuma on her brain stem. An emergency operation at Ninewells Hospital in Dundee the next day saved her life, but it has left Kirsty needing a lot of rehabilitation to recover her movement and coordination. She needs intensive physiotherapy and will have to do a lot more hard work if she is going to walk again without help.



Kirsty

Friends of the family decided that they would do a fundraiser to help with the expensive rehabilitation. Keith Cuthbert, Simon Parsons, Nick Leslie and Ann Leslie set about organising the Loch Leven 24.

The *Newsletter* spoke to Keith Cuthbert, who told us, 'We wanted to incorporate our beautiful loch in the challenge and as keen cyclists we came up with the idea of cycling (or running, walking etc.) as a team for 24 hours non-stop.'

Previously, Keith, Simon and Nick cycled from Land's End to John 'O Groats in nine days, so they are no strangers to a good challenge.

Keith continued, 'We know rehabilitation is a marathon –



Keith Cuthbert, Simon Parsons and Nick Leslie

not a sprint. In particular, the access to physiotherapy care is critical and whilst Kirsty has worked really hard on her rehabilitation we are keen to support the cost of extra physio sessions and other treatments.

'So, we are planning to do laps of Loch Leven trail as a relay for 24 hours from midday on Saturday 5 June firstly to raise money to continue and enhance Kirsty's rehabilitation and secondly, to support the Brain Tumour Charity: www.the-braintumourcharity.org.

'The response from the local community and beyond has been superb so far. Literally within minutes of posting our intention to attempt this challenge, the Kinross Colts, Otters and Tennis Club had all contacted wanting to enter teams. We really do live in a special place.

'We would love your continued support.

'To contribute via gofundme, go to <https://gofund.me/a2fb7ea0> or just search for **Loch Leven 24/Kirsty McCloskey**. On Facebook, search for **Loch Leven 24** (<https://fb.me/e/Nr52Bgst>).

'Kirsty is a young woman with the rest of her life ahead of her so please help us to help her get the treatment that will make a real difference.'



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WE ARE DELIGHTED TO announce regulations are now allowing us to take our Trishaws out into the community again. As with everything, there are additional rules and new procedures in place but these are paramount for the safety of our pilots and passengers, and we welcome these to keep us all safe.

For those of you who have not heard of us, or seen the Trishaws, we are a group of volunteers and our aim is to get people in the community out and about, who otherwise may be unable to. We enjoy the scenery and have giggles and chats along the way – some of our passengers are a mine of local information!

We have been carrying out additional training for our re-launch and are grateful to all our volunteers for their time and effort to help us make this happen.

Initially we are starting with two venues and these passengers are so keen to get out and about as are the Pilots! Please do give us a wave if you see us it really brightens up our ride and you are guaranteed big smiles and waves back!

If you know someone that would benefit from having a ride on the trishaws (rides are free) or you are interested in becoming a volunteer pilot (minimum commitment of one ride per month) then please email us on kinrosstrishaws@gmail.com.

Bird Hide Appeal Almost At £30k

AS RESIDENTS OF KINROSS, we are all fortunate to have and enjoy a National Nature Reserve on our doorstep. Most, if not all, will recall the shock of waking up on 18 February to the news that the Mill Hide had been burnt down.

Encouraged by the many offers of support from the community, a campaign began to raise funds with a goal of £35,000 to re-build the hide. NatureScot has committed to make up any shortfall in the costs of rebuilding the hide this year. They are pleased to report that the appeal has raised almost £30,000. This is an amazing effort by local businesses and the community which highlights how important Loch Leven is to both the Kinross Community and visitors near and far.

The hide won a Scottish Design Award in 2012. The same architects will be looking to see what measures may build-in to prevent a similar incident in the future. The foundations are undamaged and so to speed the process through planning major changes aren't being proposed, but small improvements to the hide would certainly be considered. NatureScot would like to get your input. To keep in touch with the rebuild, go to NatureScot's page at: www.nature.scot/enjoying-outdoors/scotlands-national-nature-reserves/loch-leven-nnr/loch-leven-nnr-mill-hide-rebuild.

NatureScot's reserve manager Neil

Mitchell said: 'We're hugely thankful to everyone who contributed to the appeal. Many people enjoyed the hide's wonderful vantage point for the ducks, geese and swans that feed and roost in Factory Bay – as well as the occasional glimpse of a kingfisher.'

'The response from the community has been amazing. We'd like to thank local businesses, particularly Loch Leven Brewery for its special edition Phoenix Beer developed to raise funds for the

hide, and Pizza Via for their great fund-raising raffle, as well as recognise the collective efforts of the community.'

'Thanks from all the NatureScot team at Loch Leven for your support and I hope to see you out on the reserve this summer.'

While the 'Rebuild the Mill Hide fund' has now closed anyone can still donate to the reserve and future projects at Loch Leven NNR at www.mypark.scot/donate-nnr/ by selecting Loch Leven NNR.

Dawn and daylight views from inside the original Mill Hide before the fire



Kinross Kindness Want Your Stories

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT it has been over a year since the Kinross-shire community came together to create Kinross Kindness?

From shopping to prescriptions, friendly phone calls to taking the bins out, the community of volunteers has supported over 2500 kindness requests.

During a very difficult time for everyone Kinross Kindness has been a shining light of community spirit and kind-heartedness.

With the world seemingly getting back to some kind of normality, the volunteers are seeing demand for the service diminish.

They told the Newsletter, 'It's a good feeling to know that we're no longer needed and we'll be looking to wind up the service in June. We don't want to forget everything that we achieved together and are looking to create a series of stories to celebrate what Kinross Kindness did for

the community.

'We are looking for contributors to share their story and we want to ask readers of the Newsletter if you would be able to help? It won't take too much of your time but we hope it will be a story that will live long in the memory of the pandemic.'

Please email the team at kinross-kindness@gmail.com if you would like to contribute or call them on 01577 212036.

NEWSLETTER HELPS LOCAL CAUSES

ALL THE PROFITS MADE by the *Kinross Newsletter* go into a fund (see Notices, p102) which is distributed as grants to good causes in the community. Funding is awarded twice a year.

The following was recently awarded:

- **Kinross Otters** £300
- **Kinross PTA (for musical instruments)** £440
- **Kinross Move Greener Organisation** £2000
- **Crook of Devon Hall** £1257
- **Kinross 1st Responders (for AEDs)** £1240
- **Swansacre Play Group (for repairs to fire alarm)** £1650

KMGO is delighted to have been awarded funding from the Newsletter. They will put the money to good use in funding an electric-bike project. This project is part of the wider KMGO programme aimed at reducing vehicle carbon footprint, improving health and well-being and generating local economic activity.

E-K is a community-led project based around a fleet of standard e-Bikes and variants. Operations will be run by locals providing them with access to volunteering opportunities, employment and training. Users of all ages and abilities will be able to book electric bikes, picking them up from our central hub in Kinross or one of the other charging stations we plan to install around Kinross-shire.

Spokesperson Malcolm McFarlane said, 'We want to involve people from across the whole community. Anyone interested should visit our website; www.movegreener.org. Rest assured, we don't bang on about saving the planet; we are just trying to do our wee bit, starting local, staying local. It's early days for this exciting project but the funding from the *Newsletter* is an excellent start. Thank you to the KCCNL Trustees for their support.'

Crook of Devon Village Hall Committee were thrilled to be awarded a grant. The funds will be put towards the repair and re-decoration of the outside of the hall. Spokesperson Diane McMillan said, 'Our project aims to improve the external integrity and appearance of the building, which we hope will increase its appeal to new rental opportunities and thereby ensure the sustainability of our hall. The pandemic has had a significant impact on our ability to generate income, therefore this generous grant will allow us to improve and maintain our much loved community asset.'

Kinross Otters have said a big 'thank you' after receiving a generous £300 donation from the *Kinross Newsletter*. The club will put the money towards the purchase of equipment swimmers can use for 'land training' sessions. These proved very popular

with the youngsters when Live Active Loch Leven was off limits at the height of lockdown. Fitness aids, such as resistance bands, pilate balls, sand bags and skipping ropes, will help the swimmers build targeted strength to help them in the water.

Coach, Fiona Dodds said: 'Not being able to get in the water during lockdown was tough for the swimmers but we found they really enjoyed the land sessions we put on for them.'

'Thanks to kind donations like this one we'll be able to buy equipment that will allow us to keep the sessions going and run them alongside their swimming. It will also give the swimmers more of an opportunity to socialise, which is something that's a bit harder to do when they're in the water.'

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KINROSS SHOW ORGANISERS are hopeful the event will go ahead as planned this summer. Plans to stage the show, which is scheduled to take place at RSPB Loch Leven on Saturday 14 August 2021, are currently at early stages.

The show's President, Harold Greer, says, 'We must be absolutely confident that we can deliver a safe and happy show for everybody so are currently reviewing every part of the event to make it safe whilst monitoring the ever changing government restrictions and guidelines for the event sector.'

With some Covid-19 restrictions still likely to be in place, the organisers are working hard behind the scenes to plan for



the event and encourage everyone to keep an eye on social media or check out the new Kinross Show website for up to date information.

The new site www.kinross-show.co.uk/ displays an updated logo and refreshed branding. The site, which was supported by funding from The Scott Davidson Trust, contains a news section, travel information, history of Kinross Show and over the coming weeks the premium list plus downloadable entry forms for exhibitors will be added.

In addition it will include online ticket sales. Harold adds 'Entry to the show will be by ticket only and these will have to be purchased in advance. Our members, visitors and the local community is always very supportive of Kinross Show, we know it has been missed and, if safe to do so, we look forward to welcoming everyone back.'





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Loch Leven's Larder's Blooming Partnership

WHILE THE COUNTRY SLOWLY begins to get back on their feet Loch Leven's Larder and local florist, Cassia, owner of Salvona Floral Design have teamed up recognising that now, more than ever, is a perfect time for businesses to work together to support each other and enhance their returning customers' experience.

Cassia has run a successful floristry business in Kirkcaldy since 2018 and was fully booked for forthcoming weddings before lockdown and then Covid-19 struck and affected her business. She recognised early on the need to modify her business model and adapt to the changing landscape and so approached Emma Niven, owner director of Loch Leven's Larder.

Emma explained, 'My heart really goes out to florists. Covid-19 has adversely impacted us all but especially the floristry sector particularly with weddings having to be cancelled. When Cassia approached me I saw this as a perfect opportunity to try and help her and her team to get back on their feet but also saw it as a chance to enhance our customer experience when visiting Loch Leven's Larder. It's a perfect time particularly with the retail sector opening up once again. We had the kiosk lying empty outside our main entrance and having the Flower Barn there is a brilliant new addition'.

Cassia, thankful for the opportunity, explained, 'We are slowly picking up with weddings again but having this floristry shop at the Larder gives me and my team another opportunity. We'll be offering bouquets to go, house and bedding plants and a pre order



pick up service. We are excited to be working with Emma and the team at Loch Leven's Larder.'

The Flower Cabin will be open Monday to Sunday, 10am-4pm customers can contact Cassia by emailing info@cassiasalvona.com to pre order. Loch Leven's Larder is open 9am-5pm, 7 days.

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Plant A Tree For The Jubilee

GREEN-FINGERED KINROSS-SHIRE CLUBS and groups will soon start thinking about how to participate in a new initiative.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Patron, has planted a tree to launch The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) – a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.' Her Majesty The Queen joined The Prince of Wales for the first Jubilee tree planting in the grounds of Windsor Castle earlier this year, during the tree planting season.

The Prime Minister welcomed the QGC initiative which invites everyone to plant sustainably. He said: 'Our trees stand at the frontline of our fight against climate change and by sustaining our beautiful countryside for generations to come, The Queen's Green Canopy is a fitting tribute to Her Majesty's years of service to this country. I urge everyone to get involved and 'plant a tree for the Jubilee'.'

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. As well as inviting the planting of new trees, The Queen's Green Canopy will highlight and showcase 70 amazing and irreplaceable Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

The QGC project will also create a pilot training programme for unemployed young people aged between 16-24 to plant and manage trees. From October, all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the new QGC website so that



everyone can share and inspire others, as well as creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country.

The website www.queensgreencanopy.org gives people information on how they can get involved. The Environment Secretary, George Eustice, said: 'From individuals, schools, farmers, environmental groups and businesses, we want people to get involved, grow and protect our nation's trees, and mark the Platinum Jubilee.'

Tackling the climate and biodiversity crises is a priority. Healthy and productive trees and woodland will play a crucial role in this – which is why we are committed to increasing tree planting across the UK to 30,000 hectares per year by the end of this Parliament, and investing millions of pounds to help deliver this through the "Nature for Climate Fund".'

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COMPLIMENTS TO THE NEWSLETTER!

WE WERE GREATLY TAKEN by surprise last week, as our postman staggered up the steps of Newsletter Towers, bearing a missive from a most unexpected source.

As he wearily emptied his threadbare sack onto the few remaining splinters of the Editor's desk, vainly attempting to prevent the hundreds of readers' letters (some even bearing stamps) from cascading onto the steel toecaps of her hobnailed carpet slippers, he heaved such a thankful sigh that we were a little afraid it might have been the last breath leaving his body.

Just as we were thinking of offering him a cup of tea (at a discount, of course, – what kind of people do you think we are?) he reached inside his jacket and pulled out a large and expensive-looking cream-coloured envelope.

'Looks posh,' he said. 'Special delivery.'

Fingernail chippings flew across the room as, despite his most arduous efforts, the jam stains and biscuit crumbs from his pocket demonstrated their unwillingness to relinquish their adherence to the luxuriously-folded paper and, as we watched, we flicked uneasy looks at one another.

Similar envelopes have been seen before at Newsletter Towers and it is common knowledge that whoever receives them is deemed to be responsible for whatever amount of money is demanded therein. So it was with no small degree of trepidation (and several attempts at hiding in the stationery cupboard) that it was opened – only to find that it was a letter from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Perth and Kinross, describing in the most flattering of terms our meagre efforts to keep the commu-

I write as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Perth and Kinross and on behalf of the Queen to thank you most warmly for the part you played in community communication as editor of the Kinross Newsletter (KN) during the Covid-19 crisis.

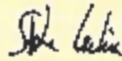
The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for over 40 years, initially as a way of letting residents know what the community council was saying and doing, but now has expanded to be so much more. This last year especially the KN has been a vital source of imaginative news, advice and help in the pandemic – pulling all sorts of clubs, community groups and clubs together.

You and your small team been a vital part of local communication, putting out government advice, health centre information, medical tips and lifestyle ideas to combat the pandemic's challenges. Your team have met every deadline, printed on time and distributed the newsletter far and wide in the community every month without fail. You faced all sorts of logistic problems to overcome, and have done so by dint of hard work and new thinking.

Thank you for the part you and all your team have played to make life that little bit better for the community in Perth and Kinross.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



nity informed during the pandemic.

We were very grateful to the Lord Lieutenant for the recognition – it was a very kind and unexpected gesture. But we know that the real heroes of this community are those who go the extra mile to help others, with no thought or expectation of recognition for themselves.

So we'd like to accept this on behalf of those unsung heroes, as a way of saying that your efforts don't go unnoticed – or unappreciated.

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- **Get at least three different quotes** to compare costs.
- **Always ask for references.** If you can, ask to see examples of work or talk to previous customers.
- **Don't accept an estimate. Insist on a written quote.**
- **Once you've accepted a quote, ask for a contract** covering the work, the price, and the start and finish dates.

Company or Individual?

Using an established company should give you peace of mind as they will have a track record that you can check. On the downside, they may well charge more per hour. With a self-employed tradesperson, the most important thing is to find someone you can trust who will do the job well.

With both, you should ask for references. Even a novice should be able to provide you with the phone number of someone they have worked for. If you decide to take on someone who hasn't been in business long, try them out on a small job first, so that you can see the quality of their work.

It's sensible to check if they have Public Liability Insurance, if you're expecting them to use a chainsaw or pesticides, or to take away your green waste you should check if they hold the relevant certificates and licences.

Establish exactly what you expect them to do. If you need them regularly then agree with them how often they will come and how and when they will be paid.

Ask for a quote for specialist jobs such as tree work (make sure the surgeon is qualified and insured). Hourly rates are usual for gener-

ADVICE FROM KINROSS POLICE

Local Kinross Officers have been made aware that there is a growing concern over 'bogus workman' within the local area. We would like to remind householders to be on their guard against all bogus callers and rogue traders who may be operating in the area.

Always be alert when answering your door to unannounced visitors. Ensure all doors and windows are secure whilst within your property and do not leave any valuables on display. You may wish to install some additional safety measures such as a door chain, door viewer or obvious signs to deter any unwanted callers.

In every instance you are entitled to ask for identification as well as business name and contact information. All genuine, *bona fide* tradespeople should not be offended by this request and be happy to provide valid identification.

If you are interested in the service which is being offered please do not hand over any money, bank details or cash at your door and politely request a professional quotation for consideration.

If you wish to seek further advice on this matter please seek guidance at www.gov.uk/doorstep-selling-regulations

al work but you will be charged extra for waste removal and use of pesticides. Jobs involving power tools might be more expensive too.

Payment

You might be asked to pay a deposit. **Never pay the whole amount of money before any work is done.**

Less reliable tradespeople are known to ask for up-front cash payments, so be careful. Work out a suitable stage payment plan which everyone is happy with.

It's always best to pay for segments of work once they're completed. That way, you can check the standard before parting with your money. You should've already agreed an overall price. But sometimes things can crop up that will mean paying out a little more than you first agreed. To make sure you're not getting overcharged, make sure that all labour and material costs are well-documented. Ask for VAT invoices, get a signed receipt for every payment you make, and keep all the paperwork for your records.

If possible, pay by credit card as it can provide extra protection if someone breaches a contract or if a firm goes bust.

Look out for tradespeople who try to set a daily rate rather than a fixed rate for the whole job. This can sometimes be an incentive for the job to overrun.


Before you make any final payment, make sure you're satisfied the work has been carried out properly and that it meets the terms of the contract. Your home insurance may not cover you for any damage caused to your home as a result of shoddy work or faulty materials, so make sure that work is done to a high standard.

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- SCAM** "We've just completed similar work at other houses in the local area"
- SCAM** "It looks like your solar panels need to be replaced - they're not safe."
- SCAM** "We have some gardening materials left over from a job - we can offer them at a discount"

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DOLLAR MUSEUM REOPENS

DOLLAR MUSEUM WILL RE-OPEN on Saturday 5 June at 11am. We are very grateful to those who have supported us while we have been closed and we have prepared a lively selection of new exhibitions during lockdown.

As well as our permanent displays on the Devon Valley Railway, the Japanese Garden at Cowden, Prehistoric Dollar, Granny's Kitchen, etc., you may see a scary presentation on Local Witches – be careful going too near the Devil's Cradle in the Kelly Burn Glen or exploring Lochy Faults, near Merlin Park.

A new feature is the Time-Line of Dollar History. This display extends round the entire exhibition area (some 25 metres) and transports you from geological times to the present day. In addition, there are displays on Floods in Dollar (Did you know that houses in East Burnside lost their fronts in 1877?), The Origin of the Place-name "Dollar" (We are often asked about this by visitors), Were the Romans in Dollar? (Well, were they? Let's look at the evidence), the History of the Dollar Academy Gardens (Did you know that Dollar Institution had a Botanic Garden and Nursery?) and Dollar Fair in Olden Times.

You may also see a selection of objects from Dollar Museum Collection. Among the chosen items are some connected to Castle Campbell and Local Churches (particularly interesting are the Communion Tokens) in our large Display Case. And a collection of artifacts illustrating local industries, such as Bleaching, Mining (coal and copper), and Brick- and Tile-making.

Keeping the best to last, we are delighted to show you a working model of Dollar Railway Station, as it was shortly before it was closed by Dr Beeching. Mick Rice spent a whole lockdown making this very fine model.

Unfortunately, we cannot put out extra material or allow children to play with the Dolls House or Victorian Toys, or dress up, until the restrictions are totally eased. The Reading Room will be closed during public opening hours, but you may make an appointment to do research at another time by emailing the Hon. Curator at dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

The present two-metre distancing rule allows to have five visitors at a time, along with our two volunteers on duty. We hope this will soon be reduced to one metre and we can then allow more visitors into the museum. Check our website for up to date information: www.dollarmuseum.org.uk

Our shop will be open as usual. We will resume fundraising events again when the Scottish Government allows events such as talks, book sales and strawberry teas. Museum opening times are: Sat 11-1pm and 2-4.30pm, Sundays 2-4.30pm.

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KPC Church Services Opening Up Again

FOLLOWING RECENT relaxations, Kinross Parish Church has made changes to the arrangements for in-person worship in the church.

Minister Alan Reid says: 'As we are now permitted to re-open the gallery, we are able to accommodate about twice as many people as hitherto. There should be enough space to accommodate everyone who currently wishes to come to church in person. Accordingly, you can now come to our 10.30am service on Sunday on a first-come-first-served approach, although you are still strongly encouraged to book in advance through the church office (01577 862570; office@kinrossparishchurch.org).

'It goes without saying that the in-person experience in church is very different from what it was before lockdown but it is an opportunity for some limited physical interaction with your fellow Christians. There is a long way to go yet but we have to start somewhere and I look forward



KPC Minister Alan Reid

to seeing some of you face to face again when you feel comfortable coming back to the church building.'

Sunday services at Kinross Parish Church continue to be live-streamed on-line and available on audio via the dial-up service or on CD (details from the church office or at www.kinrossparishchurch.org).

SUMMER LITTER PICK – 5 JUNE

THE KPC ECO-TEAM are organising another community litter pick, on Saturday 5 June. Although organised by the church, these are community events where anyone can join in and increasing numbers have been taking part, including teams in Milnathort and Kinross.

If you want to help, litter pickers and bags will be available from 9.30am to 10.30am at the lane beside the church at 10 Station Road, Kinross, KY13 8TG. They should be returned there by 3.30pm.

This month's Litter Pick is part of 'Summer Clean', a national event organised by Keep Scotland Beautiful during the month of June and supported by many individuals and organisations from The Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to Scouts Scotland. Come along and help Kinross-shire play its part!

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RAISING THE STANDARD OF CHILDCARE

A Dam Fine Time For Christian Aid Week!

THE ORGANISERS OF Christian Aid Week in Kinross-shire are delighted with the response to their 'Water Bucket Challenge' held last Saturday to raise money to provide water dams in African countries hit by climate change.

The Challenge was for young people to experience a little of the task many people in Africa face on a daily basis by carrying a bucket with water from Loch Leven to Kinross Parish Church, with sponsorship from family and friends.

One of the organisers, Alisdair Stewart says: 'We worked with church youth organisations and KYTHE (Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise) and were delighted that no fewer than 41 young climate champions took part. "Great fun and laughter for a great cause", was one comment we've received. Our aim was to raise £907 – the cost of one earth dam, a project being supported by Christian Aid Week this year. The earth dam project in Africa is low-tech, helping local communities provide a local source of water for domestic and agricultural use. Remarkably, the Challenge has already raised £1931, more than twice our initial target. Our thanks to



the young people who took part, the volunteer stewards, those who donated, and Hunter's for supplying sausages for the sizzle at the end.'

The Christian Aid team in Kinross-shire, faced with a second year of disruption to Christian Aid week in May, came up with the Water Bucket Challenge and other ideas to help replace the £5000 normally collected in the county, mainly by door-to-door collection.

Alisdair says: 'Our target, from the Challenge and other activities, was still to raise £5000. We have already raised £4747 and donations continue at www.justgiving.com/OR174288.

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ROAD SAFETY: There are a number of outstanding road safety issues delayed by the pandemic. One is the request for a priority system to be introduced at the bridge over the North Queich on the Lethangie road. There have been a number of near misses here. The bridge has practically no pavement so pedestrians crossing the bridge are at considerable risk when cars are going over it. I have received a similar request for the new gullet bridge over the Leven cut which will now be considered.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Do you want to be kept informed of planning applications lodged with the council? I get sent a weekly list of all planning applications lodged and a list of the applications which have been determined. If you let me have your email address, I will send you a copy of these weekly lists so that you know what is happening locally, and can comment on applications which might concern you.

MILNATHORT FLOODING STUDY: You may have seen contractors digging holes in certain parts of Milnathort – namely Ba' hill and on the north side of Stirling Road. This is being done as part of works to safeguard Milnathort from the damaging effects of flash floods. Once the investigation works have been completed, it is hoped that a scheme will be designed to protect the village centre from the severe damage that can be caused by flash floods.

SPEEDING: The dangers caused by speeding traffic was raised at both Milnathort and Portmoak community councils. I have contacted our local community police officers and have asked them to target the areas highlighted with speed checks. These are Burleigh Road, Milnathort and the A911 through Easter Balgownie.

GOOD DEEDS: You will recall that last month, I praised a local farmer at Mawcarse who had cleared the pavement between the Arlary Road and Mawcarse of overgrown grass and vegetation, restoring the pavement to its original width. Well, since then, he has cleared the pavement eastwards towards Mawcarse crossroads and made a really good job. The cleared and widened pavements makes them usable by pedestrians, cyclists and people with disability buggies. Well done to him!

Councillor Willie Robertson

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Claire Baker, MSP



AS THE SIXTH SESSION of the Scottish Parliament gets underway, we are at long last feeling the warmth of spring. As we leave the frosts behind for another year, we can look forward with some optimism to months which will hopefully bring sunshine but will certainly be full of the warmth of others as we finally welcome our friends and family back into our homes again.

This pandemic has presented huge challenges for so many of us, for our families, our businesses and our communities. My thoughts remain with all of those who lost loved ones and I cannot give enough thanks to the health and social care staff, as well as all the other vital frontline workers, who have supported us all since last March. With restrictions slowly easing again we are all looking forward to reuniting with those we have missed. While online socials have been welcome, it is not the same as being with people we love. It is a time to be thankful and to enjoy the simple pleasures again. A shared drink with friends, a hug inside a relative's house instead of an elbow bump in an outdoor space. It is a time to feel positive about appreciating hobbies and other activities we may have taken for granted.

This optimism and hope can also be seen in our new Parliament, the most diverse and representative we have seen. Female representation, while still under 50%, is at a record high and the first woman of colour has been elected alongside five other black and minority ethnic MSPs. In Labour's Pam Duncan-Glancy we have the Parliament's first permanent wheelchair users, and a number of new members have an international background, reflecting Scotland multi-culturalism. Our new MSPs have taken their place alongside returning faces who all come to Holyrood with a desire to do better for our country.

It is an honour and a privilege to have been re-elected as an MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife and I am grateful for all the voters who have put their trust in me to continue to represent the region. I am looking forward to getting back out and about soon, once restrictions are lifted further, to visit and listen to communities, so I can best represent them in Parliament.

While election campaigning in its very nature is a battle, there are a number of areas where party manifestos produced some consensus and I hope that can be reflected the actions of the new Parliament. The primary focus must be on economic recovery, improving employment prospects for our young people and reskilling for those who lose jobs and need to find new work. There is also broad agreement on the importance of a transition to more renewable energy and increased energy efficiency; improved transport links and broadband connectivity. The expansion of the welfare state including increased carer's allowance, universal primary school meals, a doubling of the child payment and expanded free childcare were included in the three main parties manifestos, so it should be possible to move these forward in a cross-party way.

I hope that by choosing to focus on what unites us we can go into this new Parliamentary session with a positive outlook. Across the chamber we can look beyond traditional dividing lines and work to achieve progress that can and will make a difference to communities across Mid Scotland and Fife region, and the rest of Scotland.

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Mark Ruskell, MSP



AT THIS MONTH'S ELECTION thousands of people across the region put their faith in the Scottish Green Party. I'm incredibly grateful to have been re-elected to Holyrood with an increased share of the vote and I'll work hard to repay the trust placed in me.

I'd like to offer particular thanks to the many people who voted Scottish Green for the first time, who helped us out-poll both Labour and the Liberal Democrats across the Perth & Kinross Council area and deliver a record result nationally. That success reflects the results we've delivered over the last five years in parliament, but also our promise to work towards a fair recovery from the pandemic and deliver meaningful action on the climate emergency.

Throughout the campaign we presented a positive vision of Scotland's future, one focused on fairness, recovery and building a better future for all of us. Recovery from the pandemic that has caused so much devastation will obviously be the immediate priority. I think everyone elected to Holyrood this election can agree on that. The question remains, what does that look like?

The Scottish Greens believe we can, and must, aim higher than simply returning to the way things were before. We are indebted to the nurses, teachers, supermarket staff, delivery drivers, refuse collectors and public transport staff who kept our society functioning during one of the hardest years in living memory.

However, low pay, precarious employment and exploitative conditions remain rife in those professions. Inequality has widened even further, with the top fifth wealthiest people in the UK saving an additional £23bn over the first three months of lockdown. That's an intolerable disparity.

Sadly, many of the powers we need to address those injustices are reserved to Westminster. That strikes at the heart of why the Scottish Greens continue to support independence. It's not an end in itself, it's about building a better country for all who live here. The fact is the constitutional debate has not been resolved. Both the election and opinion polls show that the country is evenly divided on the issue. Despite what the Conservatives tell you, it's impossible to unify a country by completely dismissing the wishes of half of it. That's not a path to progress, indeed it would have the exact opposite effect.

I also firmly reject the argument that the debate on Scotland's constitutional future will come at the expense of all other issues. The climate emergency and a securing a fair recovery from the pandemic are the priority, but as we address these challenges we will constantly be reminded of the limitations of the Scottish Parliament's powers. The recovery will test the case for more powers to come to Holyrood, including the case for full independence.

Serving in the Scottish Parliament is a great honour, and one that I have never and will never take for granted. As I enter my third term as an MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife my commitment to the job remains as strong as ever. I'm delighted to be back at my desk.

Mark Ruskell, MSP

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MAY I FIRST OF ALL thank the 18,718 people who voted for me in Perthshire South and Kinross-shire at the recent election and may I also pass on my good wishes to Jim Fairlie as the constituency MSP. I also want to thank my outstanding campaign team for all they did for me.

It is a privilege to be re-elected to Holyrood via the Mid Scotland and Fife Regional List vote and there is no time to waste in terms of getting back to work and helping constituents across Mid Scotland and Fife as they face up to the ongoing challenges of the pandemic.

Business in general has struggled during the pandemic and none more so than the hospitality industry.

However, with restrictions recently eased, all hospitality is now open for business and I'm sure the sector will have breathed a huge sigh of relief at this announcement.

Whilst the sector received considerable financial help during the crisis, only by being fully open can it deliver the income and the jobs so many people badly need.

Some months ago, the Scottish Conservatives succeeded in persuading the Scottish Government to extend business rates relief for the duration of the 2021-22 financial year, which will prove to be a very important safeguard.

Readers of the Kinross Newsletter will know just how important it is to attract visitors to the area, so we must hope this happens as we move into the summer season. Kinross-shire, Loch Leven Nature Reserve and Loch Leven Heritage Trail are all regular visitor destinations and businesses in the hospitality sector will be pinning their hopes on people travelling to the region for a holiday or staycation.

Demand is high for a domestic holiday in the UK, partly due to the limited number of countries that people are permitted to fly to, so we can expect to see an increase in visitor numbers over the forthcoming summer months in Kinross-shire.

A recent survey carried out by Barclays found that the total spend on UK domestic holidays this year is anticipated to reach £31 billion, with 23 million British people planning at least on staycation.

The survey also showed that 48% of its respondents are planning trips that will allow them to explore areas in the UK with lots of small independent businesses, and 54% consider access to restaurants being 'really important' to them – all good news for Kinross-shire hospitality businesses.

Another factor which would help hospitality is the Scottish Conservatives' Enterprise Bill. This Bill seeks to create an economic agency for every region of Scotland, protecting jobs in every part of the country and empowering local communities.

Residents and businesses need to feel a mood of optimism post-Covid, and I'm sure they will with the help of some of these aforementioned measures. A sense of community spirit got us through the worse of the pandemic, and this stoicism will be needed again as we look to the future.

Liz Smith, MSP

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Councillor Callum Purves

Kinross Town Centre WiFi

Free public WiFi will soon be introduced in Kinross town centre for use by both residents and visitors. Many local people have raised issues with not being able to get an internet signal from some mobile providers in the centre of the town, which this new service should solve.

Kinross was initially not included in the roll out of WiFi in Perth and other larger towns in Perth & Kinross, but I have pushed for our inclusion in the scheme. We have been able to secure funding for this project from the Town Centre, which has ensured that it is able to go ahead.

Easter Balgedie Speeding

Further concerns have been raised by residents about speeding through Easter Balgedie. This problem seems to have been exacerbated by speed mitigation measures along other parts of the A911 so there is a need for more urgent action to tackle this problem.

The Council has previously agreed to lower the speed limit on the stretch to 30mph, and I am asking officers to expedite its introduction. In addition, residents have asked that the Council considers physical speed mitigation measures, which is something we shall look to explore.

Road Improvements

You may have noticed an increase in roads maintenance workers across Kinross-shire over the past month or so. The Council is seeking to deliver repairs for which we secured funding in the March budget. There is still a very big backlog so it will take some time to get round everywhere.



Discover Loch Leven Website

To discover the myriad things to see and do in Kinross-shire and its neighbouring counties, visit www.visitlochleven.org

If you know of a road fault, the quickest way to report it is through the Council's on-line MyPKC service at my.pkc.gov.uk. If you create an account, you will also be notified when the repair has been completed. Alternatively, you can call 0800 23 23 23 or send an e-mail to clarence@pkc.gov.uk

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Councillor Callum Purves

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Jim Fairlie, MSP

THIS FIRST WEE WHILE since the election has been absolutely hectic and I have been down in Parliament getting to grips with new software, new hardware and just finding my way around the building. The swearing in ceremony was simple but strangely emotional and whilst it is rightly seen as an important occasion it is refreshingly devoid of the unnecessary pomp you get at Westminster.

I am absolutely delighted to have been elected to represent the people of this wonderful constituency, which has been my home all my life. I am very grateful to everybody who voted for me and all those who worked so hard to secure this fantastic result.

Taking over from someone who has been around so long and has had such an impact over the years as Roseanna Cunningham has brings its own challenges, but I am delighted to have maintained her legacy by holding the seat for the SNP and I am looking forward to putting my own mark on politics here in Perthshire South & Kinross-shire.

The increased turnout in this election showed how determined people were to have their say in this election. I will always remember as I spoke to people throughout the day, the real commitment that was evident. If people hadn't yet been out to vote, it was clear that they were going to.

Voters here in Perthshire South & Kinross-shire – and across the country – heard and backed the SNP message that Scotland needs experienced leadership to continue to steer the country out of this unprecedented crisis, with a bold and ambitious policy programme to kickstart and drive recovery, and the choice of a better, fairer, more prosperous future for our country.

Obviously I bring a particular knowledge of – and interest in – the food and agriculture sectors and I'll certainly champion those areas in Parliament, but I will stand up for this constituency whenever and however I can. As the light at the end of the Covid tunnel gets brighter and brighter, there is a real job of work to be done helping those that have been hardest hit throughout the past year.

It is no secret that I am firmly of the view that Scotland needs Independence – the normal powers of a normal nation – to truly flourish and on an independence referendum, the question – as the First Minister has made clear – is no longer 'if' but 'when'. The people of Scotland will have the opportunity to choose our own future.

Of course, the politics is an important part of being an MSP but I will always remember that although I was elected by many, I am there to serve all, and I promise you that I will represent everyone in this area, regardless of how you voted.

I am really excited about the challenges ahead and representing the people who have put me here – new cases of people needing help are already coming in and I am looking forward to doing my best to help them.

Jim Fairlie, MSP



John Nicolson, MP

THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN finalised in the Holyrood elections and Nicola Sturgeon has been returned as First Minister. Whatever your politics, it has to be recognised that the SNP's feat in winning a fourth term is remarkable. And it wasn't a narrow win – the party secured the largest number of votes won by any party in Holyrood history.

Across the world, people are watching. Scotland's election results made front-page news in two of France's leading newspapers: Le Figaro and Le Monde. Both of which saw the outcome as 'plucky Scotland defying Boris Johnson and Westminster'. Meanwhile across the European Union, commentators have been speculating about how soon an independent Scotland could rejoin, with most agreeing that – post-Brexit – the welcome mat would be rolled out in a way it wasn't during our first independence referendum. Back then, Brussels wanted to be helpful to David Cameron. These days, the Conservative government doesn't have many friends in Brussels.

The First Minister has said that there will be no referendum legislation until the pandemic is over. But that seems unlikely to halt fevered speculation about the timing and result. Interestingly, Michael Gove has said that the UK Government will not mount any legal challenge to a referendum bill passed at Holyrood. And that, surely, is wise. If Holyrood votes for a referendum, it does so on behalf of the people who have returned MSPs with a mandate. That's how parliamentary democracy works. And all of us will then have our say subsequently in a yes/no ballot.

I'm looking forward to watching the debates at Holyrood in the upcoming session. Although Westminster is showier with its elaborate customs, wigs, and silk stockings, Holyrood's debates are frequently better attended and more informed. Long hours can pass on the floor of the House of Commons, with multiple MPs standing up to make virtually identical speeches before frontbenchers rise to summarise, offering florid self-congratulatory praise for the quality of the debate and the profundity of the arguments made.

In Holyrood, the speaking styles may fail sometimes to reach an oratorical peak. But speakers often have a wealth of pre-politics experience which they bring to bear. This upcoming parliament will look much more like Scotland, with more female MSPs than ever before. Not before time, we have the first minority-ethnic woman. We have all three of Scotland's national languages spoken by newly elected MSPs (and a big push to have Scots given equal status with Gaelic and English). The newly elected Angus Robertson, formerly SNP group leader at Westminster will burnish his EU credentials by taking his oath in his native German. There will be MSPs ranged in age from their early 20s to 70s. Holyrood now has its first permanent wheelchair user. And there are nine openly LGBT parliamentarians.

And just, as I write that last paragraph, I've had Le Monde on the phone. They want to interview me about 'Scotland's parliament – diverse and heading towards independence'. As I say, the world is watching.

John Nicolson, MP



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Every week in Scotland, at least three people cycling suffer life-changing injuries and in most cases, it's the person driving, not the person cycling, at fault.

Close passes are an everyday experience for people cycling, according to the Near Miss Project every year people who regularly cycle will 'experience an event so frightening that it alone makes them consider giving up cycling.'

Making our roads safer for cycling requires a combined approach of engineering, education and enforcement.

Some key points to remember when passing people on bikes:

- **Always give at least a car's width of space (1.5 metres) – this will usually mean crossing into the other lane.**
- **If you're travelling above 30 mph, give more than 1.5 metres space.**
- **Wait at a safe distance until you have space and visibility to pass safely.**
- **Don't overtake at blind corners or if there's oncoming traffic.**
- **In towns and in slow-moving traffic, consider if there is any benefit to passing, especially if there are lights ahead.**
- **Don't feel pressure from the person in the car behind to pass before it is safe.**

Driving too close when passing a cyclist is an example of careless driving which attracts a minimum fine of £100 and three penalty points.

Highway Code Rule 64 states 'you must not cycle on a pavement.' Generally anyone cycling on a footway or footpath in Scotland is committing an offence under Section 129(5) of The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. It is however not an offence to cycle across a footway or footpath to access a cycle track, driveway or other land where cycling is allowed.

And whilst it is perfectly legal for cyclists to ride beside each other or in the middle of the road we all need to respect each other and I would hope that all road users would follow the letter of the law and the spirit in which it is intended to ensure that everyone can use our roads safely and without hindrance.

Recent Incidents

There are no recent incidents to report.

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

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...if I want to contact the police anonymously?

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Main image: 'An Heroic Incident of the Battle of Daratoleh: The Rescue of Captain Bruce' (The Graphic 1903)

Bottom right: Memorial to Captain Charles Bruce in Harrow School Chapel

Hero Of A Forgotten War

IN RECENT YEARS WE have been remembering those who were killed in action during two World Wars in the 20th century, but there have been countless other wars in which local men have enlisted and died for a long forgotten cause. One such local hero is commemorated on a brass plaque in St Paul's Episcopal Church and a stone tablet on the mausoleum in the Kirkgate Churchyard – Captain Charles Bruce – 'killed in action in Somaliland 22nd April 1903.'

Born in Mauritius in June 1869, Charles Maurice Dundas Bruce was the eldest son of Sir Charles Bruce of Arnot, GCMG (1836-1920) and his wife Clara. Sir Charles at that time was Governor of the Indian Ocean island colony of Mauritius which was at that time a British possession. But for the Bruces of Arnot, home for the past century had always been Kinross-shire where they owned a small estate centred around Arnot Tower. In his retirement, Sir Charles was a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Kinross.

While his father pursued a career as a colonial administrator in distant territories ranging from British Guiana to the Windward Isles, his son was educated both at Harrow and at Gordon's School in Woking which was founded in 1885 as the National Memorial to Gordon of Khartoum. In 1891 Charles em-

barked on a military career in the Royal Field Artillery, earning himself a medal with two clasps while on active service on the North West Frontier of India in 1897-98. By 1900 he had reached the rank of captain just prior to his deployment as an officer in the first Somaliland Campaign.

The troubled Horn of Africa, often in the headlines today, was the scene of five British campaigns between 1900 and 1920, each of which attempted to maintain control of a strategically important routeway between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. Britain maintained two protectorates in Yemen and British Somaliland to the north and south of the Gulf of Aden, but not all of the local chieftains were cooperative. Each of the five Somaliland campaigns pitted British and colonial forces against Dervish warriors led by the Somali religious leader Mohammed Abdullah Hassan, better known to the British press as the 'Mad Mullah'.

By the end of March 1903 the British were beginning to take the offensive after occupying a line of wells where the Dervishes watered their livestock. On 17 April, however, disaster struck when a patrol of 500 men moving through high bush to tackle the enemy were surprised and overwhelmed at a place called Gumburru. Another

British column, hoping to intercept the Mullah's forces from the north, though better prepared were surrounded and outnumbered by the Dervishes, the commanding officer Major John Gough decided to retreat with the rearguard moving back being replaced by one of its flanking lines to ensure continuous fire. This encounter came to be known as the Battle of Daratoleh.

Captain Charles Bruce, who was in command of the rearguard, was shot from 20 metres range by a Dervish who crept up close through the long grass. He fell to the ground and was unable to move, but his three fellow officers rushed to his aid and with the help of two Askari, a camel man and a Sikh Bruce was lifted onto a camel while accompanying troops provided covering fire. Unfortunately, Captain Bruce was shot once more, this time fatally. All of those who tried to save his life were awarded medals, the three officers each receiving the Victoria Cross.

Remembered by at least three memorials in Kinross-shire and on plaques at Gordon's School and Harrow, Charles Bruce's tragic end in Somaliland was the subject of a sketch published in The Graphic magazine with the title 'An Heroic Incident of the Battle of Daratoleh: The Rescue of Captain Bruce.'

David Munro,
Kinross (Marshall) Museum

Algal Bloom

Are Warming Waters Causing An Increase In Blue Green Algae At Loch Leven?

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic monopolising the headlines over the past year or so, we have all become aware that there is also a global climate emergency unveiling itself. The UK government declared a climate emergency in 2019, with the Scottish Government making a commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2045. This year, Glasgow will host the United Nations Climate Change conference, known as COP26, which aims to unite the world in tackling climate change. However, as we undergo a 'green recovery' from Covid-19 – a sustainable economic recovery that helps us move towards those net-zero emissions targets – we will still need to adapt because our historic emissions have already changed our climate and will continue to do so for decades to come.

How Has Climate Change Played Out At Loch Leven So Far?

Scotland is seeing rising temperatures, heavier rainfall and milder winters with less snow cover on our mountains. Loch Leven has already been affected, with long term records showing that water temperatures have increased markedly, especially during winter and early summer. So much so, that this once popular curling venue rarely develops large amounts of ice anymore. There has also been an increase in heavy rainfall, which has caused localised flooding events in the last two years. These changes are already affecting the water quality, quantity and biodiversity of the loch.

For the past 3 years algal blooms have been occurring once the loch temperatures have reached 16-17 degrees for a day or more. Increased water temperatures are likely to have affected the ecology of the loch, potentially encouraging algal blooms that increase under warm conditions and low flushing rates. However, at some times of year, higher temperatures can also have a positive effect on water quality

Algal bloom in 2019



by increasing the rate at which grazing by *Daphnia* removes algae from the loch (Carvalho et al., 2012).

Long Term Changes In Water Quality

In the 1980s and early 1990s, blooms of blue-green algae were a serious problem at Loch Leven. They resulted in recreational activities being cancelled and fish deaths being recorded. However, once inputs of pollution from the surrounding catchment had been reduced, at a present day cost of more than £7.6m, the water quality improved and local businesses began to benefit from the increased income that more visitors brought to the area.

However, over the last few years, algal blooms have started to become more common again. This has led to some people wondering if the change has been caused by more pollution entering the loch as runoff from the surrounding land and discharges from various waste water sources.

The UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH) has been monitoring Loch Leven for more than 50 years. Willie Wilson, part-time fishery manager, also collects data on water clarity, and levels of algae and cyanobacteria over the summer months.

What Is Algae And What Does It Look Like?

Blue-green algae naturally occur in bodies of water and are a type of bacteria, known as cyanobacteria, which can produce chemicals that are harmful if ingested. The recent warm summer weather has contributed to the problem. Algae grow faster when it is warmer, with concentrations increasing to form blooms and scums on the surface of the water. Often seen on the surface of the loch, blue-green algae looks like green or brownish-green scum. The algae blooms can make the water become green, blue-green or greenish brown and several species can produce musty, earthy or grassy odours. It can also cause foaming on the shoreline.

Why Have The Algal Blooms Returned?

Data collected by the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology over the past 50 years show that annual average water temperatures in the loch have increased by more than 1.5°C since the 1970s. Such a large increase in temperature will have had a major impact on the biodiversity of the loch, and is likely to be one of the main drivers of the recent resurgence of algal blooms is climate change. Recent increases in water temperature have taken the loch waters above 16-17°C for several days at a time, causing phosphorus that has accumulated in the loch sediments over many years to be released back into the water column through a process known as internal nutrient cycling. This is a natural process but, when it happens, it allows the algae and cyanobacteria to grow more rapidly than loss processes such as zooplankton grazing and flushing rates can keep up with. This creates troublesome blooms like those that we have seen recently. It is very unlikely that the main cause of the problem is local, such as an increase in discharges or runoff, because these blooms are usually recorded in standing waters right across the UK, all at the same time.

How Can They Affect Human Health?

The blue-green algae (a type of bacteria) associated with these

– The Facts

algal blooms can produce toxins, and these can cause a range of health problems in people and animals that come into contact with them. These include skin rashes, eye irritations, vomiting and diarrhoea, fever and pains in muscles and joints. Blue-green algae have caused the deaths of dogs, horses, cattle, birds and fish across the UK. For the past 3 years, signs have had to be erected at Loch Leven advising people and their pets not to enter the water during such blooms.

What Can We Do About It?

We can try to prevent any additional phosphorus entering the loch from land runoff and waste water discharges so that we do not add to the phosphorus that has already accumulated in the loch. However, there is already a thick layer of phosphorus rich sediment in the loch.

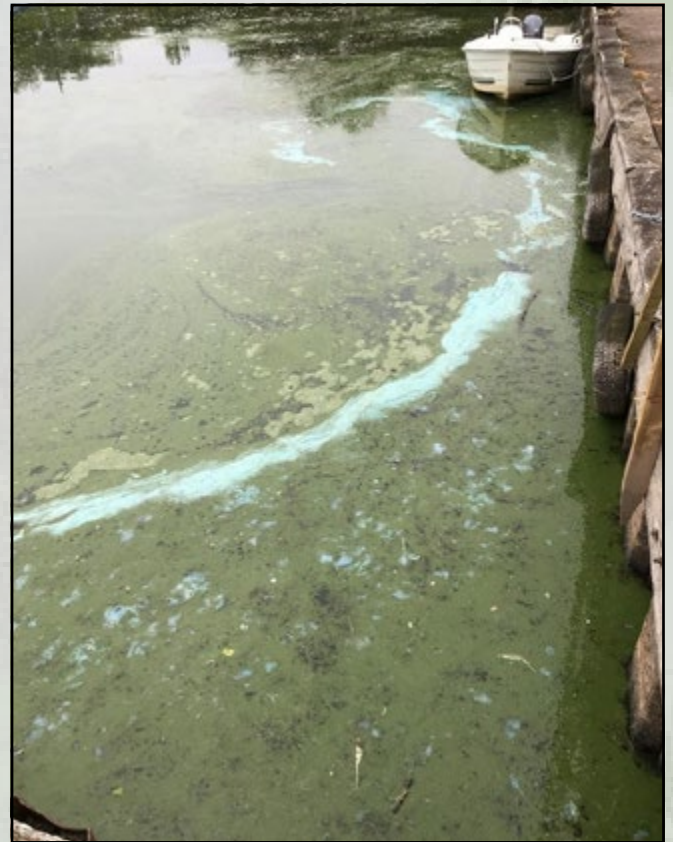
We can try to reduce the effects of climate change by helping our Government work towards achieving net zero by 2045. Although this will help slow down, or even reverse, the current rate of increase in water temperature in the long term, it is not a short term solution.

Many different methods have been suggested for controlling algal blooms. These include using barley straw, filtering the algae out of the water or removing phosphorus rich sediment. Some of these methods have been scientifically tested, while others have not. Also, there is a risk that some of these approaches could release algal toxins into the water, while others are expensive to apply but completely ineffective. Much of this information is not readily available to water managers who need to decide how best to respond to algal blooms.

A meteorological station been put onto St Serf's island to capture weather data that will provide a more comprehensive understanding of climate change at Loch Leven.

Managing Our Scottish Lochs To Reduce Climate Change Impacts

The Centre of Expertise for Waters (CREW), a Scottish Government funded partnership, has recently approved a project proposal that was submitted by representatives of the Loch Leven Catchment Management Group. This project aims to explore ways of mitigating climate change impacts on the water quality of Scottish standing waters. The project will also consider how strong the body of evidence is that climate



Algal bloom in June 2020

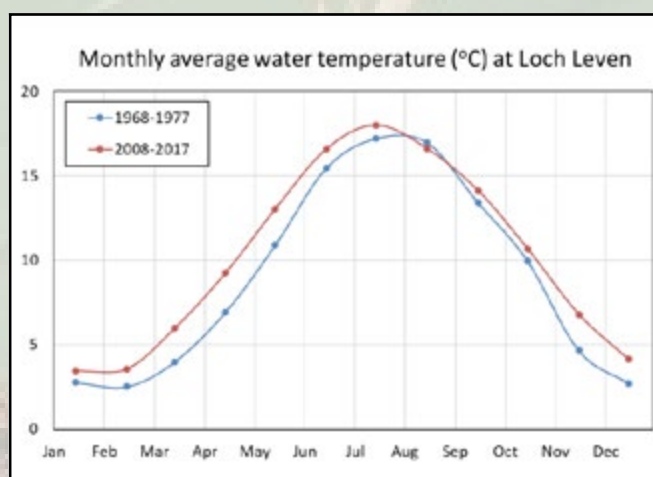
change is increasing the incidence of algal blooms, and the extent to which these blooms are affecting recreational use, biodiversity and local economies across Scotland.

In addition, the study will investigate whether we can change the way that we manage our lochs to help alleviate such problems and improve water quality. For example, can flushing rates be changed – by releasing more water from managed reservoirs and lochs at key times of the year – to reduce the size of the blooms? A recent modelling study has suggested that even relatively small changes in flushing rate (10-15 per cent over 10-20 days) at key times of year might be able to reduce the size of an algal bloom by up to 40 per cent.

It is likely that the answer will not be a one size fits all solution and that different lochs will require different management approaches. However, by looking at data from Scottish lochs and other locally important water bodies that suffer from algal blooms, this project could help us to solve some of the water quality problems that we are now seeing at Loch Leven. The number of people visiting the outdoors increased markedly during Covid-19 restrictions, and may well continue to rise as more people realise the health and well-being benefits of being outside in natural surroundings. So, anything that we can do to reduce algal blooms at Loch Leven is likely to have a wide range of socio-economic benefits.

Watch this space for a future update on the results from the CREW funded project to see how it could help us improve water quality at Loch Leven!

Linda May and Karen Mitchell, NatureScot




Lavender's Blue, Dilly, Dilly...

IN JUST A FEW WEEKS, Scotland will play host to its very own touch of Provence as the Kinross lavender fields begin to bloom on ground to the east of Burleigh Sands next to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. What started six years ago as a way to create a peaceful corner of an arable field has expanded into an ever-growing sustainability research project.

Scottish Lavender Oils, based at Tarhill Farm, Kinross, has spent the last year expanding its range of botanical plants and crops and upgrading its distillery. Alongside the lavender, the farm now grows a mixture of mints, rosemaries, chamomiles and geraniums, all to distill into essential oils. Throughout the season, these plants and the various colours will be visible for walkers to enjoy along the Trail.

By tending the crops by hand and avoiding mechanised harvesting, the plants thrive and so does the wildlife that is attracted to the pollen inside the blooms. Moreover, the lack of chemical sprays (pesticides/fertilisers/insecticides etc) assists in the creation of an ultra high quality lavender essential oil which is sold to specialist aromatherapists, online and to visitors to the farm.

The distillery includes a 400 litre copper alembic still which is reserved especially for lavender. Other stills are used for rosemary, chamomile and mint. Blooms are also dried either in the sunshine or in a drying chamber kiln. As



part of the research programme, the farm has its own met station which monitors windspeeds, wind direction, sunlight and temperature.

The Irwin family, who live at Tarhill, have spent the last few years replanting the hedgerows for passerine songbirds, encouraging target wildlife species through extensive fallow areas and repurposing the old fish ponds adjacent to the loch, resulting in a big increase in hares, deer and invertebrates.

'It involves a great deal of hard work, but its our way of contributing to the unique habitat that forms the Loch Leven Reserve,' commented Rory Irwin.

Scottish Lavender Oils began in 2015 and as Scotland's only specialist lavender and botanical garden, attracts visitors from around Scotland and the north of England. It is open during the summer months where visitors can enjoy the fields and tour the distillery.

'We were delighted that we were able to welcome so many people in 2020 following the first lockdown. It's the serenity and peacefulness of the lavender fields that is so calming', said Rory. And who could disagree?

The farm is open for visitors seven days a week from late June as the lavender begins to bloom. The harvesting of other plants is more weather dependent.

For more information please contact:

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Fiona Faulds will join colleagues June Straight and Sarah McCormack on 1 June, and together they will represent the new Orwell nursing team.

Covid Vaccine Update

We continue to offer appointments for second vaccines. If you are over the age of 50 and have not yet had your FIRST vaccine, please give us a call and we can book you in.

Facebook

We have created a Facebook page for the practice so please search for 'Orwell Medical Practice' for more regular updates.

St Serf's Medical Practice

Covid Vaccine Update

95% of our over 50s should now have had at least one of their Covid-19 vaccines. We continue to work through delivering the second vaccines. If you have not heard from us and it has been at least 8 weeks since your first vaccine, please get in touch.

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Established in 1972, World Environment Day – in which 143 countries will take part – will, this year, be hosted by Pakistan. It is the launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a programme devoted to assisting in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed, as well as conserving those still intact.

This might seem to be a problem only for global institutions and governments, yet that couldn't be further from the truth. Imagine being able to increase our connection with nature, especially in cities and, through this, repair and restore ecosystems all around the world.

Participants of WED include NGOs, governments, communities, individuals, charities, organisations and celebrities. Through such popular activities such as clear up campaigns, concerts, conventions and parades, tree planting, and lectures, they raise the profile of environmental issues through celebration and action.

To restore nature, we must implement meaningful changes at every level. We rely on nature to support people, communities, and economies; nature restoration and climate change are inextricably linked, and the best way to reverse the effects of climate change is to restore nature through nature-based solutions.

Unfortunately, mankind is prone to intervening with ecosystems in a less than helpful way. We've done all the damage – and we've all done the damage – therefore it is our responsibility to help put damaged ecosystems back onto their natural journeys so that they can not only survive but thrive.

Ecosystems exist not only at a global and national scale, but also at a regional and local one. This means that every-



one can make a difference through everyday actions and choices to repair, expand, support and, if necessary, replace the damage we have all contributed to. Let us use World Environment Day as a catalyst for action by all.

Our connection to nature begins with ourselves, with the products we buy, the choices we make, with the way we live our lives. We can all help to restore global ecosystems.

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From the 26th of April, our youth mental health outreach service will be available to every young person in Kinross from **12pm-4pm, every Monday**.

Our drop-in will be based in KYTHE youth centre. Our **1-2-1 support sessions** will offer personalised crisis management support for anyone who is experiencing thoughts of suicide, self-harm, or emotional distress from Kinross High School.

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- **Drop-in** - you can drop into KYTHE on Monday, anytime between 12pm-4pm.
- **Signposting service** - we can help you find the right support
- **Information** - we can help you get the right information about self-harm, suicide, or other mental health issues. Learn the importance of self-care.

KEY INFORMATION

- Our Youth Drop-In is every Monday between 12pm-4pm from the base at KYTHE.
- No referral needed for our Monday drop-in at KYTHE. You can drop in whenever you need to. Our youth service is available to **all young people** in Kinross.
- If you need crisis support, get in touch with your Guidance teacher, or ask at our drop-in centre.
- We support anyone aged 12+, those who aren't 12 yet will need parental permission



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WINNING WAYS

by Jo Middlemiss

You Never Know Just What Is Going To Happen...

SOME TIME AGO, WHEN I was out walking with my trusty spaniel, he suddenly became wildly excited by the sight of a red squirrel. Squirrels usually mocked him, before they raced up the nearest tall tree, but this one was unfortunately and unusually trapped in a folded over piece of wire fencing. If it stayed in the trap, the dog couldn't get it, if it tried to come out, the dog would have made short work of it. My intervention was very simple. I held the dog by the collar, prised back a small part of the fence, and the squirrel raced away. The dog was easily distracted from his disappointment. Peace and quiet returned to the area.

However, the whole scenario set me thinking. Who knows what the squirrel was thinking! Do squirrels think? It must have seemed like a bit of a miracle. From out of the blue, rescue appeared in the form of my hands. Needless to say, the squirrel did not stop to say thank you, or even look round to see from whence his rescue had come. How many times do we do that in life? Things are happening in our lives, we simply cannot see any way out of some dire situation. We've almost given the situation up for hopeless, no amount of worry and resourcefulness has made any difference. Suddenly something unexpected happens, the situation just seems to resolve itself, and we cannot see where that help comes from.

Do you believe in miracles? I do. I'm always expecting them, and they do turn up on a regular basis. I was at a business meeting – we were working out what it was we wanted from our new venture. When I said 'Let's have an expectation of miracles', I was told to come down off Planet Nonsense and to 'Dream on!' That's fine; everyone is allowed their own opinion. I could tell of many, many miracles. They are not usually dramatic, like a total cure from paralysis, or an illness disappearing, much to the amazement of doctors all around. No – they are much more ordinary, subtle and every day kind of miracles. A brother talking to a brother after 15 years, someone making a wedding speech, when he was so terrified that he thought he would be eaten alive, the little special needs child, who won a Christmas party game, because someone told him they thought he could.

Then my mind drifted to the whole miracle that is our own body. Many folk are not proud or pleased with their bodies, because they don't like something about the way they look: too fat, too thin, too tall, too short, too old, too spotty, too wrinkled etc. Pause for a moment and contemplate your eye. Hundreds of years of research and study have never managed to create anything as wonderful, or as expert at doing its job, as the eye. It adjusts according to situations, bringing the outside world into our brain, making sense of all the colours and lights, and shapes, and translating it all into some sort of pattern that we can understand. What about the heart? Beating away from about six weeks after conception, and never stopping, give or take the odd heart attack, until the day we die. No days off, no bank holidays. What about the poor old liver soldiering on, when assaulted with all sorts of



Photo: Alan Ruiz

poisons most days of the week, filtering and protecting, and keeping the blood right. Then there are the lungs, performing a miracle every time we breathe in and out. The whole thing is just to be wondered at, and most of the time we don't even notice it, look after it, thank it or just give it a well-done pat! Just like the ungrateful, unaware squirrel.

When we lived up in North Angus, a car went careering into the wall just before the narrow, high, Gannochy Bridge over the fast flowing River North Esk. The car was stopped from plunging into the gorge 50 feet below, by the slenderest young sapling. Certain death avoided. There are not many trees that can claim to have saved a life. This one did though. The driver needed some medical attention, although he survived pretty much unscathed. One can only wonder at the shock he must have gone through. Trees do save our lives constantly. Without trees and plants, we would have no oxygen to breathe, and without oxygen, we would be dead. That is why it only makes sense to try and preserve trees. Trees definitely do deserve the odd hug or two, because they are a pretty good miracle in themselves.

In conclusion, when you apply an attitude of gratitude to everything, every day, you will start to notice that life is packed full of miracles, seen and unseen, noticed and unnoticed. No such thing as an ordinary day, an ordinary person, squirrel, spaniel or tree.

Jo Middlemiss

Community Council News

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

Kinross Community Council

News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Tuesday 27 April were CCllrs L McKay (Chair), D Colliar, W Freeman, M McFarlane and H Phillips, one member of the public, Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson and minute-taker Mrs C Aird.

Apologies were received from from CCllr T Stewart, CCllr M Wood and PC A Mitchenson.

Police Report

Unfortunately, Police Scotland were unable to attend the meeting but had provided the following report:

25/03/2021: Male asking for money. Caller reporting an unknown male approached her and asked for some money. If anyone is approached in this manner please do not give out any sum of money to any persons.

27/03/2021: Youths in garden. Caller reporting youths in the area.

29/03/2021: Police generated activity – Warrant. Negative result.

31/03/2021: Bogus workman. A male was seen to do door to door in Kinross stating he was from the council and asking occupants to fix their roofs. Please always ask for ID and if you are unsure do not answer your door.

01/04/2021: Attempted theft by housebreaking. Kinross Stove and Cooker Centre has had an attempted housebreaking. Please remain alert and report any suspicious activity to the Police on 101.

03/04/2021: Youths gathering. Caller reporting youths gathering in the area.

07/04/2021: Youths/fire. Caller reporting as fire started by youths.

14/04/2021: Suspicious vehicle. A white panel van was seen to be loitering in the area of Clashburn Road, Kinross. Please report any suspicious activity to the Police on 101.

In respect of traffic statistics, there had been approximately 20 road traffic reports to Police Scotland in the past four weeks – these varied in nature from minor offences to more serious ones such as speeding and failing to insure.

PCs Mitchenson and Gemmell had spent some time in the area on 23/24 April carrying out proactive patrols. These had included attending all local licensed premises and engaging with staff about selling alcohol to under age people, as well as any younger adults who might be purchasing alcohol in bulk. In addition to this, they had brought to their attention the importance of observing if any large groups of youths could be seen lingering in the area.

High visibility foot patrols had also been undertaken in designated 'hot spots', as well as making their presence obvious to anyone in the area.

There had been some positive engagement with the local youths and as a result there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour to police over that particular weekend (23-25 April).

Matters Arising

Kinross Flood Resilience Group

Cllr C Purves gave the following update:

- *There had been discussions around vehicles*
- *Obtaining a supply of sandbags in order to keep a stock*
- *Obtaining a sensor which would indicate when water*

levels rise in the burn.

- *A conversation is to be arranged with PKC in respect of storage facilities (hopefully to be funded by PKC)*
- *A long conversation about the group's constitution and funding – CCllr McKay had confirmed that the resilience group could not be a subgroup of KCC and therefore would not be insured via the KCC insurance. The group, however, could go through PKC for a separate insurance policy at a cost of around £156 approx.*

Cllr Purves commented that the end of 2020, there had been a report due to the PKC Environment and Infrastructure Group but realistically it was likely to be around 2023 before the South Kinross flood work would start.

CCllr McKay confirmed she had spoken to Mr Wright about applying to local funding agencies as well as him joining KCC, which he would need to do as a full member – he could not be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr Purves suggested that Mr Wright join as a full member, with the resilience group being a formal subgroup of the KCC, which would then enable them to be included in PKC's corporate insurance policy. He also agreed to liaise with Mr Wright and PKC in respect of looking at alternative options, if required.

Kinross-shire Move Greener Organisation

Banking Update: CCllr McFarlane confirmed that the organisation's bank account with the Bank of Scotland would be opened within 6 weeks, and he has asked their treasurer to chase this up. He wished to record his thanks for the help of the KCC.

Cleish and Blairadam CC Boundary

Cllr Purves advised that he had still not received copies of the letters but he would chase this again. He also confirmed that there had been no response to the Newsletter article and it should be taken as agreed that the move could now be confirmed.

He asked for the minutes of the meeting to show that the KCC were content for the change to go ahead and this was agreed. The move was proposed by CCllr B Freeman and seconded by CCllr D Colliar. Cllr Purves would progress this matter accordingly.

Kinross Town Centre

Cllr Purves confirmed that he had contacted Darryl and Mike Morgan again but had not yet had a response.

CCllr McKay reported that there had been a number of complaints in respect of parking in the High Street and Cllr Purves advised that there had been recent discussions around residents parking, especially those parking in the shared space. He was waiting to see if anything changed in this respect following the recent removal of the lockdown restrictions. It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda.

Flower Tubs at War Memorial

CCllr Colliar advised that he had seen the response from Kinross in Bloom in respect of the flower tubs and commented that they (Kinross in Bloom) apparently did not intend to do anything about this issue.

CCllr Colliar reminded those present that the tubs had been placed to stop cars encroaching onto the war memorial, and that if Kinross in Bloom did not intend to do anything about this, then a conversation was required with PKC about alternative options. CCllr McKay felt that there was enough

space for cars to park and not cause any damage but it was noted that there had been a recent issue with a 4 x 4 vehicle parked in the vicinity, and the tailgate had been over the flower tubs. There did not seem to be a resolution to the issue and it was proposed that a meeting, and site visit, be arranged with PKC and Kinross in Bloom to discuss this issue.

Provost's Lamp

It had been suggested that the Provost's Lamp be put in the war memorial area but Cllr McKay felt it would be more appropriate to be placed at the bottom of the town, although there were issues with the electricity cables in that area.

Cllr Freeman commented that there had been an issue previously as to where the pole would be sited and ex-KCC Councillor Dave Cuthbert had previously reported this.

It was agreed that Scott Denier would be contacted to discuss options for placing the lamp with alternative suggestions being in front of the County Buildings or in front of the Church Centre. Cllr W Robertson agreed to arrange a meeting, which Cllr Purves would be invited to. An update will be given at a future meeting.

Springfield Road Crossing

Cllr Colliar asked if there had been any progress in a crossing being placed in Springfield Road. Cllr McFarlane confirmed that Cllr Robertson had spoken with his son-in-law and confirmed that there was a plan to put a crossing in place but at the moment there was no confirmed date.

Cllr Robertson advised that PKC had a backlog of works but that more resources had been put into PKC to try to resolve this, but it may take around 12 months.

Cllr McFarlane advised that he had asked for a crossing near the Muirs junction and it was noted that people were also crossing on the roundabout in order to be able to see oncoming traffic.

Cllr Robertson suggested that KCC wait until a firm proposal

was received from PKC. He confirmed that the VAS will be done first via consultation process.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications

21/00613/FLL: siting of a storage container (in retrospect) at 15 Swansacre, Kinross.

21/00616/LAW: extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 9 Muirhead Crescent, Kinross.

21/00445/FLL: Iterations to dwelling house at 6 Auld Mart Wynd, Milnathort, Kinross.

Cllr Colliar commented that he presumed that the CC had been notified of this application because PKC had not yet updated their boundary information. Cllr Robertson advised that while the property was in Milnathort, the property remained under the KCC boundary.

21/00654/FLL: erection of replacement dwelling house (revised design) at 27 Curate Wynd, Kinross. It was noted that this application had been submitted before and subsequently refused.

21/00657/LAW: erection of 3 dwelling houses (existing) at land 30 metres south west of Leiland House, Tillyochie, Balado, Kinross.

21/00518/LAW: alterations to dwelling house (proposed) at 27 Burnbank Meadows, Kinross.

21/00667/AML: erection of 2 dwelling houses and garages (approval of matters specified in conditions of 18/01807/IPL at 16 Curate Wynd, Kinross.

21/00628/FLL: extension to dwelling house at Comrie House, 4 Station Road, Kinross.

21/00559/FLL: S42 application to delete condition 10 (street lighting) of permission 18/00540/FL at 110 metres south east of Beaufield, Balado.

Cllr Colliar advised that this application was to remove street



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lighting in Balado but he felt that PKC did a lot to ensure safety and therefore suggested that KCC write a letter of objection. This was agreed and Cllr H Phillips would draft the letter, on receipt of the appropriate information from Cllr Colliar.

Planning Applications Determined

21/00118/FLL: alteration and extension to dwelling house at 6 Argyll, Road, Kinross, approved.

20/01972/FLL: alterations and extension to dwelling house and formation of raised decking at 16 Broom Road, Kinross, approved.

21/00249/LAW: extension to dwelling house (proposed) at Fidra, 33 Montgomery Street, Kinross, approved.

21/00037/FLL: part change of use from café/takeaway to retail (Class 1) at 157 High Street, Kinross, approved.

21/00183/FLL: extension to dwelling house at 45a High Street, Kinross, approved.

No comments were received on any of the planning applications.

Other Planning Matters

In response to a question about motorway closures, Cllr Freeman was advised that these came under the jurisdiction of Transport Scotland. He went on to advise that the motorway had due to be closed for one night but had in fact been closed for three nights with no advance notification. Cllr Purves confirmed the extended road closure and reported that residents of Glenfarg had complained to him about the diversion, especially around the number of buses which had had to use the diversion. Glenfarg residents had questioned why the buses could not serve the area normally.

No other planning matters were raised.

Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr C Purves: Local committee work is progressing and an update will be given at a future meeting. No news had been received in respect of the concerns relating to Lathro Meadows. A feasibility study had been undertaken in respect of the potential for a footpath connecting Kinross, Hatchbank and Gairneybank, down to Kelty, with costs expected to be around £200,000 per section. Interim solutions were being looked into which should allow funding options to be unlocked. Cllr Freeman suggested that if the path was being extended to Kelty, then Fife Council should be approached for funding assistance.

Cllr W Robertson: While the parking arrangements in Avenue Road had improved, and extra spaces had been created, there was still room for improvement. Antisocial behaviour had been reported around the swimming pool area. The area itself had been tidied up and police were patrolling the area more frequently. There was a particular issue with regard to lighting and it had been agreed that this lighting would be on all night, especially during the darker nights. Cllr McKay commented that she had noticed the increased police patrols and felt that these were making a difference.

In respect of the TPO at Sunnypark Wood, Cllr Robertson advised that this had not been completed prior to the pandemic. He has emailed PKC again today to advise that tree felling needed to stop.

Cllr Purves and himself had met with residents regarding the Pier car park and he believed that all issues had been resolved. Cllr McFarlane commented that he had spoken to a resident in Nan Walker Wynd who had advised him that the land belonged to Tulloch Homes, who had stopped all the work. Cllrs Robertson and Purves confirmed that they did not know that information. Cllr McFarlane will arrange for the resident to contact Cllr Robertson.

A preliminary meeting is to be arranged to discuss how funding for the Heritage Trail could be used. The improvements to the Trail will be actioned later in the year.

Reports From CC Representatives

Cllr Freeman advised that he had been unable to attend the recent Partnership AGM and would provide an update at a future meeting, once the minutes had been received.

Cllr Colliar advised that there had been a meeting of KCCNL/KCC and the following awards, totaling £6887, had been made:

Kinross Otters Training:	£ 300
Kinross PTA (for musical instruments):	£ 440
Kinross Move Greener Organisation:	£2000
Crook of Devon Hall (for external work):	£1257
Kinross 1st Responders (for AEDs):	£1240
Swansacre Play Group (for repairs to fire alarm):	£1650

Cllr Colliar also advised that two applications had been declined:

Ms M Simpson, Kinnesswood – application for funding to allow Green Thumb to maintain grass. This application had been declined as the land referred to was owned and maintained by PKC.

Ms M Hardacre – application made under ‘good causes’ to allow a deeper ditch to be created to divert a burn around her house. This application had been refused on the condition that it was not of benefit to members of the public.

Cllr Colliar also advised that there was a meeting of the website and partnership arranged for 6 May at 11 am, which required a member of KCC to attend. It was agreed that Cllrs Colliar, McFarlane and Phillips would attend.

Cllr McFarlane advised that following a request from Cllr McKay about the electric charging points at the park and ride, he had contacted PKC for an update as it was apparent that 2 points were not working. This had not been received as yet.

Cllr McFarlane also advised that the first Farmer’s Market had been held the previous weekend and there had been good attendance. The next Market is scheduled for 22 May.

Cllr McKay advised that she had been approached by a resident in Blairfordell about the purchase of land near to her property. Cllr McKay was advised that this was an issue for Cleish and Blairadam CC, and she confirmed that she would advise the resident accordingly. Cllr Purves commented that there had been a number of enforcement issues for the area in respect of a traveler site. Cllrs Purves, Robertson and Barnacle had all made representations against the application but PKC had refused to alter their decision.

Cllr McKay went on to comment that she felt the CC were not being advised of things happening in the area until very late. Cllr Purves agreed to follow this up and commented that while PKC had issued an engagement strategy, he agreed with Cllr McKay that the CC should be aware of things happening in the area.

AOCB

Gallowhill Road Crossing

Cllr McFarlane noted his thanks to Cllrs Purves and Robertson in respect of the crossing.

Farmers’ Market

Cllr McFarlane advised that he had been approached by a resident with a question about recycling in the area and he had put the resident in touch with the appropriate PKC Department. Cllr McKay advised that previously there had been a lady who attended the market to educate people on portion control, recycling and health eating. Cllr McFarlane agreed to follow this up with KLEO.

Cllr Purves advised that he had raised the issue of a detailed analysis of recycling figures on a number of occasions and would ask again for this breakdown.

Kirkgate Park

Cllr McFarlane enquired as to what was happening in the area as it was blocked off. Cllr McKay confirmed that filming was underway for a TV programme and she had been advised by

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a member of the public that PKC had received a substantial amount of money to use the land. She went on to ask why PKC were not putting any money into the area. Cllr Purves confirmed PKC had received a fee and that the money could be ring-fenced to be used in the town.

Davis Park

Cllr Freeman asked if an update could be provided at a future meeting. Cllr Purves agreed to look into the matter and provide an update.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 7.30pm.

Fossoway and District Community Council

News from the May 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 1 June 2021.

Present at the meeting on 4 May were Cllrs S Bruce-Jones, A Cheape, T Duffy, C Farquhar, C Haigh, M Haigh, N Marchant and G Pye; Cllrs M Barnacle and C Purves, P Cargill (Perthshire Advertiser) and PC A Mitchinson.

Apologies: P&K Councillors W Robertson and R Watters.

Police Report

PC Ashley Mitchinson attended the meeting and gave this update: On 10 April a person was reported selling TVs out of a van in Alloa. If anyone sees this again, please pass on any more details to the Police. There have also been several reports of bogus tradesmen – be aware! On 21 April sheep escaped onto the road in Glendevon. On 3 May 400 litres of fuel were stolen. There were 15 traffic related incidents in our area, some speeding, etc. and vandalism to a vehicle in Blairingone was reported.

Cllr Duffy asked about the fire at Crook Moss – derelict caravans were set alight causing acrid smoke – were the police aware? Yes, but PC Mitchinson didn't know it was at the Travellers' Site, she will investigate, including contacting the Fire Service, and get back to us. Cllr Bruce-Jones said that several fire engines were called and it took a long time to bring the fire under control, and it was close to the main road. Cllr Barnacle noted that we would like to know if the fire was accidental or deliberate.

Cllr Barnacle added that there is damage to an adjacent fence with rubbish on another landowner's ground. PC Mitchinson asked if there was anything else to be looked into – Cllr Barnacle replied that there was a meeting earlier in the year at which the Police were present, so information should be available. Cllr Farquhar reported that she is trying to improve relationships with the residents of the site – she has met with two of the residents who were happy to talk to her, and she complimented them on the development of their sites which are very well maintained, unfortunately some of the other areas are not!

Cllr Bruce-Jones noted that because unmarked white vans are being used by courier companies, people think that they might be suspicious, and sometimes they are, but not always! It is good for people to be aware. Cllr M Haigh has seen reports that Amazon is asking the drivers to meet unrealistic schedules resulting in them speeding – is this a problem here? PC Mitchinson said it wasn't as far as she knew.

Return to Physical CC Meetings

There was some discussion about when this might be possible. Cllr Bruce-Jones suggested that August would be the most likely first date and we should initially use Crook of Devon Village Hall as it's bigger so will make social distancing easier. However

it's important that the Hall Committees are happy with their own risk assessments that will let us attend. Cllr Barnacle suggested that PKC will likely publish guidelines for CCs. Cllr Bruce-Jones will contact the Halls and provisionally book Crook of Devon in August and September and then move to a rotating location between Crook of Devon, Carnbo and Powmill.

Matters Arising

Bank of Scotland Kinross Branch Closure: Cllr Marchant visited the mobile bank this morning and met a number of customers as well as staff members. Customers missed having the convenience of a local bank and were sometimes frustrated at the length of time they had to wait. Their main banking purpose was paying bills and bank transfers with some withdrawal of cash. Staff members agreed with this and stated that some customers did have online banking but were worried about scams and did not like using it to transfer large amounts of money or pay bills.

Cllr M Haigh asked if the Mobile Bank was secure. There is a professional security person present. Cllr Bruce Jones asked if there was any progress on the Banking Hub idea – It's still early days for trials but Cllr Marchant and Cllr Purvis are closely watching progress.

A977 Mitigation: Cllr Barnacle had written to PKC's Roads Department reminding them that the budget for the works has been available for a considerable time but not very much has been done yet – he's also concerned that there is insufficient budget to cover all the proposed schemes.

Fossoway Area Transport/DRT: Cllr Barnacle hopes that the next meeting will be on 27 May.

Community Development Trust: The next meeting will be on 5 May.

Fossoway and District Community Council Benefit Fund (a.k.a. Hydro Scheme Fund): Cllr Duffy reminded everyone that the fund is open for applications.

Rumbling Bridge Gorge Bridge: Nick Mainprize, the new TRACKS Project Officer has sent the invoice for the flood survey, which will be paid shortly.

Crook Moss Travellers Site: Discussed under Police report above. Cllr Barnacle stressed that there is a misconception that the residents have received their water and sewage connections without charge, but this is not true, they have in fact contributed to the cost.

Planning Officer Site Visits: Cllr Barnacle is going to write to David Rennie about various enforcement issues and stress that he doesn't understand why solo site visits are not allowed due to Covid restrictions.

Aldie Road Vegetation: Cllr Barnacle reported that the ditch clearance will be redone properly.

Fossoway Gathering: Cllr Duffy said that there is still a provisional plan for an event on 4 September – There is now a JustGiving page for donations at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fossowaygathering>. Cllr Barnacle asked if there was a Covid mitigation plan? Cllr Duffy replied that one was in preparation by a recently retired expert.

Drummond Park Fire Hydrant: Cllr C Haigh had been unable to contact the Fire Service as yet.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle has forwarded the list of masons provided by Cllr Robertson to Profile Projects. Meanwhile Cllr Barnacle has recently discovered that Planning are now objecting to the movement – he is investigating.

Ivy Cottage Powmill: There is to be an online meeting on 5 May with the American owners – hopefully this will move things forward.

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Minutes Secretary: Another request for a volunteer has been posted on FB, but no response as yet. Cllr Duffy asked Cllrs Purves and Barnacle if there is any additional budget available to

pay a secretary – Cllr Purves says not. Cllr Bruce-Jones asked if the increased role of CCs in the Kinross Forum would mean that there would be budget for this sort of thing. Cllr Purves said that it depends on how the forum develops. Cllr Marchant asked if the Forum's Clerk could have secretarial support for CCs in their job description. Cllr Barnacle said that he thinks that there should generally be more money in the Council's budget for CCs. Cllrs Duffy and Pye will write to PKC asking for their suggestions on obtaining secretarial support. Cllr Purves noted that one of the problems is that the Council doesn't appreciate the value of CCs as the bedrock of local representation.

P&K Councillors' Reports

Cllr Barnacle: Has been advised that a minimum of 20 members are needed for the Development Trust. There appear to be some concerns about the Kinross Forum being developed too quickly.

Cllr Purves: Supports Cllr Barnacle's view about the Forum and added that it's important for it to be more than a talking shop and have some proper power to decide about things.

Planning

New Applications

21/00290/FLL Change of use of open space to form extension to garden ground at Land 20 metres north of Drumgarland, Crook of Devon, no CC comment.

21/00428/FLL: Erection of dwelling house at Land 40 metres south of Craighead Bungalow, Drum, no CC comment.

Decided Applications:

21/00176/FLL Part change of use and alterations to stables to form events venue and installation of air source heat pump at Fossoway Stables, Fossoway, Kinross. The application was refused as contrary to the Development Plan, no CC comment.

21/00211/FLL Change of use of stable building to form a cattery at Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross KY13 0QG. The application was approved, no CC comment.

19/01539/FLL Erection of four dwelling houses at Land 30 metres south of Easter Muirhead Bothy, Blairingone. The application was approved, the CC had objected.

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. The application was refused, the CC had objected.

21/00189/FLL Siting of four caravans for holiday accommodation use, formation of parking area, landscaping and associated works at Land 70 metres south east of Coup Steps, Powmill. The application was refused as it was outside the settlement boundary, does not diversify an existing business, has no business plan and other reasons; The CC had made a neutral comment.

Enforcement Issues

20/00809/FLL Craigton Farm Lane. There is a static caravan on this site. Although it is permissible to site a caravan for use during building works, there does not appear to be any current activity. PKC have opened Enforcement Case 21/00074/UNAUSE to investigate. PKC later replied that a Building Warrant has recently been applied for, so work may be about to commence. The CC will continue to monitor the site.

Correspondence

Dave Stubbs, PKC Greenspace, had emailed the CC about the Blairingone play area to explain that as it is on private land it can't be updated by PKC other than to make it safe. Mr Stubbs asked for local knowledge of possible alternative locations. Cllr Barnacle said that as there is no plan for development in Blairingone this isn't going to be replaced. Blairingone School has not yet been marketed – PKC would give the CDT priority to lease or purchase – might that be a solution?

Should anyone wish to see any items of correspondence please contact the CC by email and a copy can be provided.

AOCB

Cllr Bruce Jones's company will donate a bench to the Trail, but they would not be allowed to install it as it's on public ground.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District Community Council will be held on Tuesday 1 June 2021 (Carnbo Village Hall or Virtual). Members of public wishing to join please email the CC at fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Milnathort And Orwell Community Council News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Thursday 13 May were Cllrs M Thomson (Chairman), A Ward; associate member K Heneghan; Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson and two members of the public.

Correspondence

TRACKS: Nick Mainprize has taken over the role of the TRACKS Project Officer on 1 March from George Lawrie. George will remain involved with TRACKS as a member of the management committee.

Development Plan Consultation

Community Councils are invited to comment on non-statutory planning guidance drafted for ancillary and annex accommodation. The consultation will run until 11 June 2021 and you can respond using our Consultation Hub www.consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/ancillary-accommodation-supplementary-guidance/ or you can write to us at DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk.

SSEN Transmission East Coast 275kV Overhead Line Project

The site compound will be close to the U100 just outside Meikle in Perthshire. Phase 1 consists of overhead line works associated with the new Alyth substation, the construction of which commences in June.

Milnathort Flood Protection Scheme

Previous study work identified a surface water flood risk in Milnathort, and the need for a scheme was therefore included in the published Forth Estuary Local Flood Risk Management Plan. The consulting engineers, Sweco, have highlighted that a scheme is still required to manage the residual risk of surface water flooding. The proposals are still being developed and we now intend to carry out some ground investigation work to inform this exercise. The Council has appointed a contractor, ERS, to carry out some ground investigations. These works are due to commence on 10 May 2021 and take approximately ten days to complete. A further set of investigation works is also planned which will affect the road network in the town. These investigations will be around Ba'a Hill and Back Loan, and will require temporary road closures and diversions. We will update you in due course regarding the proposed details for these works.

Traffic Notices

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING AT NORTH STREET, MILNATHORT In order to permit Scottish water repair works on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from 14 June 2021 for a period of one day

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PARKING AND LOADING RESTRICTION ON WESTER LOAN, MILNATHORT In order to permit Scottish Water Repair Works on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order be prepared. It is to be effective from 18 June 2021 for a period of one day.

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING ON C495 LETHANGIE, KINROSS In order to permit carriageway overlay and patching works on the above section of road I recommend that a temporary traffic regulation order

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be prepared. It is to be effective from 16 August 2021 for a period of two weeks.

Planning Matters

21/00445/FLL P8 Alterations to dwellinghouse at 6 Auld Mart Wynd, Milnathort.

21/0466/FLL P8 S42 application to modify condition 11 (use of hangers) of permission (20/01650/FLL) at land 500 metres East of Baldo Park, Milnathort.

21/00559/FLL P8 S42 application to delete condition 10 (street lighting) of permission 18/00540/FLL at land 110 metres south east of Beafield House, Balado.

Councillors' Reports

Budget meeting: All Cllrs expressed their positivity at the recently agreed budget.

There will be £160k for maintenance and improvement of the heritage trail at Loch Leven.

The road repair budget has been increase from £10m to £14m. Plans are going ahead to create a devolved local committee for Kinross-shire where the four local ward councillors will have responsibility for decision making (not on planning or licensing).

£1m was secured for economic development (skill support and business grants).

Money was also secured to expand subject choice in secondary schools.

Cllr Watters raised a concern at the lack of money for Action Partnerships which has effectively distributed funds to local charities during the pandemic. Despite support for Action Partnerships this was not allocated any money.

Other Matters

The Community Council were very saddened to hear of the death of Karol Swanson. Karol was a great supporter of the MOCC – our condolences to her family.

A member of the public wanted to raise the continuing issue of speeding on Burleigh Road, particularly at Burleigh Steadings. The CC agreed that the best deterrent is for the police to carry out speed checks. Cllr Robertson will make this request to Police Scotland.

The CC have declined the offer of hosting A Gig On A Truck in the village, until after the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. It was noted that there is a lot of broken glass on South Street, mainly around the bus stops.

Kevin Heneghan gave an update on the Core Paths maintenance initiative, discussing the Core Path routes. Scheduling of maintenance of the Core Paths by the community will follow shortly.

The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council will be held via Zoom at 7pm on Thursday, 10 June, 2021. Anyone who wishes to attend is asked to contact communitycouncilmilnathort@gmail.com

Portmoak Community Council News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 11 May were : Cllrs A Davidson (Acting Chair), D Morris, S McGregor (Secretary), Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson, and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr R Watters, and Cllrs S Forde, K Donaldson and G Smith

Matters Arising

Road Safety Action in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

There was a discussion about the installation of speed cushions in Kinnesswood, particularly those placed in the centre of the village which are causing an increase in noise and vibration to the residents in houses immediately adjacent, especially during the night. The CC had received emails from a few residents on this issue. WCllr W Robertson had contacted Daryl McKeown at

PKC and they had agreed to take out the speed cushions in the centre of the village. There had been a suggestion by members of the CC to relocate them to the entrance on the South side of Scotlandwell around the existing traffic calming.

CPurves noted the consultation that had taken place prior to the speed cushion installation, the Secretary confirmed that PKC had consulted 66 addresses in Kinnesswood, out of which 14 had responded and 10 of those had been in favour.

A representation of 5 residents from Easter Balgedie attended the meeting with concerns about speeding through the hamlet. The CC had also received an email from a sixth resident with the same concerns.

Residents pointed to the dangers of the blind summit on the east side, blind corner on the west side, and traffic that had been regularly witnessed going through the VAS in excess of 40mph at all times of day but particularly during the pre-0900hrs and past-1600hrs commuter times.

It was felt that traffic speeds had increased in E Balgedie after the installation of the 20mph limit in Kinnesswood plus speed cushions, with drivers taking the opportunity to speed up once released from those restrictions. While it was noted that the police had been on location doing speed checks, this had occurred outside commuter times, and pre-9.00 police vigilance would be more useful.

Farmers in E Balgedie were largely in agreement with speed reduction measures as they were often crossing the road with tractors and large machinery. A larger number of school children now lived in E Balgedie and they needed to be able to safely cross the road to take the school buses and walk to Kinnesswood.

The CC agreed with all the noted concerns. Cllr WRobertson offered to approach the police to request further speed reduction measures. Cllr C Purves noted that PKC had agreed to lower the speed limit to 30mph but this was just working its way through priorities. He also offered the suggestion that speed cushions may be a possibility in addition to reduced speed limit. The CC highlighted the history of their involvement in road traffic discussions for well over 20yrs. PKC had promised a route action plan for the A911 in November 2020 following a location visit to meet with the CC and discuss key danger points along the A911 and in all the villages. This had been promising but had not yet been drafted.

Residents also made a strong argument for a complete off-road path between E Balgedie and Kinnesswood, especially because of the number of children going to the primary school. The CC asked if Active Travel funding could be directed to such a project. Cllr C Purves explained the A911 Route Action plan had not progressed because of operational difficulties due to the pandemic. The plan would progress and be prioritised based on high traffic volume flow or high collision activity. C Purves to ask for the priority status of this.

Additionally, Cllr C Purves supplied an update regarding a request from a resident to extend 20mph at the East end of Kinnesswood (towards Scotlandwell). The 30mph limit was shortened some years ago and recently the speed limit in Kinnesswood has been further reduced to 20mph.

In response it appeared that PKC would probably not agree that extending the 20mph limit would be appropriate as it was felt the 20mph and traffic calming were already visible on approach to the village. The CC pointed out that this section of roadside footpath was well used by residents and visitors accessing the LLHT at Grahamstone farm track and that extending the speed restrictions may be appropriate as crossing the A911 at the Grahamstone entrance was problematic with traffic approaching over the blind summit next to the golf course

It was noted that one disadvantage of the speed cushions was that they encouraged traffic to pass closer to the pavement. In the absence of the cushions, when traffic was proceeding

in only one direction, it tended to move across the road, often straddling the centre line, to avoid going close to people walking on the narrow pavements.

The issue of pavement build outs was also raised, combined with the establishment of one way priority. Such an arrangement might be worthwhile in the centre of E Balgedie and at other settlements in Portmoak. This would force traffic to slow down and provide for wider pavements and a safe crossing point. Examples of such arrangements were evident in Fife and elsewhere.

Glenlomond sewage, and Water Supply to Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie

The problems with the sewage works had been raised with Roseanna Cunningham MSP, but her successor was now expected to pick this up and move the item forward. Regarding planned and unplanned water outages Scottish Water had confirmed to the CC they did not legally have to supply water for firefighting but would supply tankers for drinking water. The CC will follow up with PKC Emergency Planning to find out if they have any input on the issue of water supply to fire hydrants. Cllr C Purves asked Cllr A Davidson to forward the information on to him.

Construction of hill track, Bishop Hill, Kinnesswood

Some action to mark out a path on the hill had been taken but appeared to lead into a wet and boggy area.

Parking around Portmoak Primary

Cllr D Morris expected to meet with the Head teacher in the next 2 weeks.

Litter on LLHT:

Cllr W Robertson had approached the owners of Loch Levens Larder (LLL), who had been responsive. LLL say they are aware of the problem and do regular litter picks. Members of the CC said the path was quite clear at present. Local residents regularly litter pick in the area to try and keep it tidy which is greatly appreciated. The CC thanked Cllr W Robertson for making the approach and LLL for their awareness and response.

Sheep attacks, use of local paths and control of dogs

The CC noted that signs had been put up at the bottom of the Core Path PTMK115 just before Glenlomond on approach from W Balgedie. Cllr W Robertson had requested the police to add a note to their monthly bulletin newsletter, though it wasn't clear if this had been done in time for the most recent edition. The CC had posted a request on local Community Facebook pages in Portmoak, and also in Leslie and Glenrothes, to try and raise awareness.

New Matters Arising

PKC Consultation on The Ancillary & Annex Accommodation (draft) non-statutory guidance consultation. To run for 6 weeks from 30 April to 11 June 2021. The Secretary had received notice of this public consultation, and members of the public are invited to comment online, more information here:

<https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/ancillary-accommodation-supplementary-guidance>

Police Reports

The Local Police Report: no police liaison were in attendance at the meeting

Planning

New Applications

21/00534/FLL: Erection of a dwelling house (revised design - change of house type - plot 2) at land 20 metres east of Leven House, Scotlandwell. No comment

21/00580/FLL: Erection of a dwelling house at land 20 metres north of Bonaly Cottage, Main Street, Kinnesswood.

Correction – consultation closing date had been confirmed with PKC as 14/05/21. CC had previously agreed to object to this proposed development on the former Lomond Inn site. Cllr D Morris had subsequently circulated a draft objection. The

application is considered to be not much different to the one previously submitted and then withdrawn. The draft objection was approved, subject to any further comment received by the end of 12 May.

It was noted that additional information had been provided in the CC's representation which outlined the various planning consultations on the Lomond Inn site since the Inn became non-operational in 2012, subsequently derelict and finally demolished.

This information summarised efforts made to secure the public interest in the site, including the provision of public parking space, bus pull-off area, greenspace requirements and amenity protection, including the outstanding views over Loch Leven and the surrounding hills from this key part of the Kinnesswood Conservation Area. Past planning decisions had not taken adequate account of these local community requirements.

Cllr D Morris indicated that the establishment of the Kinnesswood Development Trust provided a potential way forward and their website outlined possible future options involving community buy-out or other public sector involvement. Progress had been considerably hampered by uncertainty in the ownership of the land and what appeared to be a longstanding failure to register land ownership change at the Lomond Inn site on the Scottish Land Register.

The CC agreed that, in the immediate future, the immediate priority was for PKC to reject the latest planning application and that would then open the door for negotiation with the owner or agent on the future of the site as a whole.

Planning Decisions

Progress with Developments

Westfield Community Liaison Committee: It was noted that the next meeting was on 18 May but no papers had so far been circulated.

Paths Group: The CC noted that the paths information board was due to be installed in Kinnesswood in the near future.

Treasurer CC Accounts:

Main Account: £1477.60

Michael Bruce Way: £ 662.80

The Treasurer noted that there were now no banks providing counter services in Kinross. The Treasurer had investigated and suggested to move the CC bank account to use the Credit Union in Kinross. The service was online, and there was a face-to-face presence. The Credit Union had confirmed they operate business accounts and can handle the CC accounts. The CC were in agreement with this action.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr C Purves: had had further meetings with PKC officers, hoping to progress budgets before June 2021

Cllr W Robertson: had received a request from residents in the south part of Portmoak who would like to see a one way priority system introduced at the Gullet Bridge. The CC agreed this was a good idea as the bridge is a tricky section if cars or large vehicles arrive at it at the same time, and is especially difficult in the dark. The bridge parapets have been damaged badly in the past by large vehicles.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 June 2021.

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Club & Community Group News

Kinnesswood in Bloom

After our appeal last month for drone footage of the village Andy Masson kindly came forward to offer his services and will be taking aerial footage during May and June. We now need help with putting together our five minute presentation so, if anyone out there has the requisite skills, we'd be glad of your help.

Our regular Saturday work parties are well under way and the programme can be seen on the village notice board. We start about 10am and finish when the work is done or it rains. People can commit to as little or as much as they are able to do. We are delighted to be joined by Millie Lockhart who is doing her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award this year and is completing her service section by joining our group for six months. We hope she enjoys it.

More art work on the theme of 'Coasts and Waters' is going out around the village, two pictures in the pottery and the shop windows, two coral reefs, a collage from last year's P6/7 in the bus shelter, several mermaids and octopi and a pirate so far. We will have a trail map by the end of June so the family can take a walk round the village, admire the gardens and look for clues. The coral reefs were crocheted by Margaret Paton and Fiona Drysdale, both of whom like a crochet challenge. Ten ladies in all contributed fish, crabs and other sea creatures to the reefs. Some of them are pictured beside the large coral reef. We would ask that anyone who likes our art and craft work donates to the Michael Bruce Appeal Fund this year. You can send cheques payable to the Michael Bruce Trust to Dr David Munro, Rose Cottage, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood, Kinross, KY13 9HL or pay to the Clydesdale Bank Ltd. Michael Bruce Memorial Trust, Bank Code 82-65-34, Account Number 20020775.

We recently congratulated Beautiful Scotland which celebrated its 21st birthday. While we only started in 2005, for most of that time we have enjoyed support from the organisation and welcome their help with entering RHS Britain in Bloom this year.



Recipe

Supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Strawberry Muffins



Ingredients

120g plain flour, spooned into measuring cup and levelled-off with knife, plus 2 tps more for tossing with strawberries
2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
60g unsalted butter, softened
120g caster sugar
2 large eggs
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
60ml milk
250g diced strawberries
2 tablespoons sugar for topping

Method

Preheat the oven to 190°C. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners. In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder and salt.

In an electric mixer, beat the butter and sugar for about 2 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time, scraping down the sides of the bowl and beating well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla extract and almond extract. With the mixer on low, add the flour mixture in 3 separate additions, alternating with the milk and ending with the flour.

Toss the strawberries with 2 teaspoons of flour (this will keep them from sinking to the bottom). Set 60g of the berries aside. Add the remaining berries to the batter and fold with a spatula until evenly distributed. Do not overmix.

Scoop the batter into the prepared muffin tin. They will be very full. Scatter the reserved berries evenly over the muffins, then sprinkle the sugar over the centre of each muffin.

Bake for about 30 minutes, until lightly golden and a cake tester comes out clean. Let the muffins cool in the pan for about 25 minutes.





Irene's Scottish Highland landscape painting

The polytunnel should be finished by the time the newsletter comes out. It finally got the go ahead to be built a week into the school term and the voluntary builders were making great progress when there were a couple of weekends of dire weather. Meanwhile the raised beds have been planted with tatties, peas, carrots and wheat with another already planted with strawberries. Each class has a raised bed to look after. Watering has not been a problem during the first half of May at least. It's an exciting time for them and for Kinnesswood in Bloom involvement, even if it is at a distance at the moment.

Our flyer appealing for funds for Kinnesswood in Bloom has gone into every house in the village. So far, we have raised over £800. We are very heartened by such support from the community. Thank you all very much.

Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk



At the time of writing, initial plans are emerging to reopen Kinross and District Art Club after well over a year of being closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. We already have some dates and plans in place for three outdoor painting days over the summer months and we have contacted our members about the reopening plans. If everything goes well with Covid-19, we intend to start up normal sessions again on Tuesday 10 August; confirmation will be sent to current members nearer the time. Members are looking forward to once again sharing their passion for painting and drawing with great anticipation.

Meanwhile we will continue to feature profiles of our members. Last month's profile highlighted a longstanding member. In contrast, we are showcasing one of our newer members, Irene Douglas, this month.

'I have always been keen on drawing and painting, though I never progressed it, apart from taking a few evening art classes now and again. I retired in 2019 and, when speaking to a KADAC member, I learned about this local art group and decided I would like to join it as I had more free time. Unfortunately, I only managed a few sessions before lockdown kicked in, but I have learned about acrylics, which have now become my preferred medium and I have carried on with drawing most days and doing the odd painting. I was delighted to contribute to the 'Art of KADAC 2020' book. I look forward to the club starting up again soon. An example of my work is this Scottish Highland landscape painting.'

In normal times, the club meets weekly 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.

Common Grounds

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe



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May saw our doors opening and it has been so good to welcome back our volunteers and customers. Our hard work in providing a safe, secure environment for our customers to socialise has met with many plaudits and the reward has been the happy, smiling faces. Also, the generous donations are ensuring we can continue with our much needed support for chosen projects. At the moment we are continuing to open only on Tuesdays and Saturdays, but hopefully we can add to this soon. Watch for our yellow notice board at the entrance to Church Street!

Project: Our project for June is The Butterfly Tree, founded in 2006 and works in Zambia. As a non-political, non-government organisation, no administration fees are



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deducted, all members are volunteers. From the onset it was decided to tackle one remote area at a time, these being the places that seemed to be neglected when international aid was shared out. Currently the charity is working in five chiefdoms within the Southern Province, developing and improving water, sanitation, health and education facilities. There are over 100 villages, 12 schools and 3 clinics with 4 health centres in the area. The charity has expanded all the schools and, in some cases, built new ones. A sponsor an orphan programme has been introduced. Reaching out to these remote areas has enabled hundreds of vulnerable children to receive a sound education. All the health centres receive support and a new centre has been added. A great deal of improvement can be seen with the addition of these new schools/clinics and access to safe water. One main aim is to help the fight against malaria. Once a community have these essentials in place it is vital to introduce income-generating activities in order to create sustainability.

You can find more information on our website.

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

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

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk



Midsummer Market to celebrate summer!

We will be holding a community event to celebrate summer on 26 June, 11am-3pm. It will take place at the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel) and will feature a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls. There will be some entertainment too! Horsecross Arts (Perth Theatre) is coming with a 'Gig On A Truck' which will be part of Kinross Beer Garden where people can sit, socially distanced, while enjoying some great music from Make Geography History, a vocal and guitar duo playing a range of music from the 1950s to the present day. Make Geography History will perform at 11.30am and 2pm. Kinross Beer Garden operates a 'first come, first served' policy.

Kinross Farmers' Market

The markets are held on every fourth Saturday of the month. Dates are 26 June (at Market Park), 24 July, 28 August, 25 September and 23 October. The markets take place from 10am-2pm on the High Street of Kinross.

For more info about KLEO and any future events in 2021 please visit our website.

Kinross Centre

Hi everyone! What is the weather doing? You really can't leave home without a coat, can you? The sun may be splitting the rocks at 10am and, by 10.30am, it's snowing!

However, we have some good news as we are gradually getting back to some normality. Things are definitely looking better for everyone here at the centre.

The vaccination programme is going well; all our staff and most of our service users have now had their second vaccine. Well done to everyone involved.

We have introduced some more activities this month. Our Church Service will resume on Wednesday mornings and Tai Chi will start up again every second Wednesday in

the afternoon. For the time being we ask that you phone beforehand to take part in any of the activities as we have reduced numbers due to social distancing,

Our coffee bar is now open and it's great to see our friends again and, of course, make new ones. Protective screens are being used between the tables.

May we also take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of Kinross Centre, we very much appreciate it.

We also have to say thank you to Kinross Kindness for the fantastic support they gave the community throughout this very difficult time, they are all amazing.

It has been a very challenging time for us all, but we are coming out the other side. 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!

The same goes for all the other organisations in this area, you have been amazing. It has been great to see all the fantastic work that has been done throughout this pandemic. This is a wonderful community and we are proud to be part of it, so thank you, everyone.

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

Meanwhile, please continue to stay safe!

KYTHE



Everything KYTHE does has the young person at its centre, whether it is meeting for drop-in on a Friday afternoon, having a Walk'n'Talk, supporting learning or developing new skills.

KYTHE has been providing Youth Scotland's Dynamic Youth Awards for a few years. These awards are accredited and recognised by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and are added to the young person's certificate.

Dynamic Youth Awards are designed to challenge young people to do something new based on their interests and abilities. Through the process of plan-do-review, this allows young people to increase confidence, build self-esteem, and gain a sense of achievement in seeing themselves succeed and have their newfound skills recognised.

The minimum time commitment is five hours volunteering





but there is no upper level. KYTHE has supported young people to choose their activity, develop and grow; one young person achieved 182 hours over two years!

To find out more about these and other KYTHE activities contact office@kythe.org.uk or follow at @instaKYTHE, @KYTHEbook, @tweetKYTHE.

Kinross Beavers

After the Easter holidays, the Beavers returned to Kirkgate park in April to work on their gardener badges. Learning about the tools required for gardening and what plants need to grow, the Beavers then planted a number of seeds in potted compost. We look forward to seeing their results in the coming weeks. We also had four new Beavers start with us that evening; it is always great to see new faces joining the scouting journey.

Congratulations to Cameron and Harris who were presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, which is the highest award a Beaver can achieve, after successfully completing all six challenge badges and four stage/activity badges. Well done boys!

At the end of April the Beavers got the go ahead to resume with larger groups due to an easing of Covid-19 restrictions. This was great news as it meant we could have two groups for our sponsored walk from Kirkgate Park to Burleigh Sands, helping raise funds for the Mill Hide rebuild.

Everyone did fantastically well on the walk along the heritage trail and, thankfully, the weather held out for us. We are delighted to say that the Beavers raised a total of £515 for the rebuild which is amazing. Thank you for everyone's efforts on this; it is a fantastic achievement!

Talking of fantastic achievements, our very own Finn achieved all his badges, 36 of which were earned during lockdown! We believe Finn is the first Beaver to achieve such a feat in lockdown. Well done Finn, we are all very proud of you.

On Friday 7 May the Beavers learned about first aid. They had a great time practising on one another learning how to tie a sling to support an arm injury. They also had a great game answering questions on accident scenarios.

We were delighted to congratulate our young leader Ailsa who was presented her young leader mission badges, belt buckle and certificate by Bev, our District Explorer Leader (Young Leaders). Ailsa worked hard over several months to complete her training which has included organising numerous activities for the Beavers. A huge well done from us all!

Are you interested in volunteering with scouting? It's 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'll learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace and further education. Please contact us by email at kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Kinross Cubs

It is with relish and enthusiasm that the Cubs have been able to get back outdoors again. It has meant that we have been able to enjoy activities which are only possible outdoors. During April we were celebrating science festivals by setting off baking soda rockets with varying degrees of success. We also learnt how to pot on seedlings; the Cubs loved getting their green fingers dirty.

On 12 May we welcomed Dan Cochrane of DC Bikes who joined us to teach the Cubs how to find a puncture on their bike, how to keep the chain well-oiled and how to take care of it. As we write this article our next planned activity is to go on a cycle ride together as a pack from Kirkgate Park to Burleigh Sands. We are definitely making as much use of our time outdoors as possible.

The Cubs enjoyed the election session in early May. To help the Cubs understand what an election is and how it functions, they worked in groups and were asked to come up with an idea for what to do at Cubs for an evening, present it to the pack and then vote for the best idea. Some popular ideas involved water sports, racing, rugby, highland games and pizza! The Cubs' enthusiasm for being active was great to see and they became very animated in trying to get votes from each other.



This term we said goodbye to Greg, Noah and Matthew who are all moving onto scouts. We also said farewell to Tiki and Andrew who are both moving on after spending the last couple of years with us.

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 & District Rotary Club

www.ribi.org



Community Youth Activities

Covid-19 has restricted some activities, notably the Primary Schools Quiz, but we continue to support young people in our community in many ways.

Young Writer Success

Our Rotary district (1010) is the second largest in the whole of the British Isles, stretching from the River Forth right up through the Trossachs and Highlands of Scotland to the very northmost part of the islands; and two of our young people are prizewinners in the district Young Writer Competition 2021!

We are so proud of Otilie Price who won second prize, intermediate age group, for her story 'Bandit' and Josy Carlow, second prize, junior age group, for her story 'Arctic Expedition'. The budding authors, both pupils at Fossoway Primary School, produced outstanding stories based on the theme of 'My Happiest Day'. Brilliant work and very well done!



Otilie Price (left) and Josy Carlow (right)

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

We have sponsored young people to attend the amazing week-long residential camp up in the highlands at Nethybridge for many years, selecting really excellent

youngsters for a life changing week. They have a go at very challenging activities including rock climbing, canoeing and hill walking. They also take part in leadership challenges and make great friendships with similar youngsters from all over Scotland.

For the second year running we have been faced with the disappointment that the camps won't go ahead this year, due to Covid-19 restrictions. This decision was made by the outdoor centre, not long after we had interviewed the superb local candidates. We were really keen to give the current cohort of 16-17 year olds the opportunity to benefit from the RYLA experience.

RYLA Co-coordinator, Andy Middlemiss said, 'We really feel for the youngsters who continue to miss out on so much. Our selected candidates, and the first reserves, are fabulous young people, and we were delighted they came forward for interview at all. Thank you also to family members for encouraging them and supporting them to at least have a go. We'd like to thank Art Teacher Hollie Simpson at Kinross High School for all her help in setting up the arrangements within school and linking in with the young people so well.'

Those selected were Matthew Bentall and Sasha Hoey. First reserves were Lily Roy and Andrew Leinster. All did really well, undergoing interviews on Zoom and in masks which was not easy for either side. However, the youngsters coped brilliantly and came across superbly so well done to them.

Until next year, RYLA 2022. If you will be aged between 16 and 18 by July 2022, put your name forward when we advertise it. We pay all expenses including travel, residential costs and the use of top-class instructors and equipment.


Mental Health Outreach

Our latest project, working with The Lighthouse for Perth and KYTHE, is in the development stage. We are working out the best way to help young people in our community who are experiencing challenging times as a result of the pandemic and other difficult circumstances. Meanwhile, we are reading and chatting to the remarkable staff at KYTHE who do fabulous work with the youth in our community. More details coming soon.

Recent Meetings

Commonwealth War Graves

Do you know that there are Commonwealth War Graves in many of the burial grounds across Kinross-shire? On 10 May, Patricia Keppie explained the history and work of The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. She spoke of the vast numbers of graves and cemeteries that they tend in



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countries all over the world. She explained about the different types of gravestones they provide, how these are inscribed with Service Badges, names and information in relation to deaths. Volunteers ensure that our history remains relevant to future generations. This was an interesting insight into work so often overlooked.

Rotarians are ordinary people who do extraordinary things

This was the reminder from our District 1010 Governor, Alistair Robb, who joined us on Zoom on 26 April. We were celebrating the activities of Rotary Clubs in the District over the past year, despite the challenges of Covid-19. We certainly plan to continue to make a difference to lives, here and abroad, where needed.

Are you an ordinary person who would like to be part of extraordinary achievements? Have you been inspired by the energy and generosity demonstrated by 'ordinary people' during the pandemic and would like to do more? Then join our team; new members are always made most welcome!

Why I Became A Rotarian

This month, we hear from Simon Byford:

When I first visited the Rotary Club of Kinross and District over 25 years ago, I was a little unsure about what they did. However, I was made very welcome and it soon became obvious that being a Rotarian had three great attractions for me. 1. Each week we have a different speaker covering a wide variety of topics with a diverse range of subjects and activities, many of which I know little or nothing about. After almost every meeting I come away educated and enlightened. 2. The members and visitors meet weekly and initial acquaintances have turned into long lasting friendships. Currently we meet on a Monday evening on Zoom but can't wait to get back to The Kirklands where we are superbly looked after by Anthony, Shona and their staff. 3. Most important by far, is the opportunity Rotary gives me to help other people. We raise money each year and give it to good causes locally, nationally and internationally. The members are very hands-on in providing help at such activities as Santa's Sleigh, Kinross Agricultural Show, and the Mary Queen of Scots event.

Seeing the time and energy given by so many people in helping others has been this Covid year's silver lining. I am grateful that Rotary has been able to be part of that contribution to Kinross-shire.'

If you are interested in finding out more about Rotary's work and our club meetings, contact secretary.kdrc@gmail.com.

Kinross in Bloom

While the pansies are still doing well in the planters around the town, we are looking forward to the summer.

The plants in the polytunnel have been planted into the hanging baskets and will be well looked after before being



hung up in June with the help of the Rugby Club. The planters will be planted up at the beginning of June.

Meanwhile we have been tidying up some of the sustainable planters. Many of the plants have become quite woody and needed cut back or replaced. The water tank is now back on the buggy and has been cleaned out ready for the summer watering.

We were approached by Jackie Lyon who wanted to sponsor a planter with a plaque for her late son at the Co-op. We were happy to organise this and the plaque was installed at the start of May (see photo above).

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

Kinross In Bloom 200 Club

May Draw

1st	No 66	Susan Snowden
2nd	No 3	Graham & Kathy Barnett
3rd	No 58	Jamie Montgomery
4th	No 82	Dr Marie Weir

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Kinross High School

Term 4 at Kinross High School is well underway and with the weather getting (and hopefully staying) brighter and Covid restrictions easing across the country, there is plenty going on at the campus. The library has re-opened its doors and is running a limited service; 4.30-7.30pm on Fridays (click and collect only) and 9.30am-4.30pm on Saturday and Sunday. Live Active have also made their return to the campus for outdoor sports and permitted indoor activities. For up to date information, check www.culturepk.org.uk and www.liveactive.co.uk.



At the start of May, Art and Design teacher Miss Simpson had the pleasure of carrying out interviews for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) alongside two members of the Kinross Rotary Club. The judging panel were bowled over by how well the pupils managed to get their personalities across and were highly impressed by the quality of answers from all candidates. For more details, see page 65.

Hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Awareness Week took place from 10-16 May 2021. This year, pupils were encouraged to #ConnectWithNature to support their mental health. Young people engaged with the '5 Ways to Wellbeing', a set of pillars which recommend activities to improve our mental health such as meeting up with a friend you haven't seen in a while and spending time outdoors enjoying the fresh air.

If anyone would be able to give an expert opinion on the extraordinary mental benefits of spending time in nature, it's Sir David Attenborough. So, we found out why he thinks it's so important for our wellbeing. He explained, 'I get a lot of letters from people who are recently bereaved who say that the one thing that brought them comfort was to spend time in the natural world. Relaxing and looking at things that are



Mrs Cruickshanks, DYW Co-ordinator

true and important and have been like that long before we arrived.'

Now from outdoor spaces to incredible spaces; Espacios increíbles is an exciting competition aimed at S3 learners who work in teams to research and design a building in a Spanish speaking area. Having presented their design in Spanish, the KHS team have qualified for the national final! The finalists, Lorna, Mark, Oliver, Finn and David will take part in a live virtual event hosted by the University of Strathclyde where their designs will be judged by industry professionals and academics. As part of their prize, the winners will have their model made in 3D by the School of Architecture. This project has already had a positive effect on uptake of Spanish in the senior phase for those schools who participated in the pilot in 2019 so we hope our Spanish-speaking niños will be inspired to take their language studies further. And the Espacios increíbles team aren't the only ones doing KHS proud in competitions.



Andrew Scott in S1 has been awarded second prize in the secondary school category of the Young Academy of Scotland's nationwide competition Tomorrow... Re-imagining our World! His digital poster, written rationale and video presentation 'Re-Boot: Re-using, re-cycling and re-designing prosthetic boots' wowed the judges. The panel were most impressed by the youngster's innovative ideas and problem-solving approach. Andrew kicked

52 other competitors to the curb to win £70 in book tokens! The presentation ceremony takes place online and Andrew's entry will feature in an online exhibition launched on 3 June 2021 on YAS's website.

To help prepare pupils make that leap into the world of work, we have recently appointed Mrs Cruickshanks as DYW Co-ordinator on a part-time basis. Developing the Young

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Workforce (DYW) is the Scottish Government's co-ordinated approach to ensuring that young people get the skills, attributes and experience needed for future employment. Mrs Cruickshanks' role is to maintain and establish local partnerships and connections which can influence our young people and help contribute towards work-based learning. We have launched a DYW section on our website where we post Modern Apprenticeships, local jobs, placements and more! If you're a local business owner and are interested in offering learning opportunities to pupils at Kinross High School, get in touch with KHSDYW@pkc.gov.uk to see how we can work together.

Kinross Camera Club

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

Here comes summer! Our summer programme this year will be an exciting combination of evening meet ups and monthly Zoom meetings. We will be meeting up at a variety of locations in the area to practice our outdoor photography in small groups.

The opportunity to once again safely meet up to take photographs is fantastic. Just having a chat, discussing our photography and sharing tips and advice in person will be wonderful and something we have all missed over the last year. These meet ups are fantastic for beginners and experts alike. The idea is to provide an opportunity to get out and about, take photos and learn from each other and, of course, to have fun. We live in an absolutely fantastic area which lends itself to a wide variety of locations which provide wonderful photographic opportunities. This means there is a fantastic variety of locations on our meet up list; examples

'Reflections' by Mags Stewart



include waterfalls and caves at Alva Glen, the scenic village of Aberdour, the Falkirk Wheel, Elie Harbour and, with some luck, hopefully an amazing sunset from the top of East Lomond, plus many more beautiful locations to meet up and take our cameras.

In addition to our summer evening outings, we will also have a Zoom meet up every four weeks to share our recently taken photographs and have a catch up. To provide some inspiration throughout the summer there will be two topics set at regular intervals for us to work on.

The summer programme begins on Thursday 20 May with our first summer Zoom meeting. The first two inspirational topics which have been suggested are 'Odd Numbers' and 'Watercourses'. At our Zoom meetings we can share our interpretations of the two regularly set themes and/or any other images we have taken recently and would like to share with club members.

If you would like further information about joining our friendly little club and joining in our summer programme please email our secretary at <mailto:secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk>.

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Portmoak Community Woodland Group

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Here's a hot tip for insomniacs; if you're awake before the dawn chorus, get up and make the most of it. You'll either crawl back to bed an hour or so later and enjoy the best sleep of your life or be so exhilarated that adrenaline carries you through the day. Our second hot tip is to take a flask of tea and something seriously calorific, like pain au chocolat.

This doesn't pretend to be medical advice but it worked for a trio of us from the Portmoak Community Woodland Group, who marked International Dawn Chorus Day at the beginning of May by listening to the birds wake up in Portmoak Moss.

We couldn't run it as a public event this year because of Covid restrictions but, after the initial shock of getting out of bed not very long after getting in, it was good to tune into the extraordinary range and number of birds who inhabit the Moss and listen to them on a still and otherwise silent morning, without interruption from planes, cars, tractors and so on.

The Moss gave us the full range of voices; the high piping of goldcrest and treecreeper, the beautiful melodies of song thrush, blackbird, willow warbler and blackcap and the soft, low crooning of wood pigeon. All this punctuated by pheasants squawking in the surrounding fields. They had clearly failed the singing auditions but were not allowing that to put them off.

It pays to keep moving in a cold dawn but, if you prefer to

start the day at a more civilised hour and find somewhere to sit down, one of the best places to enjoy the Moss birds is the new bench seat beside the main path across the top of the peat dome. It's proving to be very popular with photographers hoping to get good shots of green woodpeckers.

You may not be lucky enough to see woodpeckers, but this spot is also a good one for enjoying the carpet of cotton grass, which looks like a summer covering of snow across the centre of the bog, while roe deer like to nibble the younger shoots. There have been quite a lot of them grazing in full view.

Over a year since the start of pandemic and the Moss continues to be busier than it used to be and people are exploring some of the paths away from the main circuit. We're pleased to say that Woodland Trust Scotland are going to repair a bridge out towards the south east corner, which will make it easier to take a longer walk round the outside edge. Their contractors are busy on both sites. In Kilmagad Wood they are removing several sections of deer fencing which was erected to protect the new tree planting back in 2009/10 and which is now in a poor state. They have agreed to leave the lower section of fencing, alongside the A911, because of our safety concerns for children and dogs. So much work had to be suspended last year so it is good to see a resumption of activity. Our group is also looking at what we might be able to do in the summer and autumn and we'll keep you posted.

For all the information you need about how to contact us and to access the map, please go to our website or find us on Facebook.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk

The museum reopened on the weekend of 14-15 May and we look forward to seeing friends and visitors once again between 9.30am and 4.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Hopefully we will be back to normal hours by late June or July. In the meantime we will keep our displays rolling for a little longer in case you missed them last autumn. This summer, we also hope to begin our monument survey of Milnathort Churchyard; the fourth in our series of churchyard surveys undertaken in recent years. On the computer in our study room we now have the databases and images of previous surveys that recorded monumental inscriptions in the Kirkgate, Old Orwell and Kinross Parish Church kirkyards.

Guide Dogs Kinross

As the rules allow, we are starting to plan some fundraising activities and we would like to let you know about them. We will be returning to the midsummer market on 26 June with a stall featuring all manner of guide dog stock. We will also be selling the very popular dog beds made for us by Loving Hands group member, Mary Sneddon. If you can come and support us, we would love to see you.

We are planning a very exciting six session British sign language taster course. It will be a relaxed and fun set of face-to-face classes lasting for an hour and a half each, starting after the summer holidays so watch this space. There is a minimum age of 12 years old and no maximum. The cost of £37 will be donated to guide dogs by our very kind instructor Maria.

Details of further plans will feature in the next Newsletter. As you may have seen in the last issue, Kinross Tennis Club made a wonderful donation of tennis balls that we were given by Helping Hands. Many thanks to them both for helping our fundraising efforts.

The photo this month is of our latest pup on a train for the first time. She did very well ignoring noise, people and distractions, which is so important when they are working. If you see a guide dog working or being trained, please do not attract their attention. Simply let them get on with their work unhindered as they have some very important work to do.

Kinross Duke of Edinburgh (Open) Group

www.dofe.org

With the easing of restrictions on group activities we are delighted that we can at last take our young people on their expeditions to ensure that those currently working towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards can complete them. Hopefully the June weather will be kind.

Although the expeditions are pared back (no overnight camping) the young people will undertake the full range of outdoor activities (map reading and navigation, first aid, cooking outdoors) required to enable them to complete



their awards. All with the weight of a backpack, tent and equipment to carry.

Despite the limitations imposed on us all over the last 12 months or so, many of our young people have already achieved certificates towards their awards by completing the three other sections required; volunteering, skills and physical. We applaud their perseverance and resilience.

Collectively, in 2019-2020, our young people completed 663 hours developing a skill, 663 hours of physical activity and 753 hours volunteering in our community. Their volunteering amounted to a social value of £3,275.55 (as measured by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Organisation).

As a licenced provider of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award the Kinross-shire Open Group has been proud to support young people to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh's Award over the last 13 years. We work in partnership with Kinross High School's DofE team and Perth and Kinross Council DofE.

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New volunteers are always welcome and, as a parent led group, we seek involvement and support from all parents and carers whose young person undertakes their Duke of Edinburgh's Award with us.

For more information visit our website, find us on Facebook or email dofekinrossshire@gmail.com.

Kinross Garden Group

We enjoyed a very wide-ranging and extremely informative talk about rhododendrons and their cultivation by Mike Thornley from Glenarn garden in Helensburgh. The pictures were lovely and their garden, one of the 'Glorious gardens of Argyll', is stunning. Go if you can!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10 June at 2pm, on Zoom, in the comfort of your own home. Julia Cordon, the president



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of the Scottish Rock Garden Club, and a speaker well known to our members, will give a talk called 'What you can do in seven weeks in New Zealand and South Africa'.

Membership this year is £15 and includes the winter talks and access to the summer garden visits. All instructions for Zoom talks will be given to those who wish to join us. For membership and access to talks please contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589 or email acaroline1000@gmail.com.

U3A

u3asites.org.uk/kinross

Wednesday 2 June is National U3A Day, and Kinross-shire U3A would like to invite anyone to take up our u3a day challenge!



The U3A is a UK-wide movement for people no longer in full time work. It is made up of locally-run interest groups and provides opportunities to come together to learn for fun; to explore new ideas, skills and activities. Kinross-shire U3A thought it might be fun to set a challenge for people to learn or do something new on U3A day. You don't have to be a member and it can be as simple or complex as you like. Have you ever wanted an excuse to try a new skill like crocheting, or taste a new whisky? Perhaps learn the first ten presidents of the USA (always useful for Pointless). Even filling in the Google form to accept the challenge would count if you've not done one before.

Basically, you can do anything you like as long as it is new to you and is legal! In return for accepting the challenge we will send you an e-certificate to record your task. We will also be awarding first place e-certificates for the challenges that, in the opinion of our committee, are the most interesting, the most useful, and also one for the biggest waste of time which

probably shouldn't have been done (I want that one!).

If you would like to take up the challenge the form is available on our website. Or email us at kinrossshireu3a@gmail.com.

Before that, Kinross-shire u3a will be holding our final open meeting of season 2020-21 at 2.30pm on Tuesday 1 June. This will be a Zoom talk from local business Unorthodox Roasters. Joining details will be posted on our website.

We will be starting our next season in September; hopefully by then we will be able to meet in person. Meanwhile, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their forbearance over the past year.

SWI



Bishopshire SWI

Speaker: Siobhan Ingram, Mary's Meals

Siobhan talked to us about the work done by the Mary's Meals charity highlighting the urgent need for aid in Ethiopia which once again is in crisis. Details of how we can help can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk

Vote of Thanks: Norma Smith

Our next meeting will be a trip to Cowden Japanese Gardens 2pm on 17th June.

Competitions:

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Boys Brigade and Girls Association

Back in Action

With restrictions easing and now allowing outdoor meetings, members met at King George V Park for a couple of fun physical challenges. The favourite activity for all three sections was undoubtedly the parachute games which brought smiles to everyone's faces.

Congratulations to senior girl Rebekah Roe who participated in the online Queen's badge completion course which entitles her to the Queen's badge. Other senior members are working towards their President's badge.

With the further easing of restrictions, we hope to resume indoor sessions at the Church Centre to allow us to complete an unusual and strange session.



Scotlandwell in Bloom

After much deliberation we made a last minute decision to have an open air market style 'Plant and Bake' sale on Saturday 15 May in the Well Country Inn car park.

Despite the relatively short preparation time, the team pulled together and worked their socks off to produce tables laden with homemade cakes, pies, sweet treats, jams, chutneys and an excellent array of flower and vegetable plants. The weather was perfect and there was an opportunity to buy tickets for our 'Pamper Hamper' raffle and a tombola table with a great selection of items. Something for everyone! A huge thank you to everyone for their hard work and donations and, of course, to everyone who came along to support the event. We raised the fantastic sum of £1380.11.

Grateful thanks also to George from Bridgend Garden Centre in Freuchie for his very generous donation of plants. As always, this event could not have taken place without the invaluable support of Ronnie and Tanya and their cheery staff at the Well Country Inn; they are just great! The raffle was drawn at the end of the sale and the winner was Kathrine Baird. Congratulations!



Portmoak Hall 100 Club

May Draw

1st	No 73	Sylvia Wilson	Scotlandwell
2nd	No 80	Dave Martin	Scotlandwell
3rd	No 58	Jeanette McLennan	Kinnesswood

Inner Wheel

www.innerwheel.co.uk

We had our AGM at the last meeting and approved next year's committee. We then enjoyed catching up with news of our families and looked forward to a time in the near future when we may meet in person.

The next meeting is on Monday 14 June at 7pm via Zoom when our speaker will be from mental health charity The Lighthouse. They are working with our local Rotary members and, as always, we are keen to support local initiatives.

If you would like to come along, or receive information about Inner Wheel, please get in touch by email at jennymac101@icloud.com.



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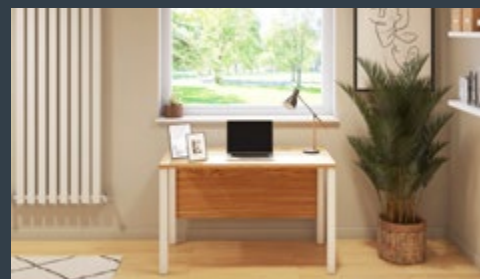
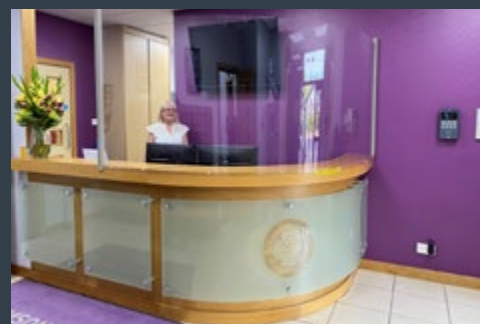
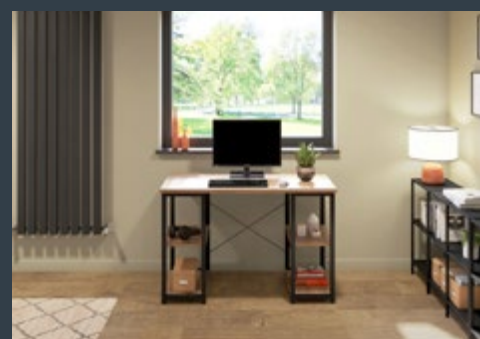
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Reporter Refuses Latest Evidence On Lathro Problems

The Trust has again written to the Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) with new evidence to support our view that the DPEA should refuse Persimmon's appeal for 169 houses on phase 2 of Lathro Meadows.

The Trust obtained documents under The Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations (EIRS), which is similar to Freedom of Information legislation.

The documents showed that in October 2019 a PKC Environmental Health officer was so concerned about the sub-standard condition of the foul drainage system in phase 1 of Lathro Meadows that the officer wanted to prevent any further houses being occupied. This course of action did not appear to be followed, however, as more houses continued to be occupied in the following months.

In February 2020 the Environmental Health officer contacted Scottish Water to say that there had been a case of an E. coli 0157 infection in the Lathro area that was allegedly linked to sewage leaking from a manhole cover.

Piecing together evidence from local residents and the EIRS emails, it appears that foul waste 'overtopped' the manhole cover three times between January and February 2020. The manhole cover in question is at the south end of Dalwhamie Street where it meets Lathro Lane. This is the area which was a planted border, then a muddy area, and now has a tarmac path going through it. Hundreds of people may have walked through this area when it had sewage debris in it. E. coli 0157 infections can lead to serious, and sometimes fatal, medical conditions.

If any measures were taken to deal with the root cause of the sewage leaks, they were ineffective, as yet another sewage 'overtopping' incident occurred at the same manhole cover a year later, on 19 February 2021.

Foul waste leaking from a manhole cover in Lathro Meadows, 19 Feb 2021



As recently as April 2021, Scottish Water said that the phase 1 infrastructure requires 'significant remedial work to bring it up to the relevant standard'.

We also saw documents not made publicly available that indicated the groundwater on site could be as high as just 0.55 metres below ground level. High groundwater is a flood risk that we believe has not received sufficient consideration when evaluating this site for development.

We brought these matters to the attention of the DPEA and pointed out again that, as the phase 2 drainage is to be joined to the phase 1 drainage, the failings of the phase 1 system constitute a material consideration in deciding whether consent should be given for phase 2. We expressed the view that the defective drainage is not only a risk to public health but possibly also to the integrity of Loch Leven, a Special Protection Area.

The DPEA's response was: "The period for submissions on this appeal has passed and the reporter is satisfied that the points raised in this latest correspondence do not raise any new information that will be material to his final decision."

The reporter said in January that he was minded to grant Persimmon's appeal, but the final decision has not been issued yet as the decision is dependent on a legal agreement being registered and this has not yet happened.

Annual General Meeting

As last year, due to coronavirus restrictions, the Trust will hold its AGM 'virtually'. We will be in touch with members by email.

Raingardens Challenge

We have spent much of May finalising details which are to be presented in a Phase 2 Completion Report to SEPA, Scottish Government, and Perth and Kinross Council (our core funders) and other supporters and stakeholders including NatureScot, our excellent local councillors (of all political persuasions), the In-bloom groups, Rotarians, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, and the committee who manage the Kinross Community Newsletter Fund.

We shall be happy to present the findings and issues, opportunities and achievements to any community groups who might be interested as we all begin to emerge from lockdowns and tentatively resume meetings, walks along trails and so on.

Our Aims Were:

Creation or enhancement of existing raingarden features around Kinross-shire (where a raingarden is any green infrastructure feature designed to accept rainfall runoff), and promotion of the opportunities for rainwater management using raingardens for retrofits, new developments and redevelopments. In particular, we wanted to try and see if a Raingardens Trail could be agreed linking a variety of raingarden features through Kinross and connecting with the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

The Main Highlights And Achievements Of The Past Year Are:

A route through West and South Kinross, with links to the Heritage Trail at either Todd and Duncan or in the town



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Club & Community Group News

centre has been identified for a Raingardens Trail, with help from Perth and Kinross Council and from TRACKS.

The Raingardens Trail starts at the Park and Ride (where recommendations have been developed for three raingarden features to replace the ruined grass strips there) and continues along the grass wildflower swales: visit in June-July when the red champions are in bloom on one side and the ox-eye daisies on the other (road edge) side.

We are recommending double yellow lines and a white rumble strip along the edges of the grass swales to deter incursions and damage by traffic.

We are also recommending a rest place, incorporating a bench and a wheelchair turning area, be established at the excellent constructed wetland at the junction of link road swales 3 and 4. That location gives a view of the wetland in the foreground and the town centre beyond to the church clock-tower.

We completed a survey of the raingardens of the county and there are about 30 features, ranging from the long narrow grass swales (1-4) along the West Kinross link road, several constructed wetlands and ponds in Kinross and Milnathort, to the small scale raised bed raingardens in Kinnesswood (e.g. at Portmoak Primary School).

Some features are in need of serious restoration (for example at the Park and Ride).

The positive response of local businesses to the raingardens challenge has been particularly welcome, given the severe constraints faced during the period of this initiative.

Notable work to protect and, in some instances, enhance existing raingarden features has been done at Kipper Hire (clearing blockages) and Dance Connect (adding woodland flowers to the willow swale, creating bees and beetles refuges and also removing litter along their boundary with the public footpath).

Work to create new raingardens is planned or underway this year. For example, at the Boathouse car park Kinross, at RSPB's car park at Vane Farm, and a novel plot-by-plot provision of rainwater management systems is promised for 15 new houses to be built by Premier Properties at Balado.

Half a dozen completely new features are under construction



or being planted at Loch Leven's Larder. Torrential sustained heavy downpours in late April and May demonstrated the effectiveness of the design for attenuating the rainfall runoff and minimising erosion of the car park. The plants there (as elsewhere) will take a couple of seasons to establish so patience is needed but in the interim we hope visitors will park carefully and not drive into the raingardens or fences. Progress at other premises and new developments will be detailed in subsequent issues.

Discussions with Perth and Kinross Council about targeting their cost-saving cut-back in grass cutting have taken place so that habitat creation opportunities can be maximised. For example, three raingardens recommended for the wet grass margins alongside the path at Kirkgate Park, and for the swales in Burnbank Meadows, Kinross. The link road swales are already managed on a minimum mow frequency. We are also recommending however that the council invests in cut and remove machinery which favours wildflowers.

We have convened an ecological action group to advise and undertake raingardens work to enhance wildlife interest in raingardens and advance nature conservation through provision of biodiverse features in the landscape. Their advice has helped several of the actions noted here, including purchase of native marsh plants assisted by Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

Unfinished business includes provision of raingardens signs; plans for a raingardens month this summer; ecological surveys; more detailed research on public willingness to retrofit raingarden measures on their own property (dependent on Scottish water funding); training and a workshop on how to advocate raingardens when commenting on planning applications (e.g. instead of enormous soakaway structures which have the potential to introduce traffic pollutants directly to groundwater).

We would like to undertake some of the raingardens retrofit work we have identified ourselves, as cost-effective community led improvements, if funds can be sourced and PKC are in agreement.

Comments are welcome and, if you would like a presentation and discussion on the work to date, please contact us by email at Kinrossshirecivictrustsecy@gmail.com

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Sports News

Kinross Road Runners (KRR)

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>

As some restrictions eased, club members took advantage of the improvements to the rules in travel. This included residents from other areas (such as our Fife members) being able to attend the Kinross training sessions. It was good to see some club members again after what feels like a long absence. The weather remained changeable throughout the month, and it was often a case of timing our runs to avoid the worst of the rain over the last couple of weeks (not always successful in many cases).

There were also actual races taking place (rather than just virtual ones) which members were delighted to attend. Some of the tougher events that the club members took part in included The Goggins Challenge (run 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours), and also the 51km Kintyre Way Ultra.

There were also club members taking part in the virtual Tay Ten 10K race, and this saw quite a few club members being mentioned in the results for age categories, and top female going to our own Jillian Gordon, so well done to her.

Matt Newton (still recovering from his 7 marathons in 7 days as detailed in the *Newsletter* last month) and Scott Strachan were also seen doing some climbing and running in Glencoe with some stunning scenery and a bit of snow on their adventure.

The club training sessions included a Treasure Hunt run, trail runs, interval sessions and our 2 mile time trial session. There was a good turnout at all sessions, and some photos of the 2 mile time trial and run at Lochore, show the happy faces and competitive spirit that always come hand in hand with the



training session. All sessions follow the guidance from the Scottish Government and Athletics. As the numbers allowed for each session are still restricted, as always, virtual sessions were provided for those that could not attend.

Our 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, please get in touch.

We continue to work on our plans for future races as the restrictions ease further and hopefully will be able to announce our plans soon, so keep watching this space.



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Kinross Otters

This has been a big month for Kinross Otters after the club was finally allowed back into the pool. It hasn't taken long for the youngsters to 'get back into the swim of things' – despite being away from the water for a long four months due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

Three groups are making the most of eight sessions at Live Active Loch Leven, as well as the more senior swimmers getting time in the pool at the Michael Woods Sports & Leisure Centre in Glenrothes.

Coach Fiona Dodds said: 'It's so, so good to be back in the water. Listening to the swimmers chatting and laughing together again after so long away has been the biggest highlight.'

Another highlight in the last few weeks has been the unexpected arrival of a 'certificate of recognition' from none other than superstar swimmer Adam Peaty.

Peaty, a multiple World, European and Olympic champion, got in touch with a signed memento to pay tribute to the club's hard work during the coronavirus pandemic.

Parent and committee member Annie McCormack nominated Otters for the pat on the back after Peaty asked on social media what clubs had done to keep kids 'loving swimming' over the past 12 months. Annie recounted the countless zoom fitness sessions and challenges, family quizzes, open-water swimming, informal chats and an online talent show that kept the swimmers busy during lockdown – and clearly found favour with Peaty.

The swimmers were stunned to get something so inspirational from such a big hero of the swimming world.

Lastly, on the fundraising front, kids and parents took part in the Kiltwalk at the end of April and, with a 50 per cent top-up from The Hunter Foundation, raised an incredible £4764.09. Well done everyone who took part!



Orwell Bowling Club

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As we moved to level two from Monday 17 May, this means we can now open the club to serve alcoholic drinks inside. So, from Friday 4 June, we shall be open from 7.30-10.30pm on Friday and Saturday. We will be adhering to all the rules still in place and we look forward to seeing our members back in the clubhouse.

Although the weather has been unsettled, we have been able to have our Monday afternoon hat games and our senior games on Thursday afternoons. The Tuesday evening points have started as well. We are hoping to have some internal competitions this year and the entry sheets will be displayed in the clubhouse for members to put their names up. Please make sure your membership is paid before you enter the competitions. The new bank details have been circulated to all members previously.

Kinross Volleyball

The free 'pop up and play' sessions continue on Sunday afternoons (3.30-5pm) on the grass to the rear of the campus.

Scottish Volleyball is organising four a side local grass competitions for men's, women's and mixed teams (one woman and three men). Once entries are in, Scottish



Volleyball will contact teams and issue fixtures which should be completed on Sundays. The winning teams from each area will meet together in a final competition to decide the winners of each section.

Local player Connor Boyle will be competing in UK beach tour events over the summer. He successfully won a bronze medal at the Brighton event in May. Connor trains at Perth's Darnhall beach volleyball courts in the Craigie area of Perth where Perth Beach Volleyball Club has been formed. Connor hopes to compete in a range of UK events in the build-up to his aim of reaching the Commonwealth Games qualification tournament later on this year. Players are ranked based on their performances at UK beach tour events throughout this summer.

Connor is also the treasurer of the newly formed Perth club. The first event is a junior beach volleyball coaching programme and Perth is one of four venues around Scotland. The programme will be of particular interest to the Kinross High School youngsters who have been regularly turning up at the Sunday afternoon sessions.

The main aims of the local junior beach programme are:- to provide a local opportunity for young people to train; to give new opportunities for new coaches and administrators to get involved in a programme in their local area; to allow these same coaches and administrators training on requirements

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These junior coaching sessions will be limited to a maximum of 30, on a first come, first served basis. Details on how to register are on the Scottish Volleyball website.



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

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.

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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

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

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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.

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.

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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 **Convener, Amanda James**, on 01577 840809, or amandajames1577@gmail.com

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

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Keep Your Eyes Open!

HELLO ALL – A CHANGE this month, as this is Seasonal Nature Reserve Officer Ian writing! Over the past two months I have been acquainting myself with the loch and its ecological delights in particular – what a lucky bunch you Kinross-ians are. I have moved across to here from sunny Greenock on the west coast so I am fair appreciating the new found wind speeds of this part of the country too. Regardless of the new-found weather, I have certainly arrived here at a perfect time for nature and, by this June, the whole reserve will be fit to bursting!

Bird-wise, the goose goslings and duck broods will be maturing and easier to spot – now not far off their time to leave the support of the parents and make it on their own. The fantastic four of swallows, swifts, sand martins and house martins are all on show at once for those up for a challenge. Check out our Facebook post from early May for some ID-ing hints and tips. You'll have a fair chance of spotting an osprey and a plethora of little passerines all chirping away. Our two bird hides and viewing screen are ideal for a tranquil observation of what is on offer. As a novice birder, since starting here I've seen at least eight bird species I've never (knowingly) seen before.

By June just about all our plants are finally flowering in a wonderful spectrum of colour. The reserve has many meadows, marsh, heath and woodlands to choose from and there is always the chance of spotting something a bit rare – we are always happy to receive enquiries into something you might have not seen before or (even better) something we haven't seen either.

Naturally this is the perfect time for spotting different species of bee,



hoverfly, butterfly, dragonflies and damselflies. Take a wander through Mary's Knowe and count all the pinky-purple orchids (plus whoever is inside!), peer into the ponds just before Burleigh and listen to the hum of the dragonfly wingbeats, stroll through the dappled woodlands of Levenmouth and search for as many butterfly species as you can or look up from Burleigh woods and see if you can chance a look at a red squirrel springing from branch to branch in the Scots pine. Every part of the reserve offers something different.

As well as being able to welcome our dedicated volunteers back, we love it when visitors and locals come to appreciate the loch and everything it has to offer too,

but by this time of year the numbers can be substantial. Do make sure you heed any signage dotted around, as well as remembering to keep yourself informed about the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, which relates to everyone from water users to dog walkers!

Keep an eye on the Loch Leven NNR WordPress blog, Loch Leven NNR Facebook page and the Loch Leven NNR Instagram feed for regular updates.

Have a great month!

*Ian Park
(Seasonal Nature Reserve Officer)*

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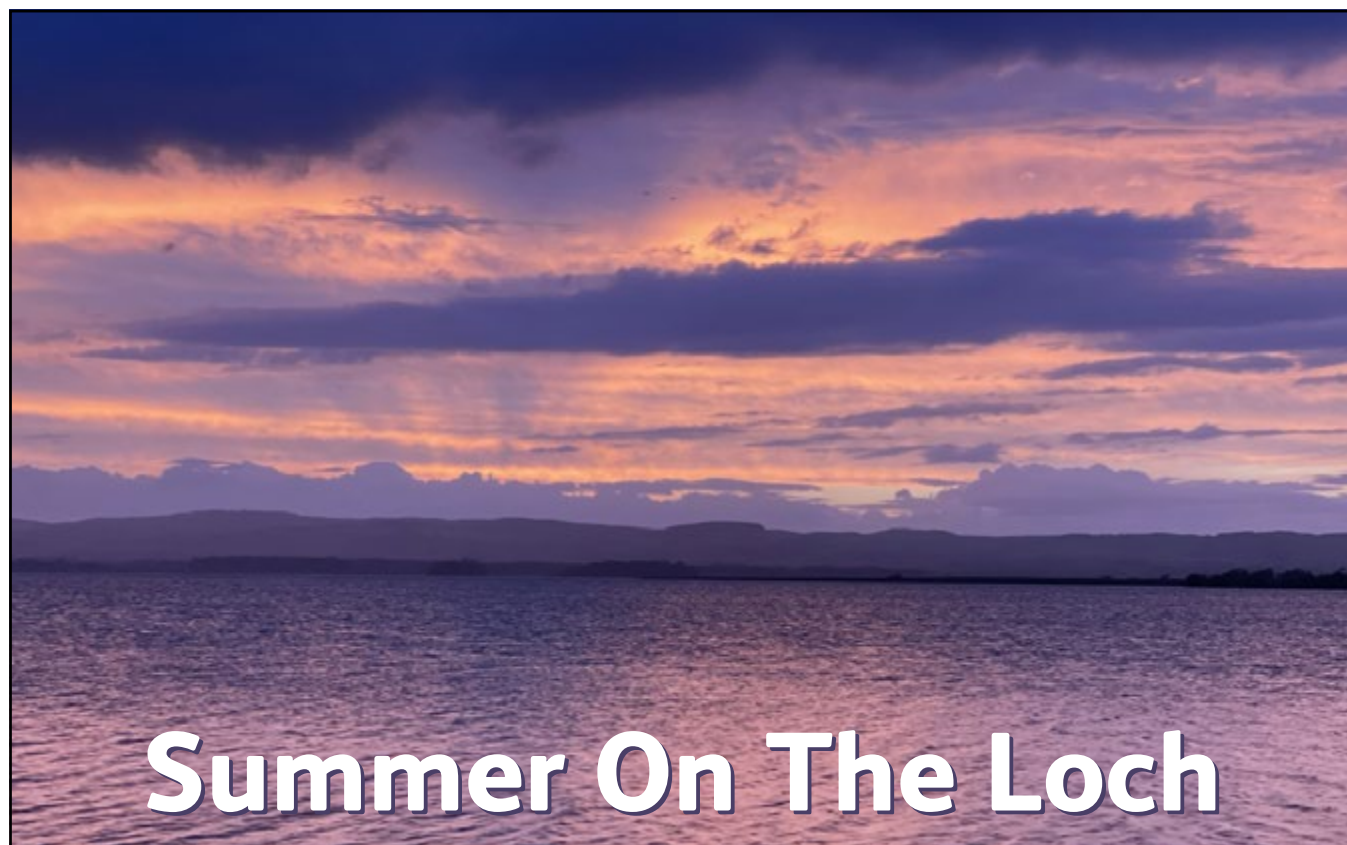
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Summer On The Loch

WE HAVE HAD SOME lovely wildlife this month at RSPB Loch Leven. Bird of prey action has been great on the wetlands with sightings of peregrine, kestrel, sparrowhawk and buzzard. Osprey have also been seen in flight over the reserve heading north. Lots of young chicks are now emerging from their nests on the wetlands, with fluffy lapwing and goslings making an appearance. Meadow pipit have nested in the long grass and a very lovely call of a song thrush has been heard across the woodland of the leafy loop.

The reserve team have been busy surveying wildlife and all its new arrivals for the breeding season. A big thank you to our lovely lapwing volunteers Molly and Gillian who have been busy logging and recording lapwing nests on the wetland. A total of 29 nests have been counted so far!

As you may know the visitor centre and car park here at Loch Leven are currently closed for renovation. However, we are pleased to say that improvements are well underway and most of our car park is set to open ahead of schedule from **Saturday 5 June**. Work will soon start on renovating the new café, however in the meantime our wonderful volunteers Ken and Dave have been hard at work building a new outdoor coffee cabin by the underpass. We hope to have this

open shortly, so please stop by for our usual fantastic RSPB coffee, tea, ice-cream, cold drinks, and snacks.

We are very excited to welcome back our visitors! It has not been the same without you. We now have toilet facilities in the form of portaloos, and we will be opening a mini shop on site that will sell bird food, feeders, binoculars, cards and gifts. Access to the trails will be via the Secret Garden path on the south side of the building while our courtyard is out of bounds during the building work.

With the first phase of this project nearly complete, the aim of the second phase is to finalise renovations in the café and shop, and to finalise the creation of a new welcome area. Once these have been completed, work can begin on the new toilet wing in August.

We have also undertaken some improvements to the Secret Garden

path that we hope will provide an area for children to explore and learn something about the animal characters that have made it their home. We even have our own little hobbit house where you can pretend to live alongside the animals! We also hope to start running some new self-led activity trails in June. Please keep an eye on our social media accounts on Twitter @rspblochleven and Facebook @rspbTaysideFife for more information and updates.

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Max Temp Average	11.45c
Highest Temp	18.3c (23 April)
Min Temp Average	-4.22c
Lowest Temp	-9.3c (11 April)

Gardening

IT'S OFFICIALLY SUMMER! Isn't it? I don't know about you, but I expected better of May; cold and rainy, not good at all.

The frosts have now passed and it's now safe to plant out those tender annuals you've all been growing and keeping frost-free and hardening off for the past few weeks. Hanging baskets can now go out, pots can be planted and bedding plants can go out in the garden – yippee for some stunning colour for the next few months.

It'll take a few weeks for plants to become established and start to bloom, which is why it's always a good idea to use biennials to bridge that gap between spring and summer. Honesty is a great plant for this – I planted half a dozen in a border about four years ago – it self seeds like crazy which results in a lovely display in late spring/early summer every year.

Sweet Williams and foxgloves are also good 'bridging' plants as far as biennials go while you're waiting for your summer bedding to bloom. Higgledy Garden (I'm in no way associated with the company) always have a cracking bunch of biennial seeds, you should check it out – an independent seed company run by one man and his dog. On a narrowboat.

Summer bedding is great, but we shouldn't ignore the less 'blousy' shrubs too, many of which give a lovely display of flowers and leaves at all times of the year. For example, I have a pieris in a large pot (there's a shocker) in a sheltered and shady part of the garden – it was an experiment to see how well it did there. I've been amply rewarded this year by a beautiful display of lovely red leaves.

These early flowering shrubs will also need to be pruned after flowering – this means that they have enough time this year



Pieris

Honesty



to develop new growth before winter comes around again.

With the planting of new plants comes the chore of clearing out the spring bedding. I've got about half a dozen pots of tulips that'll have to be lifted very soon. I've found that tulip bulbs start to deteriorate after the first year and the displays are never as good – even if they're lifted, dried out, replanted etc. I've taken to lifting them and then replanting in one of my cut flower beds (who wants to pay supermarket prices for flowers, am I right?). I plant with the leaves still on and cover with some manure to give the bulbs a good feed. The result is that I have a free crop of tulips the following year that I can cut and bring into the house.

Now's the time to keep on top of the weeds, they adore this time of the year – especially chickweed, I'm plagued with the stuff. A gentle fork while summer bedding is growing is fine, as your plants grow and fill out, they should stifle any weed growth – or at least minimise it.

You'll also need to start staking up and tying-in any tall plants as they grow, especially delphiniums and hollyhocks – the last thing you want is for them to snap if (when) it gets windy. A couple of garden canes will suffice – I usually try to do a 'wigwam' of canes so that I'm not tying all the stems to the same cane – 'cos that just looks weird.

I'll finish this month on feeding. I usually chuck some slow-release plant food into the compost when doing baskets or pots, which seems to work quite well. Liquid feed is also excellent – every couple of weeks is usually enough to encourage growth and flowers. Oh, and don't forget to dead head!

Well, have a lovely June folks and see you on the other side of the longest day – that's quite depressing isn't it?

Teresa Stirling

Farming

IT HAS BEEN A relatively kind spring, if quite slow to get off the starting blocks. Conditions dried up nicely to allow fieldwork to progress steadily but there have been enough periodic showers of rains to encourage growth and wash fertiliser into the soil. It's just a pity there were so many night-time frosts which stunted grass growth and slowed germination of new sown seeds, since soil temperatures were slow to rise.

Things are warming up a bit now so there is a bit of grass growth here at Backward Farm and our barley is making slow but steady progress. The first of the cattle have been let out to their summer grazing so they seem quite happy. The rest are still inside, unsettled by the 'spring fever' brought on by longer daylight hours and a bit of sunshine, especially the B&B cows but hopefully they should mostly be out by the time you are reading this.

Lambing is all finished and with the usual ups and downs along the way was a fairly quick, smooth event. There was a bit of a rude awakening on the official start date of lambing however, as there was a very unwelcome covering of snow. Fortunately there was no wind and it was a beautiful sunny morning, so the three ewes who had lambed were all fine.

There was great relief all round when pet sheep 'Millie' successfully produced a lamb towards the end of lambing. It is an unwritten rule in farming that any 'pet' animals or favourites are invariably the ones who end up having a disaster, so we were awaiting her lambing with great trepidation. This was especially so as she was a first time mother (a gimmer) due to have a single lamb and we had some difficult births with large lambs in the ewes bearing single lambs. But no, she confounded



the doom merchant (me!) much to the delight of her adoptive mother (Kerry) and produced a healthy lamb all by herself. Phew!

The pigs are in the process of being moved to their summer paddocks, so there has been a lot of time spent setting up new fencing and dismantling old pens. The new style of fencing

seems to be working well so hopefully it will continue that way.

Donald the Tamworth boar has come back from his winter boot camp clearing up a couple of rough areas on our neighbour's farm and he is in good shape. He has lost a bit of weight and is now in just right condition. Most people would talk about archaeological digs, but we have archaeological pigs. Incorporated in their winter paddock, the fattening pigs had access to a rough area between two barley fields.

This area just grew weeds and grass but I was also aware of the remains of an old dyke in the undergrowth. The pigs loved rooting this area and they perfectly exposed the foundation of the dyke. I was thinking that we could hire them out to the TV programme 'Time Team', although they would probably be quite inconsistent, sporadic excavators. If the bold Donald went on this experiment, Tony Robinson could introduce 'Time Team – The Big Pig'!

John.





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KEEPING IN TOUCH: It is now possible to attend Sunday services in person (see Sundays below).

If you have internet access, contact the Church Office to be included in our weekly email of events.

If you have no access to the internet, you can listen to our weekly service and daily prayer on the telephone or receive a CD of the service or a copy of the sermon (see below for details). You can also join in by phone with any of the meetings listed below on Zoom*.

Regular Services and Events:

Daily Prayer: Monday to Friday, listen to a daily prayer - 01577 528270.

Sundays

10.00am: Wake Up, Warm Up, Worship: an informal 20 minutes of prayer, contemporary worship songs and interaction on Zoom*

10.30am: Morning Service in the church. Booking essential for attendance, through the church office. This is the easiest way to provide Test and Protect details and ensure appropriate seating is laid out in advance. However, **an increase in the numbers allowed means that you can also now just turn up.**

Sunday morning services are also available as a live stream on the church website, YouTube and Facebook. 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.

11.15am After Church, meet up for coffee on Zoom*

6.00pm: Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom*



Mondays

8pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship on Zoom*.

Tuesdays

1.45pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship on Zoom*.

Wednesdays

There is no longer a service on Wednesday morning, because of the greater numbers allowed in church on Sundays.

12 noon: Mid-week prayers, livestreamed on Facebook.

1.30pm: Craft Group meet on Zoom*.

7.45pm: Men's House Group

8.00pm: Women's House Group – Bible study & fellowship on Zoom*.

Thursdays

11-12pm Table Talk. Chat and coffee on Zoom*

Other Services and Events:

June

Sun 6 10.30am: Service, including Quarterly Communion. The Communion collection is for CrossReach, the social care arm of the Church of Scotland. Donations can be left at the church service or collected (contact church office) or donate through give.net on the church website. **No Zoom Coffee after the service**

Mon 7 8am: Silent Meditation. Some pointers for meditation, published on Facebook

Sat 12 11am: All Friends Together on Zoom*

Sun 13 10.30am: Morning Service includes the **Stated Annual Meeting**

Thurs 17 9pm: late evening service of Compline livestreamed on Facebook

*For Gatherings on Zoom: see weekly email or contact the Church Office for link details

Family Week – Jungle Adventure

2-6 August

Register from 1 June - Contact Church Office

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

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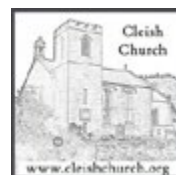
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Sunday, 6 June

9.45am: A Time for Prayer at Cleish Church

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Thursday, 24 June

7.00pm: Celebration of Holy Communion by 'Zoom'

Sunday, 27 June

9.45am: Morning worship at Cleish Church

11.00am: Joint churches Morning Worship on 'Zoom'

If you would like to join with us for any of the above Zoom services: please phone the Rev Lis Stenhouse 01577 842128.

As we have limited seating in our church, due to the current pandemic restrictions you will need to reserve a seat in advance. Please phone Margaret McMillan 01506 825641

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC013157)

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June 2021

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June 6

9.45am Morning worship at Fossoway Church

11am Joint churches morning worship on 'Zoom'

June 13

9.45am A Time for Prayer at Fossoway Church

11am Joint churches morning worship by 'Zoom'

June 20

9.45am Morning worship at Fossoway Church

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June 24

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Sunday services continue in Portmoak Church at 10am each Sunday with all current Covid safety procedures in place. As we are now allowed to use the balcony 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 be monitored as the weeks go by, and further changes will be made as the regulations change. Please check the church website or Facebook page for further information.

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

Renovations at Orwell Church are going well and it is expected they will be completed by early June, and the Church will be open for use, subject to restrictions, as soon as possible after completion. The refurbished church building will be available for community use as well as Church use and we will hopefully be able to give more information on that with regard to how to book etc. in the next edition. Please get in touch via email if you would like more information and someone will respond.

The Church Office and shop is still closed until further notice. The office email below is being checked, but less frequently than normal: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

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

****The church building reopened for services in person on Ascension Day. Our normal Sunday services will begin at 10am instead of 9.30am. We will provide regular updates on our website. Please do refer to it regularly. We have uploaded important information about how you can attend in person now that we are able to reopen our doors. Thank you!****

Our services will continue to be broadcast from the church building as livestreams via 'Zoom' and Facebook Live. Thereafter, recordings of these services will be available through the church website, Facebook page and YouTube. Our church bell will ring from 9.50am.

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



Church Information

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 June

Sunday 6: Pentecost 3 (Proper 10)

10am Said Eucharist

Sunday 13: Pentecost 4 (Proper 11)

10am Said Eucharist

Thursday 20: Pentecost 5 (Proper 12)

10am Said Eucharist

Sunday 27: Pentecost 6 (Proper 13)

10am Said Eucharist

Wednesday 19th: Holy Baptism

More details to be confirmed

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Regular Services

Mass Times and Devotions can be found on the website. Make your bookings as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Confirmation of bookings should be received within 24 hours, if not please contact Fr. Martin to check.

Parishioners are kindly reminded to wear a face covering and observe social-distancing and to leave church after Holy Communion to allow cleaning to take place. Confessions are available before or after all Masses, apart from before the 11am Mass on Sunday. A box is available at the back of the churches in order for you to deposit your weekly collections. Holy Souls lists will still be accepted from those who have not yet handed them in.

God bless, Fr. Martin

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Everyone is welcome to either service or to both, so please come and *taste and see that the LORD is good.*

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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Loch Leven Church (Charity No: SC049050)

Loch Leven Church is temporarily meeting online via Zoom, or at drive-in services, at 10.30am each Sunday.

Our sermon series from April to June is called *What's In A Name?* and we'll be hosting the following online services in June:

- 6 June** What's in a Name? Jesus: The Lord Saves – Matthew 1:18-25 – Loch Leven Youth
- 13 June** Drive-in service at Lendrick Muir: What's in a Name? Alpha and Omega – Revelation 21:1-8 – Andy Bathgate (former CEO of SU Scotland)
- 20 June** What's in a Name? Hallowed Be Your Name – Matthew 6:5-15
- 27 June** Communion service – Richard Gibb

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

To be kept up to date, and 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

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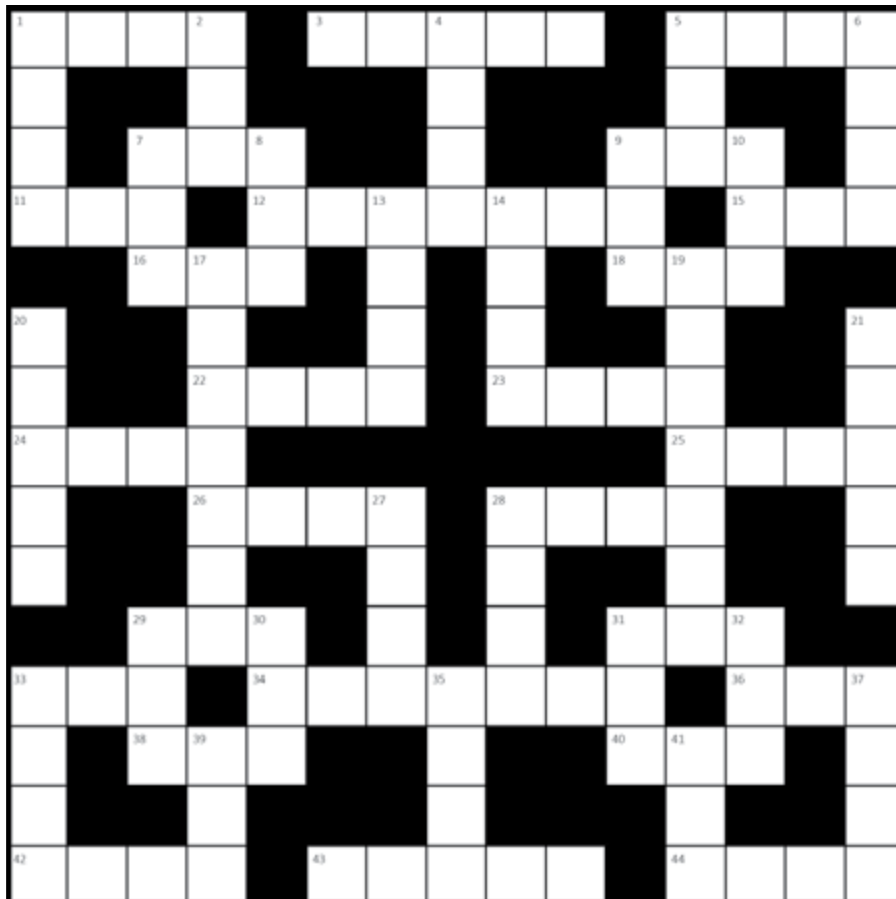
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KINROSSWORD

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 47.



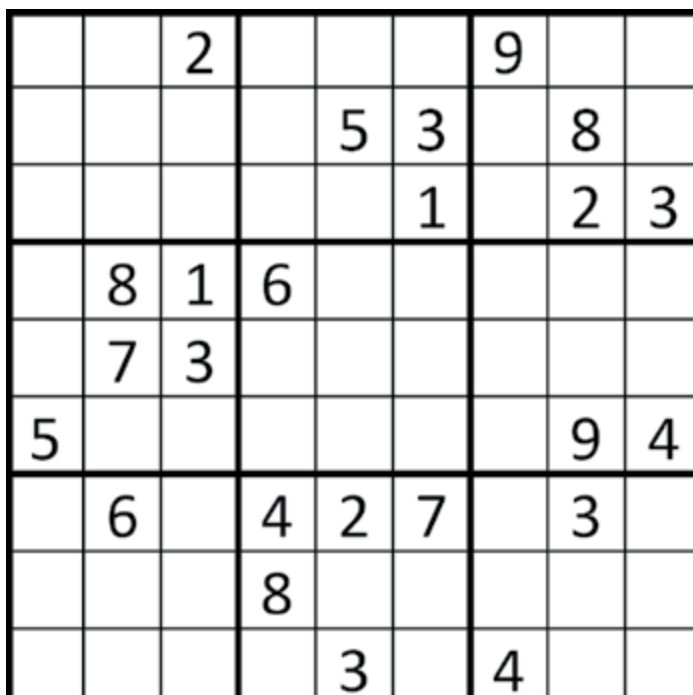
ACROSS

- 1 Place where meetings were once held (4)
- 3 What the summer market will do to you (5)
- 5 Kinross one hopefully held in August (4)
- 7 Green vegetable (3)
- 9 Curve (3)
- 11 Period of time (3)
- 12 Device for controlling the flow of water, found at Findatie (7)
- 15 Help (3)
- 16 Bank no longer in Kinross (3)
- 18 Strike (3)
- 22 Kinross has a mill one (4)
- 23 A course of action (4)
- 24 We hope Kinross will be reachable by this (4)
- 25 At any time (4)
- 26 Architect and former MP for Kinross-shire, Robert (4)
- 28 Used by fishing boats (4)
- 29 Advertisements (3)
- 31 Past tense of eat (3)
- 33 Electric one for sharing scheme (3)
- 34 Enables Cycling Without Age (7)
- 36 Loch is this (3)
- 38 Rugby achievement (3)
- 40 Untruth (3)
- 42 What you should do if you see 34 across (4)
- 43 Description of old Milnathort Beggars (5)
- 44 Capsize (4)

DOWN

- 1 What makes a polo mint? (4)
- 2 Masters' middle name (3)
- 4 Small version (4)
- 5 Title (3)
- 6 Penneys place (4)
- 7 Golf term (3)
- 8 Donkey (3)
- 9 Remains after fire (3)
- 10 Friendly black one at Sainsburys (3)
- 13 Desire (4)
- 14 Corner supermarket (4)
- 17 Traffic calming measure in the High St (7)
- 19 Receive from an older relative (7)
- 20 Street in Milnathort (5)
- 21 Means of travel to Loch Leven Castle (5)
- 27 Calf-length skirt (4)
- 28 Stylishly luxurious (4)
- 29 KADAC's passion (3)
- 30 Place for a pig (3)
- 31 Poking tool (3)
- 32 She-sheep (3)
- 33 Noisy bird (4)
- 35 Marine animal with an elephant variety (4)
- 37 Cost of driving (4)
- 39 Eurasian deer (3)
- 41 Pen filler (3)

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Kinross-shire Centre

Scottish Charity SC004968

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Weekly Programme For June 2021

Monday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.30pm
	Art class –with safety measures	1.30pm
	‘Stride for Life’ Walking Group	2pm
Tuesday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service	11.15am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.30pm
	Tai Chi (NOT 9 or 16 June)	1.30pm
	Art class –with safety measures	1.30pm
Thursday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.15pm
Friday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Bingo – with safety measures	1.30pm
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	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



It is amazing to have some of our friends back in the centre, enjoying a meal with company. We are increasing in numbers weekly.

We only have a little programme of events at the moment due to restrictions, but we hope to introduce more as and when restrictions are lifted. Thank you so much for all the support.



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Notices

KINROSS-SHIRE COMMUNITY SPORT HUB

Annual General Meeting 2021

Monday 14 June 2021

Loch Leven Community Campus at 7pm



Music in Dollar

We hope you are all well and safe, and looking forward to getting back to live music as much as we are! As the local Music Society promoting a mix of live Folk, Jazz and Classical music concerts, Music In Dollar are currently trying to finalise the programme for next season – so not all dates are here.

However – we have a really varied programme in store – starting off on 30 October with Anna Massie and Mairearad Green, two of Scotland's most revered multi-instrumentalists. Mairearad (accordion and bagpipes) and Anna (guitar, banjo, and fiddle) are a truly captivating act, providing a highly energetic performance with an instantly warm and friendly stage presence.

We end the season on 9 April with the widely broadcast pianist Clare Hammond who will play a very imaginative programme.

In between we have Ali Affleck, a jazz singer specialising in 'early' trad Jazz and prohibition era blues; the young five piece Sirocco Winds – in January; The Roxburgh String Quartet concert is rescheduled to March; and our Tunnell Trust concert of piano and cello duo will be fitted in along the way. Our mission is to promote Music around Dollar – so do come and support us while we are doing this!

The final programme will be on our website and our Facebook page.

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MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45

WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45



PKAVS Carers Social Group For Carers Throughout Perth & Kinross

We are currently running most group session via Zoom. There are some outdoor sessions which we hope to include more of in the future. If you are interested in any of the sessions or would like more information, please speak to your support worker or contact Kathleen.murray@pkavs.org.uk.

For Circle of Support contact: shelagh.pilgrim@pkavs.org.uk

Thursday 3 June 10-11am (Booking required)

Keep Fit With Crystal

Standing and seated exercises so you and your loved one can join in. It is fun, interactive and a great way to keep fit. Helps control your weight, reduces your risk of heart diseases, improves your mental health and mood. Helps you to meet others and have some fun.

CARERS WEEK

Monday 7 June (Booking required)

Capturing Your Memories With Rosemary

You will need a jar or empty box, photographs, clips, buttons, newspaper clippings etc. A memory box might include photos, favourite music, letters, or a recorded message. These can help remind your children or loved ones of happy times.

Tuesday 8 June 2-3pm

Circle of Support shelagh.pilgrim@pkavs.org.uk

Do you care for someone living with a diagnosis of Dementia? Would you like to share your experiences and hear from others following the same journey? This group aims to give carers an opportunity to share their experiences of their caring role, find out more information on Dementia and how to look after your own wellbeing.

Tuesday 8 June 6-7pm (Booking required)

Relax With Pauline

A relaxing guided self-massage and guided visualisation.

Friday 11 June 10.30am-12

Join us for two quizzes.

Interactive fun: meet others, train your brain, win prizes!

Saturday 12 June 7-8pm (Booking Required)

Guided Meditation With Rosemary

Sunday 13 June 9am- 11am (Booking required)

Keep Fit With Crystal

Wednesday 16 June 10am-11am (Booking required)

Pamper session with Rosemary. Rosemary will walk us through this self-massage session step by step.

Saturday 19 June 7-8pm (Booking required)

Guided Self-Massage With Pauline

Tuesday 22 June 2-3pm

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Thursday 24 June 10.00 – 11.00 (Booking required)

Keep Fit With Crystal

Saturday 26 June 19.00 – 20.00 (Booking required)

Pampering Foot Spa With Rosemary

Tuesday 29 June 11 – 12.30 (Booking essential)

Fish Curry With Rice. Lets get together and make a fish curry.

Wednesday 30 June 19.00 – 20.00 (Booking required)

Relaxation With Pauline



Volunteer's Week

Youth Volunteering Training

Youth Volunteering Training Tickets,

Fri 4 June 2021 at 9.30am

Go to: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/youth-volunteering-training-tickets-154720231377

The contribution that our young people make to our communities, country and society is incredible and we want to see even more young people given the opportunity to volunteer.

The Youth Volunteering Guidelines aim to help the third sector, community groups and partners in the public and private sector offer practical and effective volunteering opportunities to our young people. The guidelines are split into three parts, focusing on how to recruit, retain and develop our young volunteers.

This FREE training will:

- *help increase your understanding about the Youth Volunteering Guidelines*
- *encourage you to think about your own practice and what you can do to implement guidelines going forward*
- *give you the opportunity to share some practical tips to support young volunteers in your organisations*

Who Is This For?

Anyone who has a role in recruiting or supporting volunteers in your organisation or community group.

Please Note: The training will be held via Zoom and you will receive details of how to join along with the youth volunteering guidelines ahead of the training.

Friends of CHAS – Kinross Needs You!

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.

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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: Thursday 24 June

In-Service Days: Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 Aug

Term Starts: Wednesday 18 Aug

Term Ends: Friday 8 Oct

Autumn Holiday: Monday 11 – Friday 22 Oct

Kinross Garden Group

2020/2021 Season

Kinross Garden Group 2020/2021 Season

Thursday 10 June 2pm

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Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (senior debt adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

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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
July	Friday 18 June	Saturday 3 July 2021
August	Friday 16 July	Saturday 31 July 2021

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is
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Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



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www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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from 10am to 1pm

At the Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross

1 June 2021
15 June 2021
29 June 2021

<https://www.bankofscotland.co.uk/contactus/mobile-branch/perth.html#kinross>

Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the [kinross.cc](http://www.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.

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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...

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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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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

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Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 9am - 7pm

Sat - Sun 9am - 5pm

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Bikes and bike parts will be recycled (see separate Bike Station notice).

Collection point for Perth College WEEE project: IT equipment will be refurbished and sold on at an affordable price or recycled for parts. Items accepted include: desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones (without the sim card), tablets, keyboards, mouse controls, cables, DVD players, video players, portable music players, games consoles, new or empty printer cartridges, projectors and flat screen working monitors. The project cannot accept Cathode Ray Tube or broken monitors.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

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Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland.

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Sat	28	Farmers' Market, Kinross High Street 10am-2pm	7

September

Sat	4	Fossoway Gathering (Provisional date)	
Sat	25	Farmers' Market, Kinross High Street 10am-2pm	7

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Sainsbury's	Station Road, Kinross	Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Giacopazzi's	Lathro, Kinross	Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Giacopazzi's	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
Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood		