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Editor's Page

Cover picture: Beavers (Rose, Robbie and Cameron) with Catriona MacDonald. Photo courtesy of Beavers.

Letter from The Editor

THE LONGEST DAY OF 2021 is now behind us, although we're all hopeful that we'll get more long sunny days over the next few months, especially for much-loved and long-awaited events like the Kinross Show and the Fossoway Gathering. Our vaccination programme is not yet complete but we are making great progress and can begin to look forward to more normality, we hope.

The June Summer Market was a great success, with lots of people coming out to support the stallholders. Some youngsters had stalls to fundraise for their World Challenge, postponed to 2022. I wish them all the best for their exciting adventures ahead!

It's the first time any of us have heard live music in Kinross for quite some time, and was hopefully a taste of things to come as we reach the end of what has been a difficult and quiet couple of years for us all.

I'm delighted to have completed my training to be a

Trishaws pilot. Pictured on the cover are lovely Rose, Robbie and Cameron, all Kinross Beavers (or at least they were at the time the photo was taken, they might be Cubs now!) enjoying a ride on the Trishaws at Kirkgate Park.

Quite apart from the wonderful Cycling Without Age Scheme which has enabled older people to be driven around on the Trishaws, the Kinross Partnership have announced that their mobility scooters are once again available (booking required) for trips around the loch. It's good to see that our beautiful surroundings can be enjoyed by those who need a little extra help to get out and about.

I loved visiting all the Open Gardens in Muckhart in June and so I was delighted to hear that six gardens in Kinross and Milnathort will also be open to the public in aid of Marie Curie in August. Read more about it on p92.

Hannah Phillips, Editor

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Letters

Royal Visit

Further to your request for more information on a Royal Visit to Kinross, the occasion was the opening of Westfield Gas Plant near Ballingry, by the Queen and Prince Phillip in October 1960. My aunties Isobel and Mary with their family recall waving to The Queen and Prince Phillip as they passed the farm gates.

John Baird, Kirkness Farm, Loch Leven

The Debate Goes On...

WESTMINSTER MANAGES TO KEEP over 40% of taxes sent from Scotland by the simple accounting process of charging a population share (8.4%) of ALL Westminster expenditure even when it is of no benefit to the people of Scotland.

These items include nuclear weapons (current cost £8,300 per minute); the House of Lords; HS2; London Cross-Rail; M1 extension; Hinckley Point Nuclear Power Station; repair and maintenance of the Palace of Westminster. There is also the "London weighting" by which the richest city in the UK, with a population nearly double that of Scotland, is able to pay everyone living there a higher salary or benefit (because the cost of living is higher there!). Scotland has to pay 8.4% towards that also.

The Holyrood Parliament has 'fewer financial powers than the average English Parish Council', despite voting Yes for tax-RAISING powers; and Scottish MPs (second class MPs) are forbidden to vote for any financial Bills – which are all by definition "English" votes – with Scotland generally getting a share based on population not land size/ road and rail length/ coastline etc, ie need.

We have no say in this expenditure which is loaded onto us with the purpose of keeping that over 40% of our taxation which is needed here for worthwhile projects (and of making Scotland appear poor). This accounting system is very successful in pulling the wool over many people's eyes, including the Scottish Government's, and some of your correspondents'.

A footnote on GERS: they do not include 'the piped exports' – water, oil, electricity and gas. These would be part of an independent Scotland's income, along with freedom from the unwanted 'overheads' we are currently charged.

Susan FG Forde, Scotlandwell

The Way Forward

ON FIRST GLANCE AT THE letters page in the May edition, I thought I was reading a co-ordinated campaign by elderly Rangers supporters for greater recognition of their team's achievements.

However, I quickly realised that this was yet another chapter in the tedious debate about GERS financial statements. As a retired lecturer in politics and economics, I should point out that these figures are an estimate of Scottish expenditure and cannot be used as an accurate predictor of the financial position of Scotland as an independent nation under entirely different constitutional arrangements. GERS therefore cannot be used as an argument For or Against independence and the phrase "bald men fighting over a comb" seems apposite.

Rather than looking to the past it would serve Scots well to have an honest debate about the future of the nation. The voting patterns of Scotland and England continue to grow further apart. While the English indicate their support for current UK government policies at the ballot box, in successive elections elections for at least 20 years Scotland has rejected Conservative party policies.

With the decline and fall of the Labour party in the UK, there exists a democratic deficit, in that irrespective of the wishes of the Scots the Conservative government will continue its current policies whilst making it clear that they regard devolution as a mistake and wish to extend control by the UK government over all four nations.

The Scottish people by an overwhelming majority voted to stay in Europe, but have been dragged into the uncertain world of Brexit, fracturing of European relations which will affect future generations in terms of ease of travel, opportunities for education, and a reduction in cooperation in scientific research of particular importance in future pandemics.

Scotland, like the rest of the world faces an uncertain future, with the challenges of global warming, an ageing population, poverty and wealth inequalities. Perhaps its time for all Scots to debate the way forward for our nation, rather than carping endlessly about the alleged feelings of the Scottish government who remains immensely popular despite the hostility of the media and unionist supporters.

Independence may not be the ideal but faced with an intransigent Conservative government it may be the only way forward, and the Scottish people, who are indeed canny, need to work together to provide a constructive political solution for future generations.

Ms Jane Wilson, Glenfarg

Recycling Support Is Appreciated

THUMBING THROUGH THE JUNE edition I was somewhat bemused to read that the Kinross Recycling Centre advertise that amongst other items they will recycle Bras! Prompted a bit of a titter in this household.

Ed Link, The Sycamores, Kinross

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Thanks

KIRSTY MCCLOSKEY

IT WOULD TAKE A much greater wordsmith than me to adequately express what's in my head, but here goes.

In February last year my daughter, **Kirsty**, had a life saving operation to remove a large tumour from her brain. She now requires a very significant amount of ongoing rehabilitation of many kinds to try to regain function that we all take for granted.

The Loch Leven 24 was organised as a fundraiser to help with the costs of Kirsty's care. Without Ann and Nick Leslie, Simon Parsons and Keith Cuthbert there would never have been such an event. As a family we will forever be indebted to them for caring enough to do something on this scale. We are lucky and proud to have you as friends.

Heaps of credit also go to the team leaders Fiona Dodds (Kinross Otters), Lesley Montford (The Book Group), Stephen Woods and Scott Fenton (Kinross Colts) and Sarah Rankin (Kinross Tennis Club) who signed their teams up and spent a considerable amount of time fine tuning who went when with whom on what.

Thanks to those teams of participants, all 136 of you! Quite incredible.

Thanks to Ian Mackay and his team of epic swimmers, who changed his charity plans at the last minute to take part in and fully back the event. You were amazing by the way.

Thanks also to Loch Leven's Larder and Emma for publicising the event so well and for supplying special *#helpkirsty-walkagain* t-shirts and to Nigel Kellett from Kinross and District Pipe Band who provided the most rousing send off ever!



A special thanks to Cameron, our lovely big son, who set up and marshalled his Dundee University Swim team to an enormous amount of relay lengths at their pool in Dundee, despite studying hard for his finals in a few weeks.

To those in the background, the home bakers, base campers, well wishers and cheerers, thank you.

And an immense thank you to everyone who has supported this event by donating – strangers and friends alike – your generosity is hugely appreciated.

I have been around a bit, but I have never been part of an

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event which so captivated and energised a community in such a positive way. The weekend was a constant smile or a laugh. I along with Ann, Nick, Keith and Simon have been taken aback by how enthused people have actually been. A typical message reads like this 'In more than a little way, the event also helped us too. I have loved being involved in something. There was a sense of fun that has been hard to come by lately'.

It can be a bit of a cliché, but we really do live in a special place, with a special community. Always remember that, jealously protect it and hold it dear.

Wilkie McCloskey and the McCloskey family

DofE AWARD OPEN GROUP

ON BEHALF OF THE Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh Open Group, Martin Bell (Chair) would like to thank all those parents, past and present, who have enabled the group to flourish over the years. In particular, our outgoing Co-Chairs, Kate and Colin Low and the rest of the management team. All have given their own time to volunteer in order that our young people have an opportunity to participate and complete this excellent award.

To the new management team, thank you for stepping up. No doubt we will be nervous as we start but I am confident we can serve our young people well and live up to the standards set by those who came before us.

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STRUAN BENNET



STRUAN BENNET would like to thank the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust and all the businesses who helped him collect aluminium cans in 2019. This enabled him to buy a Giant Propel Advanced Pro 1 bike which, at his second race after a Covid-19 drought, helped him to place second overall at the Scottish Sprint Triathlon Championships

and become Scottish Junior (U20) Sprint Triathlon Champion at the age of 16.

Over the race he was the second fastest swimmer coming out a few seconds short of the leader, the fourth fastest cyclist losing around a minute to the leader and the fourth fastest runner again losing around a minute.

Thanks also to Kinross Otters for the training and to Kinross High School for their support.

www.struanbennettri.wordpress.com

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Betty and Jim Longmuir**, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 23 June. Originally from Ayrshire, they retired to Kinross in 1993 and now live in Milnathort.

Love and best wishes from all the family.



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QUEEN'S AWARD FOR BROKE NOT BROKEN



Some of the hard-working team at Broke Not Broken

BROKE NOT BROKEN HAS been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS), the highest honour in charity work. The award recognises and highlights the essential services and exceptional work provided by volunteer groups to benefit and support their local communities around the UK. It is considered the MBE for volunteer groups in the UK.

The QAVS was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. This prestigious award recognises the exceptional service and efforts that Broke Not Broken and their volunteers have gone to over the last six years and particularly in recent times of heightened uncertainty.

Broke Not Broken are the only charity in Perth and Kinross and one of just 18 in Scotland who will receive the prestigious accolade, which will be awarded to a total of 241 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups this year.

Founded in 2015, Broke Not Broken is 100% volunteer-run and relies solely on charitable donations to support local people in need. A small group of volunteers founded the charity with one simple mission in mind: to make themselves redundant within a few months. Six years later the team continue to be the cornerstone of local charitable support, providing much needed foodbank services, advice and support to Kinross-shire.

During the first weeks of the pandemic in 2020, demand for the foodbank increased by 1000% as lockdown restrictions hit. Broke Not Broken and its volunteers went from providing 32 food parcels in May 2019, to 320 in May 2020. In 2020 the team of volunteers distributed food parcels to 2234 households, totalling 6085 people, 3425 of whom were children.

The team reacted quickly to the pandemic, moving to a delivery system to keep volunteers and recipients safe, stream-



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lining the referrals process to simplify the way people could access their services and included facemasks and hand sanitiser (expensive items) in their food parcels, to ensure clients could stay safe and well.

The charity is community led and, over the years, has become a cornerstone of local charitable support; providing not only much-needed foodbank services but also additional services. These include a local advice hub and counselling for residents as well as specific initiatives to support families in need. All of which are locally funded and rely on the generous donations of the local community and shops.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, over £50k has been shared across those in need in the community in the last year. These donations have covered food costs, £18k of supermarket vouchers and funding for 15 counselling places. In the winter months, support was also given to those experiencing fuel poverty and over £2,000 of support for new winter coats provided to 96 local children.

Later this summer, representatives from Broke Not Broken will receive the crystal award and certificate from Stephen Leckie, Lord-Lieutenant of Perth & Kinross. Two volunteers will be invited to attend a garden party at Holyrood House in July 2022 (depending on restrictions at the time), along with other recipients of this year's award.

Anne McCormack, Chair, said: 'The team at Broke Not Broken are incredibly honoured and humbled to have been given this award in recognition of our work. We are incredibly proud of the support we provide to those who need it, especially as an entirely volunteer-based charity. This award recognises the hard work and commitment of not just current volunteers, but also the host of people who have been involved with our charity since its inception.'

Perth & Kinross Lord Lieutenant, Stephen Leckie, commented: 'The volunteers at Broke Not Broken are hard working, modest, selfless people with inspiring leaders, who bring change to many peoples' lives for the better. For that and for their pre-pandemic service to those across the community, Broke Not Broken Kinross is very well worthy of Her Majesty's recognition with the award of a QAVS'.

Commenting on the news, John Nicolson MP said: 'The fantastic team at Broke Not Broken has been working tirelessly to support those referred to them and other vulnerable people in our community, both during the pandemic and before.

I could not be prouder to see the team has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. It's much-deserved.'

Jim Fairlie MSP has lodged a motion in the Scottish Parliament congratulating Broke Not Broken on being awarded the QAVS. Highlighting the process for nominating local groups for the 2022 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, Jim said:

"The work that they do is just phenomenal, and I intend to pay tribute to them in my first speech to parliament this afternoon. I also know that they will agree with me when I say that whilst I applaud the work that they do, I also abhor that it is necessary.

"We should have no need of food banks in modern day Scotland, the fact that we do shows how much more still needs to be done to build a fairer, more equal society.

"I know that there is some absolutely incredible work being done in my constituency by many different groups of volunteers and I would like to see all of those efforts recognised.

"Nominations for the 2022 awards are open now, and will remain open until 15 September, so I would urge anyone who is aware of a local volunteer group whose benefit to the community deserves wider recognition, to submit a nomination.

"The qualification criteria are pretty simple – any group of three or more people that has participated in voluntary work for more than three years can be nominated and full details of how to do so are available online."



Kinross Turnout Brings Out The Best For Kirsty

LAST MONTH'S EDITION of the *Kinross Newsletter* featured a story about local lass Kirsty McCloskey, who had been stricken with a brain tumour. The Kinross community came out in their droves in the first weekend in June to show her their support.

Kirsty (21) was in her final year of a nursing degree at Dundee University when she suddenly began to experience debilitating headaches, vomiting, visual distortion, numbness and difficulties balancing. 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 the next day saved her life, but it has left her needing a very significant amount of rehabilitation.

Early in 2021 good friends of the McCloskey family (Nick and Ann Leslie, Simon Parsons and Keith Cuthbert) approached them and asked if they could do a fundraiser to help with the costs of Kirsty's care which stretched to around £14000 per year.

Nick, Keith and Simon are superb cyclists who previously cycled from Lands End to John O' Groats in nine days in some pretty awful weather. It made sense to incorporate their collective talent, so they came up with a plan. Continuous laps of our beautiful Loch Leven, by whatever means, for 24 hours. The only continuously moving object for each team was a Kirsty's Kitten, which acted as a baton.



The Loch Leven 24 was born.

Within minutes of posting their intention to do this challenge they had the Kinross Colts Football Club, Kinross Otters Swimming Club and Kinross Tennis Club signed up. They were joined along the way by The Book Group, Team Tweed (Village Inn Friday Night Drinkers) and the elite Stronachie Wheelers (Nick, Keith, Simon and Ann et al). Plans were made, lap slots allocated and numbers finalised.



Above: Ian Mackay after his epic swim

Below: Sunrise at Ziggy's Viewpoint





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A GoFundMe page was set up and the organisers set about spreading the word by every means possible. The Brain Tumour Charity was selected to benefit as well. The money began to pour in and they were all blown away by the response of the local community.

As the Loch Leven 24 neared they were joined by old friend, Ian Mackay, an Otter from years ago, who announced his intention to swim from Burleigh Sands to Kirkgate Park, a distance of 5kms. Eildh Doyle, local international athlete and multi-medal winner, who had just retired from competition that week, tweeted her encouragement. The local papers were all in touch for interviews, and Loch Leven's Larder sponsored special #help-kirstywalkagain t-shirts. The campaign had momentum.

On the morning of 5 June a small gazebo/tented village sprung up as the start and finish point of the LL24. At midday on Saturday 5 June, Nigel Kellett from Kinross and District Pipe Band piped off the first lap participants with rousing music to clapping and cheering from a crowd of around 200. The atmosphere was electric.

Of particular note was a tepee, complete with fire occupied by Keith Miller. He ensured Base Camp ran efficiently and effectively throughout the night as he provided a heat and hot beverages to participants and enthralled them with his magical chat and repartee, which totally took their minds off sleep deprivation and sore limbs.

Over 50 Kinross Colts took part, mainly from Kirsty's younger brother, Gregor's team, the 2009s.

Unfortunately, Keith Cuthbert suffered three punctures on the first lap and ended up running with his bicycle for the last four miles! This didn't stop their kitten from the Stronachie Wheelers (Stronty) covering the greatest distance over the 24 hour period, an incredible 350kms!

Meanwhile in Dundee, Kirsty's big brother, Cameron, and the Dundee University Swim Team completed hundreds of lengths of their pool in relay fashion. At Monikie Park outside Dundee, Kirsty's uncle Ken and a team of runners completed a running challenge around the loch.

LL24 then settled into a pattern of participants arriving, waiting, taking part and leaving overnight and into Sunday 6 June. A total of 136 people actually took part backed up by a small army of base camp co-ordinators, home bakers and those just generally there to cheer on and support. The youngest participant was from the Tennis club, aged 5.

Next up was Ian Mackay (68) with fellow swimmers Kayleigh Reid and Louise Valsinger and their back up team of associated canoes, who completed a simply epic swim into a headwind

Left: Nigel Kellett from Kinross and District Pipe Band

Below: Ann Leslie, Wilkie McCloskey, Keith Cuthbert, Simon Parsons and Nick Leslie

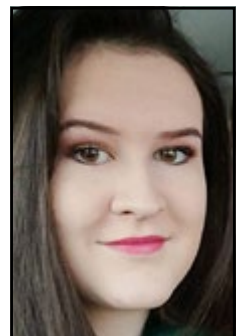


and choppy water from Burleigh Sands to Kirkgate Park in an amazing 90 minutes.

The highlight of the last lap was the organising team of The Stronachie Wheelers (Ann, Nick, Simon and Keith) setting off on two tandem bicycles. It really is quite hard enough on an ordinary bicycle! They returned in just over an hour, again to a large crowd cheering them home.

What a weekend! What an event! Keith Cuthbert summed it up perfectly – 'I can't think of any other event which has energised the local community to come together in such a positive way.' Give yourselves a huge pat on the back.

Keith made a video of the event.....a must watch at <https://youtu.be/nVlz-RpIkUlc>



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AT LAST – SOME GOOD NEWS! The Heritage Trail Scooters are back up and running!

The scheme, established by the Kinross Partnership over 10 years ago, offers those with mobility issues the chance to access the Heritage Trail by borrowing a mobility scooter for a short period.

There are two in service and both are based currently at Loch Leven's Larder. When the site works are complete at the Loch Leven Reserve, then one of the scooters will be operating from the RSPB Loch Leven site.

To access a scooter from one of the locations is really simple:

- **Phone the operating location (Loch Leven's Larder 01592 841000) and ask for a booking.**
- **Arrive at the arranged time, with photo ID, e.g. driving license or passport and proof of address e.g. utility bill.**
- **Complete the User Registration Form and Conditions of Use.**
- **Take a five minute familiarisation session, and you're good to go!**

Scooters are generally loaned out in up to half-day blocks. It's advisable to phone

to check availability but, scooters can sometimes be available on a 'walk-up' basis, so it's always worth asking.

The scooters are very robust and feature suspension, larger wheels to cope with the trail's rural surfaces, and batteries that enable a return trip without worrying about range. They are fully serviced and are regularly checked.

The Partnership is indebted to a variety of partners without whom the scheme would not operate. First and foremost are the staff at the Loch Leven's Larder and RSPB Reserve, who handle all the bookings, look after the users, and keep the scooters clean and charged.

They are grateful to all the supporters of the scheme, including Dave McLellan from Shopmobility in Perth, Vincent Anthony Media, Fairprice Mobility, the Kinross-shire Fund, Persimmon Homes and The Arthur & Margaret Thompson Charitable Trust.



The core principle of the scheme is as a free-to-use community asset, although they encourage users to consider making a reasonable donation. The annual running cost is around £600 for each scooter to cover insurance, maintenance, parts and administration.

The Partnership would like to continue the scheme and make it more widely available. They are always on the lookout for funding and for partners to assist in running and maintaining the scheme. If you would like to get involved please contact the Kinross-shire Partnership at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk.



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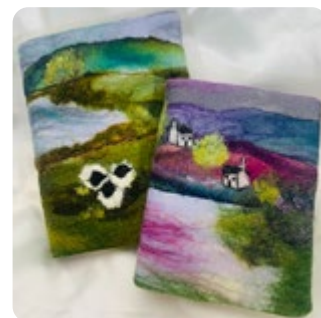
The jewellery shop showcases all of the latest jewellery designs and collections, and next door, the By Rebecca Craft Collective shop supports locally-made arts and crafts, as well as other small independent businesses with gifts from clothing, glassware, ceramics to a wide selection of art.



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The Provost's Lamp Is Back!

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED that the Provost's Lamp has recently been re-instated near Kinross High Street, on the corner near Swansacre. An information board is to follow soon.

What Is The Significance Of The Provost's Lamp?

Street lights first appeared in Kinross in 1797 when the Steeple Committee erected four oil lamps that were lit and trimmed by a lamplighter who was paid £1 1s. per year. Gas street lighting arrived in 1836 and by 1844 there were 38 lamps the length of the High Street. A novelty throughout Scotland by the mid-nineteenth century was the placing of more decorative lamps outside the homes of civic officials including bailies and provosts, highlighting where these individuals could be found. These gas-lit lamps usually bore the town or city's coat of arms.

George Bogie (1830-95), the first provost of the burgh of Kinross, held this civic position for 30 years from 1864 to 1894. In all there were 16 provosts of Kinross, the last one being Tom McBain who served as the town's civic leader from 1971 to 1975 when the burgh and the post of provost were abolished under local government reform. A provost's lamp, by then converted to electric lighting, was placed above the entrance to Tom McBain's home at 107 High Street, remaining there long after the position of provost fell into abeyance.

Where Has The Lamp Been?

After 1975, Kinross no longer had its own town council or a provost. Nevertheless, until the summer of 2018, the lamp remained affixed to the home of the late Mr McBain. His family eventually sold the property and Perth & Kinross Council took the lamp down. It was placed into storage until a decision was made as to where it should go. Local councillors asked Kinross Community Council for their view about the placing of the lamp, and they in turn surveyed local residents for their thoughts in 2018 when a consultation was done.

The Coat Of Arms And Motto

The arms of the burgh emblazoned on the lamp were based on the coat of arms of the Douglasses of Lochleven who held sway in Kinross-shire for nearly 300 years. When the Lord Lyon King at Arms formally granted arms to Kinross Burgh Council in 1934 the mercat (market) cross and burghal crown



were added. Underneath, the motto Siccar is a further reference to the Douglas family. The 'Good Sir James' Douglas is reputed to have said "Ise mak siccar" (I will make sure) when Robert the Bruce murdered John Comyn, Lord of Badenoch, at Dumfries in 1306.

Thanks to Professor David Munro who shared the history detail of this much-loved lamp with the *Newsletter*.

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NEW TALENT FOR KINROSS!

ELAINE CLOSS

BESPOKE DRESS DESIGNER Elaine Closs, has made the move back to Scotland after running her business for many years in



London, prompted by an increasing desire to connect back with her homeland and the quality of life that it has to offer. She and her partner Agustin, who is a Sports Coach, will be based in Kinross while they look for a home to buy in the area.

The earlier part of Elaine's career was

spent designing for stage and theatre, going on to develop her own collections of Bridal and Occasionwear, which were sold to stores in the UK, Europe, and the US. Deciding to focus on Bespoke, she opened her London shop/ studio, which she ran for 25 years, building a loyal client base for her creations, dressing famous clients such as Helen Mirren, who had a London base nearby.

Through her love of beautiful fabrics, expert cutting skills and an intuitive understanding of the female form, Elaine creates silhouettes which subtly flatter each individual shape. She enjoys working together with her clients to interpret or offer advice on their own



ideas or requirements, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Her trademark style is Simplicity, Elegance and Originality, which is a refreshing change amongst the often over-fussy, over-designed market of today.

Elaine has specialised in Wedding Dresses and Mother of the Bride outfits, but will design and make for all occasions and informal wear.



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DR AGUSTIN OSORIO

MY NAME IS Dr Agustin Osorio, I am a former Olympic gymnast, and I qualified from my native Cuba in 1993 with a Bachelor Degree in Sport (specializing in gymnastics), a Master's Degree in the Methodology of Sports Training – focusing in athletics, (specialising in long jump and triple jump) and a PhD in Sports Science, specialising in body movement. Subsequent to my graduation, I went on to a career of coaching in both athletics and gymnastics, at first in Cuba and then in Europe after my move to The Netherlands in 1994.



I have worked intensively with triple jump and long jump athletes from all over the world, coaching at the top level, including preparing athletes for the European Championships, World Championships and the 2012 Olympics. I have also been involved in various projects coaching gymnastics to national level both in the Netherlands and the UK.

In 2012, I moved to London, where I continued to coach in both athletics and gymnastics, plus providing strength and conditioning (dry land) training to swimmers and divers, as well as assistance in diving coaching.

I also found myself in demand as a personal trainer to individuals who were not athletes, but who were interested in improving and maintaining their fitness levels and health by on-going training sessions. In the same way that I write a training programme for professional athletes, I use my wealth of experience to write a personal training programme tailored to each client's individual needs.

My partner is Scottish, and after many years of visiting (and loving!) Scotland for family reasons, we decided in 2021 to make the move back to her homeland to improve the quality of our lives.

We will be based in beautiful Kinross while we search for a home to buy in the area, and I am continuing to offer my services as a sport coach and personal trainer, drawing on the wealth of my experience to help individuals achieve their fitness goals.

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Persimmon Apologise For Drains

IN JANUARY, PERSIMMON HOMES were given the go-ahead to build an additional 169 houses at Lathro Meadows; this came as a blow to many, as hundreds made objections to the additional development.

There have been many criticisms of the quality of the homes themselves. The housing development made headlines when Persimmon accused residents of flushing 'wet wipes and nappies' down their toilets and for having raw sewage pumped into tankers due to drainage issues.

Rowanne McGee spoke to a resident who claimed Persimmon accused her of using 'too thick a brand of toilet roll.' She also recalled that 'there was a horrendous smell for six months last summer.' Another man added that he couldn't open his windows because of the smell of raw sewage, exacerbated by the heat.

Following persistent action by the Kinross-shire Civic Trust and local representatives, Persimmon Homes have finally agreed that the drains of home-owners at Lathro Meadows are defective.

In a letter to local representatives from managing director James MacKay, Persimmon admit 'full responsibility for the problems on the development' and recognise they have caused 'significant inconvenience and disruption'. Mr MacKay goes on to write that 'the issues encountered on the development are caused by the workmanship during the installation of the sewer network.'

Persimmon Homes has agreed to remedy the problems which include digging up parts of the road on the develop-

ment and anticipate that works on the development will be complete by the end of February 2022, four years after the houses were first occupied.

Late last year, MP John Nicolson held virtual surgeries with residents to discuss their issues and put the complaints directly to Persimmon Homes. Following talks, James MacKay apologised saying: 'We would like to clarify that our customers are not responsible for the drainage issues, and apologise.'

Photos and interview by Rowanne McGee





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MP WARNS OF SCAMS ON THE RISE

MP JOHN NICOLSON has called on constituents to be more vigilant with regards to the growing number of scams in the constituency.

The National Cyber Security Centre has taken down more scams in the past year than in the accumulation of the previous three years, and cited coronavirus-related cybercrime

as fuelling the increase. The Citizens Advice Bureau Scotland is seeking to raise awareness of scams and to educate the public on how to avoid and report them.

According to this year's Recorded Crime in Scotland survey, cases of fraud have risen 63 per cent from April 2020 to March 2021, compared with the previous year. Between April 2019 and March 2020, there were 10,957 cases of fraud committed in Scotland. The figure has risen to 17,818 between April 2020 and March 2021.

Urging his constitu-

ents to be vigilant and to consult with Citizens Advice Bureau Scotland if they believe they are being or have been scammed, Mr Nicolson said: 'Many scams can be difficult to recognise and, as lockdown has forced more and more of us online for longer periods of time, online scams have become more common and more pernicious.'

'From e-mails and texts pretending to be the NHS or the Government or people knocking at your door asking for donations for non-existent charities, constituents can seek advice or report a scam to the Citizens Advice Bureau via their free helpline on 0808 250 5050 or via the webchat option on the CAB website.'

FROZEN SCHOOL MEALS

P&K COUNCIL have come under fire for their decision to support the proposal on introducing centralised production of frozen school meals from outwith the council area.

'This is very disappointing indeed' said MSP Jim Fairlie. 'Parents have made clear that this is not what they want but councillors have rushed this decision through without any consultation.'

'It is a crying shame that Perth & Kinross – arguably the food capital of Scotland – cannot provide its own pupils with a freshly cooked, locally prepared lunch.'

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REDS Celebrates Its First Birthday

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REDS has an online directory and gift card scheme encouraging spending with small rural businesses. It aims to make these visible and stimulate community, collaboration and connections.

There are already over 90 enterprises listed on the Directory and 150 merchants able to accept the REDS gift card, locking guaranteed spend into the rural economy.

For its second year, GrowBiz has decided to open REDS up and it is now free to list on the Directory for any qualifying micro business or enterprise.

To qualify, you must be actively trading, based in rural Scotland, have 10 or fewer employees and have less than £500,000 in annual turnover. Enterprises that are eligible can sign up to accept the



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We recruited a number of new pilots at the start of lockdown and they have just managed to complete their training and are enjoying taking passengers. Part of the training process is running practise rides. Here you can see new pilot Hannah's happy passengers – her parents. They climbed aboard for the ride when she needed some practise on the route along the loch path.

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TUES-THURS. ART WORKSHOP- 11AM-3PM
FRI. JOB CLUB- 10AM-12PM
FRI. DROP IN- 12PM-4PM

WEEK 2 - 5TH JULY - 9TH JULY

MON. MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY- 12PM-4PM
MON-WED. VOLLEYBALL - 10AM-12PM, 12:30PM-2:30PM
TUES-THURS. KYTHE FOOTBALL (TBC)
FRI. DROP IN- 12PM-4PM

WEEK 3 - 12TH JULY- 16TH JULY

MON. MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY- 12PM-4PM
TUES-THURS. ADVENTURE WEEK - 11AM-3PM
FRI. JOB CLUB- 10AM-12PM
FRI. DROP IN- 12PM-4PM

WEEK 4 - 19TH JULY - 23RD JULY

MON. MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY- 12PM-4PM
TUES-THURS. BAND CAMP- 11AM-4PM
FRI. JOB CLUB- 10AM-12PM
FRI. DROP IN- 12PM-4PM

WEEK 5 - 26TH JULY - 30TH JULY

MON. MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY- 12PM-4PM
TUES-THURS. DR BIKE- 11AM-3PM
TUES-THURS. OUTDOOR GAMES- 1:30PM-4PM
FRI. DROP IN- 12PM-4PM

WEEK 6 - 2ND AUGUST - 6TH AUGUST

MON. MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY- 12PM-4PM
MON-TUES. FAMILY WEEK - 9:45AM-12PM
FRI. DROP IN- 12PM-4PM

WEEK 7 - 9TH AUGUST - 13TH AUGUST

MON. MENTAL HEALTH MONDAY- 12PM-4PM
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MICHAEL BRUCE SERVICE

FOR A SECOND YEAR the Trustees have decided not to hold the annual Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration at Portmoak Parish Church. Instead, there will be a brief event to remember the 'Gentle Poet of Loch Leven' at 6pm on Sunday 4 July. Trust Chairman Dr David Munro will lay a wreath on the poet's grave in Portmoak Churchyard. A few lines of poetry will be read and the Very Reverend Angus Morrison will conclude with a prayer. All are welcome to attend.

Although the Michael Bruce Cottage Museum has been closed for some time as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and ongoing restoration works, the birthplace of the poet can be visited on request by e-mailing Dr David Munro at davidmunro@kinaskit.co.uk or phoning 01592 840203.

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Kickstart For Aaron With KWP



KINROSS WOODEN PRODUCTS Company is delighted to welcome Aaron Nellies to the team as Operations Assistant. Aaron joins the company through the Government's Kickstart Scheme; a programme which offers young people the opportunity to learn skills on the job and through structured training to build a successful career. Operations Director, John Ross said, 'The Kickstart Scheme works with employers like us to provide opportunities which will hopefully kickstart the careers of young people who could otherwise be left behind as a result of the global pandemic. As a Living Wage employer, we are very proud to offer the Living Wage to all our new starts to further their ability to grow and develop as part of our team'.

The operations assistant role includes learning the safe operation of the woodworking machinery in the workshop, carrying out woodworking, joinery, and craft type operations to manufacture a variety of products, deliver and install office and home-office furniture and other products, delivering excellent service to our customers and ensuring safe working practices.

Aaron said: 'I am excited to take up my role in Kinross Wooden Products. Having spent time studying carpentry and

joinery at Perth College, I was delighted to get the opportunity to use and develop my skills and continue working in the wooden products manufacturing sector in a local business'.

MD Kirsteen Ross, said: 'Kinross Wooden Products Company are delighted to offer opportunities to local people, and we are committed to supporting the Kinross-shire community. Aaron will undoubtedly bring a youthful approach and lots of ideas and creativity to our team in the next six months and we are really looking forward seeing Aaron's career progress.'



'I'd like to acknowledge the support we have received from Perthshire Chamber of Commerce, Business Gateway Perth and Circular Tayside who have always been on hand to offer support and advice when needed as our company continues to grow and expand as the nation looks to shop locally and

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- The 'Premium List', which details the wide array of competitions, sections and classes therein, will be available on our website and all entries in all sections need to be submitted in advance.

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OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

IT'S BEEN TOUGH FOR all of us during the pandemic, but you have to feel especially sorry for those youngsters who have missed out on a normal year 'at the top' of primary school and an easy transition to high school.

Ashley Hume decided to speak to other Kinross Primary mums to see if they could arrange something special for their Primary 7 children to celebrate the end of their year.

Ashley told the *Newsletter*, 'It all started with a little meeting at the Green Hotel. A few mums wondered how possible it would be to plan an evening for our P7 children of Kinross Primary School. After a very positive discussion with Jamie Montgomery, we soon realised that, after a very tough year full of Covid-19 restrictions, our children would get their leaving event

after all!

Parent Katharine Douglas, spent a lot of time liaising with P&K council ensuring the event met Covid-19 regulations. Her time and effort in creating all the Covid risk assessments guaranteed the day went ahead.

We formed a committee, met on Tuesdays, and with our positivity and creative minds, developed a plan for a summer, festival themed leaving event which included a BBQ, photo-booth, face glitter, festival gems, neon tattoos, bingo, limbo comp, music and more.'

Of course, it was pouring with rain, but the P7 children of Kinross Primary School still attended their 'do' on Thursday 24 June and what a night it was!

Since then, Ashley and her parent helpers have received overwhelming amounts of gratitude and appreciation from parents for which they are very grateful.

They want to thank Nick and Debbie and the staff of Kinross Beer Garden and Gordon and Suzanne at Baillies for kind donations of prizes and fabulous balloons, Jenn, our professional photographer, Joanna of Giacomazzis who gave us 2 large containers of ice cream, and Jane Allan of Ashley House Care Home, for her very generous donation.



The kids were also granted a last goodbye with their exceptional teachers, Miss Cahill, Miss McNicol and the popular Mr Graham as they made a guest appearance and joined in with the activities!

As the piper ended the night with 'Oh Flower of Scotland', the children continued to express their joy and excitement. As one put it, 'that's the last time we will be together as Kinross P7's'...

Ashley says, 'I would like to thank the amazing group of mums who helped me pull off a memory the children will cherish for a long time: Katharine Douglas, Heather Petrie, Ann Temple, Nicky Castley, Emma Fairweather, Aileen Eadie, Nikola Paisley, Shirley Morrison, Fiona Reid, Lee Halkett, Emily Shepherd, Heather McLaren and Anna Goudie.'

Here's to their High School journey!



DON'T LOSE YOUR VOICE!

LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE BEING warned not to lose their voice on decisions that affect them by making sure their electoral registration details are up to date. With local government elections taking place in May 2022, this is an important opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part.

The Electoral Registration Officer will get in touch with every household to check that the electoral register is up to date, and to identify any residents who should be registered but are currently missing. With all nationalities able to vote in Scottish Parliament and council elections, this will be an important opportunity to ensure new voters can get onto the electoral register before next year's Scottish Parliament election.

An email will be sent to some households in early July asking for a confirmation of information held about the registered electors in the property and to allow them to provide information about any changes.

For those who do not reply to the email, or who have not supplied an email address, a letter will be sent in August 2021.

For the majority of households, if the details held are correct

then they do not need to reply; there will be instructions on how they may provide details of any changes.

Mr Alastair Kirkwood, Electoral Registration Officer for P&K Council said:

'Residents need to keep an eye out for messages from the Electoral Registration Officer so we can make sure we have the right details. You might not have been able to vote before but with the extension of voting rights, you may be able to vote now – but only if you are registered'. If you're not currently registered, the easiest way is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.'

People who have moved recently are particularly encouraged to look out for the voter registration messages.

Andy O'Neill, Head of Electoral Commission in Scotland, said: 'It doesn't matter where you were born. If you are aged 16+ you can vote in elections in Scotland but only if you register to vote first. There's lots of helpful information about registering to vote on at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter.'

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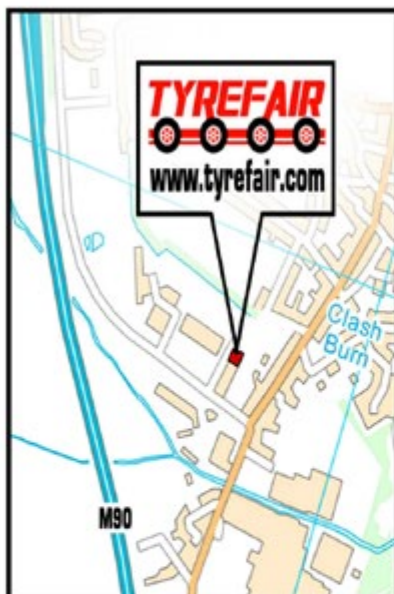
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Jungle Adventure Theme For Family Week

REGISTRATION FOR JUNGLE ADVENTURE – a Bible-based holiday club with games, crafts, Bible stories, drama, music and adventure activities – is now open. Registration can only be completed online this year, and for the first time ever, numbers need to be limited on a first come, first served basis. Forms are available at <https://forms.office.com/r/aiQLY7Kus0> or contact the Kinross Parish Church office at 01577 862570, office@kinrossparishchurch.org.

Five different venues in Kinross will be used, from Monday 2 August until Friday 6 August, with flexible start and finish times to allow parents/carers to drop off and collect children from different age groups at different locations. The children and young people will remain in the same venue for the whole morning. Children will need to be dropped off outside the door.

The locations are:

- **Pre-school and P1 Swansacre Playgroup**
- **P2 and P3 Kinross Parish Church (enter through main front door only)**
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It is also hoped to have an informal drop in for parents in the back meeting room at Kinross Parish Church from 9.45am till 12 noon each morning, depending on Covid-19 regulations at the time, and to offer various other activities for the children and young people during the afternoons and evenings, but these will be confirmed nearer the time, including on the Kinross Parish Church Facebook page.

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Councillor Richard Watters

AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY mentioned in the *Newsletter*, the Community Investment Fund (CIF) has more than £600,000 remaining from previous years. I have continued to raise this issue within Council committees, noting the need to have this money earmarked for the post-Covid recovery of our communities. We need to implement the strategic priorities identified by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) board through the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) for Perth and Kinross. The CPP board includes the Council, Police, NHS, Fire and Rescue Service, PKAV, and other community organisations.

The final stage of this process was completed in early June, when the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee agreed the process and priorities for allocating this CIF funding to our communities. Ward 8 (Kinross-shire) is getting £53,000 to spend on Community Projects that meet the five key priorities identified in the LOIP. These are:

- Poverty (including Child, Food, and Fuel Poverty) are significant issues of inequality that have been increasingly affected by lockdown.
- Physical and Mental Wellbeing have been negatively impacted by COVID. The demand for council services in this area has increased significantly during lockdown.
- Skills, Learning, and Development involve not just the lost opportunities in schools but also the need for individuals and communities to build their skills, confidence, and resilience in tackling individual and community issues to improve quality of life.
- Employability is a key part of recovery, with a twin focus on both upskilling those seeking employment and on supporting young people in an increasingly competitive job market.
- Digital Participation is increasingly important as both services and the wider society move online. Lockdown has highlighted issues with connectivity, technology, and capacity.

The CIF will be managed through the Action Partnership, with decisions being made through the CIF Panel, which includes Action Partnership members as well as the four ward councillors and a representative from each of the Community Councils.

If you want to understand how the CPP works, you can view the latest annual report here: www.pkc.gov.uk/communityplanning. This report clearly highlights the important role that the Action Partnerships played during the height of the Covid Pandemic, and the equally important role they should play in the recovery of our communities. There are many welcome aspects to the CIF, including work to speed up the latter part of the bureaucratic process so as to get funding to our front-line community groups faster than happened in previous CIF schemes, as well as clarifying the requirements relating to any potential applications. This does not fully mitigate the lack of any direct funding for our Action Partnerships in the latest budget process—which reduces the ability to respond quickly to specific local needs for funding, as during the pandemic.

The CIF Application Process is now open and information on how to apply can be viewed here: www.pkc.gov.uk/article/20535/Community-Investment-Fund

In a big step forward in the Flood Defence Scheme for South Kinross, the Floods team in the Council have published a newsletter highlighting the initial proposed flood-defence scheme: <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/22154/South-Kinross-flood-protection-scheme>



With work continuing within the Kinross Flood Resilience group, no doubt there will be an interesting discussion on the proposed scheme at the next meeting.

If you would like an invitation to the meeting, please contact me or go to the 'Kinross Flood Resilience Group' on Facebook for more information.

Councillor Richard Watters

Councillor Willie Robertson

Milnathort Primary School Grounds: I have had complaints about dog fouling in the grounds of Milnathort Primary School which I have passed onto the Council's dog warden service. They have agreed to carry out patrols in a bid to catch the dog owners responsible. Dog faeces can carry the eggs of a parasitical worm which is very dangerous for children. I would ask all dog owners not to exercise their dogs in the grounds of our schools.

Church Street, Milnathort: This badly potholed street was due to be resurfaced this financial year but unfortunately due to capacity issues it looks like the work won't be done until next year. In the meantime the potholes will be repaired and made safe. Because of the pandemic there is a huge backlog of road works to be done and not enough contractors available to carry out the much needed repairs.

Overgrown Branches: I have been contacted about branches overgrowing the pavement in a number of locations such as the Muirs, Kinross. If your property borders a path or pavement please cut back any vegetation growing over the pavement as protruding branches makes life difficult for pedestrians, especially those who may be partially sighted.

Increased Traffic Numbers: With the gradual lifting of Covid restrictions there seems to have been a huge rise in traffic levels. There is a great weakness in our road network with the only access for southbound traffic and traffic heading to North Kinross/Milnathort off the M90 being at junction 6 on the M90. The growing numbers of houses being constructed has further increased the pressure on roads like the Muirs, Springfield Road and Gallowhill Road in Kinross and Westerloan and South Street in Milnathort. More traffic using these routes lead not only to congestion but a drop in air quality for local residents. The Scottish Government must not allow any more large scale housing sites to be approved without insisting on a full upgrade of junction 7 at Milnathort.

A911 Speed Limits: There have been fresh calls for the speed limit on the A911 from Scotlandwell to Auchmuir Bridge to be reduced from 60mph to 40mph. This section of the road is the only one with a 60mph limit. Given the number of houses which have been built along this road in recent years with the corresponding increase in entrances onto the road I think the speed limit should be reduced and I have written to the Council requesting this once again.

Pitdownies: When the planning application for the Pitdownies housing site in Milnathort was being discussed many people, including myself, said that an alternative access should be created to the site off the A91 near junction 7. This was rejected. However the recent closure of Westerloan because of Scottish Water works has exposed the precarious access situation residents of North Milnathort face. With Westerloan closed people living in this area had to take a long three mile detour if they wanted to drive to the centre of Milnathort or Kinross. Developers can't be allowed to build more and more houses without making improvements to the road network.

Willie Robertson



Liz Smith, MSP

WHAT A RELIEF IT has been to enjoy some long-awaited really good weather in recent days and to see local businesses across Kinross-shire opening up to locals and tourists alike. However, with this opening up comes responsibility. Last summer we saw examples of anti-social behaviour at some of our best loved beauty spots right across Perthshire and Kinross-shire and it is really important that we don't see a repeat of this in a summer which we expect to be another bumper summer of staycations.

I was absolutely delighted therefore, to see the launch of the new Visitor Rangers being funded by Perth and Kinross Council in a bid to clampdown on anti-social behaviour in rural areas across Perth and Kinross.

There are seven rangers who will help deal with a variety of issues and they have very distinctive vans liveried up with a message about loving our area. I am sure they will become a very familiar sight across Perth and Kinross over the coming months. Perth and Kinross Council is to be congratulated for taking such a proactive measure to tackle the issues which have blighted communities – fly-tipping, litter, anti-social camping and irresponsible parking in the countryside.

These were just some of the issues raised with me by communities from St Fillans to Kinross-shire. I look forward to watching the progress of the Visitor Rangers and how they seek to address these issues and educate visitors on the Outdoor Access Code and ensure that we can all make the most of what Perth and Kinross has to offer.

It is encouraging to note other local authority areas are taking similar approaches. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful country with wide open spaces – we need to protect our natural environment so we can all enjoy it at its very best.

I have also been notified from constituents in Kinross about the ongoing issues at the Lathro Meadows development. The disruption caused by the site is clearly frustrating, but I would like to take this moment to reassure residents that it is being looked at as a matter of urgency. I will continue to work closely with Councillor Callum Purves and other local representatives to get the disruption resolved as soon as possible.

This week also saw Perth and Kinross Council relaunch its Community Investment Fund for 2021/22. These funds are a fantastic example of genuine community empowerment and it has been a pleasure to read of the small pots of cash which have been granted to local community groups across the area. The first week in June was annual Volunteer Week – a week in which to recognise the enormous contribution volunteers make in our local communities; from sports activities through to the support for elderly people; from Bloom groups to supporting people develop IT skills and get digitally connected so they can communicate with family and friends. We all know there is an army of volunteers who make a huge difference to the lives of many people. Thank you to each and every person who gives of their time to support others. Funds are tighter for voluntary groups due to the effects of the pandemic and I am confident there will be lots of bids to the Community Investment Fund when it opens for bids in the next few weeks.

Although we face another summer of Covid-19 restrictions, I am delighted that the Kinross-shire Show is still planned to be held on 14 August at RSPB Loch Leven. It is good to see that as we move through the route-map we are seeing restrictions relaxing and that will allow planning for events to come back bigger and better in 2022.

Liz Smith



Jim Fairlie, MSP

Since my last column, I have been clocking up the firsts – first question to the First Minister, first speech in the chamber, first Members Debate in my name – in fact, the first Members Debate of the session.

I was particularly pleased to have secured that debate in which I highlighted the threat to Scotland's agricultural sector posed by the UK Government's proposed tariff-free trade deal with Australia, the second largest sheep producer in the world. It isn't just the SNP, and it isn't just in Scotland that very concerned voices are being raised in opposition to this plan.

My motion had support from Labour and Green MSPs. And it is not for nothing that Martin Kennedy, the President of the National Farmers Union in Scotland, has described this proposed deal as a 'deep betrayal'.

The NFU in England warned ministers that they would struggle to compete if zero-tariffs trade on lamb or beef went ahead and the WWF said, 'in a crucial year for climate and nature, a substandard deal with Australia would make a mockery of the UK Governments world leading plans to support sustainable farming and green global supply chains'.

The letter I wrote to the Prime Minister on the subject was co-signed by ten national organisations representing different sectors of the agriculture and food industries. As a farmer turned politician and now MSP for an area with significant such interests, the concerns of those sectors will always be very important to me.

Parliamentary motions can also be used by MSPs to highlight local events and achievements and I am pleased that amongst the first I have lodged was one welcoming the Queens Award for Volunteering received by Kinross-based charity Broke Not Broken. They have expanded from their beginnings as a foodbank in 2015 and now offer a wide range of projects aimed at tackling the effects of poverty, such as an advice hub, kids' club, garden project, cookery courses and counselling.

They also got a name check in my first speech to the parliament and, as I said then, I humbly give my immense thanks to all such organisations – many dependent on volunteers and donations – while at the same time pledging to do everything in my power to make them utterly redundant and unneeded because I think it is a stain on our society that we still need food banks for the working poor, and that we still have second-hand recycling shops for people who find themselves with no cutlery and plates to eat off, let alone a table to sit at, a bed to sleep in or a chair to sit on.

I know that there is some absolutely incredible work being done in my constituency by many different groups of volunteers and I would like to see all of those efforts recognised.

Nominations for the 2022 awards are open now, and will remain open until 15 September, so I would urge anyone who is aware of a local volunteer group whose benefit to the community is deserving of wider recognition, to submit a nomination.

Jim Fairlie



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John Nicolson, MP

Ten years ago, my mother-in-law Silvana came to visit for the first time. She's from Brazil and had never been on a plane. She's also very religious and there was a good deal of praying as the plane braved the sometimes alarming air currents from Rio to the African mainland. Her great grandfather had travelled the same route a century earlier but in the opposite direction, fleeing poverty in Italy for the promised bounty of inland rural Brazil. They'd prospered, but never strayed far.



Scotland was a revelation for her. And I loved seeing our wee country through the eyes of an outsider. She couldn't believe how orderly the traffic was and how everyone stops at the lights. She thought the range of produce in the supermarkets was dazzling. She loved the fact that wherever she went complete strangers would strike up conversations. She dropped her purse at one point and folk rushed to pick up and hand her the coins that had fallen out.

But the thing that amazed her most were the colours in our landscape. We drove her round the grand terraces of Glasgow's West End, along Loch Lomondside and on to Crieff and Loch Tay. We visited Falkland and St Andrew's and drove past Stirling Castle in the gloaming. 'I've always wondered what Paradise would look like,' she told Juliano, 'and this, I think, is how I imagine Paradise must be.' Juliano smiled and looked at me; 'I hope you appreciate living in Paradise,' he said.

Working from home this year has allowed me, someone with the least green of fingers, to learn a little about the grand old garden which surrounds my wee house. Planted in farmland at the turn of the twentieth century, it is full of gnarled bushes

and moss-covered trees. The old lady for whom it was built lived until she was 100. And my aunt, who bought it in the 1980s, left it to me. During lockdown, I downloaded one of those plant apps and have been learning to recognise ground elder, speedwell and Welsh poppies as we transform a stiff lawn into a pesticide-free wildflower meadow now humming with blissful-looking bees.

Scotland's not Paradise. But in the early summer, its vistas must surely come close. And, as I write this on my terrace, listening to birdsong, I'm thankful for my blessings. It's been the grimmest of years. And many of us have lost loved ones. I know how tough it's been for so many constituents struggling to keep businesses and personal finances afloat. I hear it every week at my surgeries and every day through my mailbag. But I know too how many of you take solace in the beauty of our surroundings.

John Nicolson

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Councillor Callum Purves

Lathro Meadows Drainage

I WELCOME THE FACT that Persimmon have finally agreed to take action on the drainage issues at the Lathro Meadows development after pressure from local councillors and politicians. Residents on the new estate have had to put up with significant levels of inconvenience and disruption as a result of the problems with the drains. This has included tankers extracting sewage from the drains at all hours of the day and unpleasant smells.

While it is a step forward that Persimmon now say that they 'accept full responsibility' and are no longer blaming local residents, they are suggesting that the problems lie with the workmanship rather than any fundamental flaws in their design. When the phase 2 application was brought before the Council, I raised serious concerns about the drainage and, while the Council for once took heed of those warnings and refused the application, we still await the final outcome of Persimmon's appeal to the Scottish Government's Reporter.

Local residents on both the new and existing Lathro developments have already gone through enough. They will have to go through even more upheaval while these works to fix the drainage problems are carried out. The Reporter should do the right thing and refuse the appeal to cram even more houses onto this site and Persimmon should focus on fixing the mess that they have created.

Cleish Primary School

I WAS PLEASED TO receive an update from the Council's school estate review scheme to say that the options appraisal around Cleish Primary School is progressing and will come before the Lifelong Learning Committee in November. The



school was originally brought into the review back in 2016 as a result of its poor condition and suitability.

Parents and pupils have been extremely patient as the feasibility study on solutions to improve the condition and suitability has been pushed back and back. It is vital that this work is completed in the near future so that we have a school building that can best serve the needs of local pupils. I shall continue to push for a swift resolution.

Democratic Decisions

AS MANY READERS MAY know, I am determined to ensure that Council decisions are taken by elected councillors rather than by unelected officials. At least then you the voters have the opportunity to give your verdict on those decisions at the ballot box every few years.

There was a recent proposal to give the chief executive power to authorise expenditure of up to £0.5 million of reserves if a decision 'required to be made between meetings'. This is despite the fact that provisions already exist to call special meetings at very short notice.

To me, this would have been an unacceptable transfer of power over very large sums of money to unelected officials. I am pleased to report that after putting this case to colleagues, this proposal was dropped. A small victory, but important, nonetheless.

Councillor Callum Purves

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Summer Safety

From this Thursday Alice Cooper's classic 'School's Out' will be sounding out across the county. As we spend more time outdoors, we must consider risks to safety so here are a few tips to help have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Everyone wants to see our countryside and enjoy our waterways and coastline particularly with swimming pools being closed.

But please remember, any area of water, including reservoirs, canals and rivers can hold hidden dangers and this is particularly pertinent for those who might wish to swim to the islands found on the Tay as it passes through Perth.

With many stretches of water in the county being located in remote areas, help will often be some considerable time away, so take responsibility for your own actions and make sensible decisions to stay safe around waterways.

Be responsible and enjoy a safe summer by:

- **Being aware of the dangers when out hillwalking, cycling or near areas of water. Think about the risks and plan to minimise them.**
- **Never underestimating the current, temperature or depth when in water.**
- **Never get into the water alone and don't go swimming after drinking alcohol.**
- **If you get in trouble in water, float to live.**

You can find out more about inland water safety from our partners Scottish Water.

To get more information about how to enjoy sea sports and Scotland's coastline safely, get advice from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and HM Coastguard, and general advice about water safety is also available from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

If you see someone in difficulty or at risk at sea or along the coast always dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Recent Incidents

About midnight on Sat 12 June, two males were captured on CCTV breaking into Kinross Golf Club. Golf clubs valued at £11,600 were stolen. (CR/16666/21)

Between 3am and 4.30am, Fri 4 June, Fossoy Stores and Post Office was broken in to. (CR/15850/21)

Overnight on Wed 26 May, an orange Stihl Saw was stolen from a white Ford Transit parked in Gartwhinzean Feus, Powmill. (CR/15268/21)

Updates

A 26 year old man will be subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal for theft of a Ford Fiesta from Bruce Road, Kinnesswood on Thursday 22 April.

A 12 year boy was given a police warning for reckless conduct after throwing a stone from the footbridge on to the M90 at Glenfarg on Friday 28 May.

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

Police Scotland – local community

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PC Ashley Mitchinson and PC Martin Gemmell.

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

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

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

PC Spalding is also on Police Scotland twitter and can be followed on twitter.com/policescotland or [@Kinross](https://twitter.com/Kinross)

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Crime Stoppers

– Telephone 0800 555 111

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

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Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours 01577 865252

NHS 24 111

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Perth Royal Infirmary
(Admissions and Enquiries Desk) 01738 473734

Ninewells Hospital, Dundee 01382 660111

Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy 01592 643355

Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline 01383 623623

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Police, non-emergency 101

Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emergencies 999

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(*42* telephone and leave a voicemail)

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Council housing emergency repairs 01738 476000

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Environmental Health 01738 476476

Flooding 01738 476476

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The Japanese Gardener

Margaret Borland shares her knowledge about Mr Mat Suo, who spent 12 years working on the Japanese Garden at Cowden, and created a very colourful figure in Dollar society.

MY FATHER-IN-LAW WAS chaffeur to Miss Christie of Cowden, whose idea it was to begin the garden.

The Japanese Garden at Cowden was created in 1908 and closed to the public in 1955. The garden is the only one of its type in the world to have been designed by a Japanese woman, Taki Handa.

‘Taki Handa was the first and only woman to have designed a Japanese garden of this nature. The fact that she was appointed in 1908 is of significant interest worldwide.’ (Professor Masao Fukuhara)

My first enquiry regarding the Japa-

nese gardener began with my husband. As a small boy he remembers visiting Mr Mat Suo, who was always willing to give a demonstration of Japanese dancing, all the time chanting in time to the music.

What he remembers most about Mr Mat Suo is that he always spoke to him and treated him as a grown up and capable of understanding the meaning of the dance and Japanese customs which he explained. He also went to great pains to interpret the meaning of the Japanese characters hanging from the arches in various parts of the garden.

Regarding Mr Mat So’s dwelling-house, he remembers very little, al-

though invited in on several occasions, Mr Mat Suo being of a friendly disposition, but does remember having tea from a very small and fragile cup and vaguely remembers Mr Mat Suo mentioning that he ate twice daily.

As far as my husband’s memory of the shrine in the garden is concerned, a bell (a closed in type of bell like that on a child’s reins) hung from a hook outside the shrine with a thick ribbon suspended from the top of the bell. Inside the shrine sat pottery animals, on the back wall hung a highly polished brass shield and in the centre was a very fine earthenware bowl which contained a roll of paper with Japanese characters.

Ella Christie with Mr Mat Suo



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Mr Mat Suo explained that the bell of the shrine should be rung, the doors opened, bow three times. If your face was reflected on the brass shield then you were good, if not – then presumably you were bad.

I then spoke to many of the estate workers who are still at Cowden or were there during Mr Mat Suo's residence and who shared their reminiscences of this colourful character:

They told me that Mr Mat Suo's house was spotlessly clean. On his walls he hung beautifully coloured cretonne. His bed he covered with a large white towel so that his blankets would be kept clean. He removed all the doors in his house and hung curtains.

On sunny Sundays he removed the wall hangings and cushions and hung them outside to air over his chairs at his front door – making a beautiful display of colour. He had the most beautiful and expensive furniture and nappery.

All that he had was of the best and it would be wrong to imagine that Mr Mat Suo was a simple living person who ate rice always, because he bought the



Above: the Japanese Garden, Autumn 1938

best food and wines and in fact seemed to be rather partial to his glass of wine.

I am told that he was actually a diesel

Below: Pictured in the late 1930s the slopes of Mount Fuji, the inspiration for the Japanese Garden



engineer and not really a qualified gardener, as if he had been, he could have demanded a much greater wage.

It seems that on occasion another Japanese gardener came, called Susuki, who supervised the pruning of the trees so that they would remain small enough for a Japanese garden. It is said that Susuki stayed in the Castle Campbell Hotel during his visits, but some say he stayed at Cowden Castle.

Mr Mat Suo attended church services at Muckhart church and it is said often expressed the wish to be buried in London, where there is a special place for Japanese people. Obviously he didn't get his wish for he is buried in Muckhart Cemetery and his tombstone reads:

MAT SUO

*For 12 years trusted keeper of the
Japanese Gardens, Cowden*

Died October 20th, 1937

During his stay at Cowden he was friendly with another Japanese couple names Kiti Maru who lived in Kirkcaldy. He visited them regularly and after a stay in London, when he returned with a perforated ulcer, stayed with his friends in Kirkcaldy until he felt himself a little better. After this illness, he was never quite himself again, and would often remark 'I think I die now'.

His dress is worthy of comment. Sometimes he would wear a tall coat and brown soft hat, at others his Japanese kimono, white spats and a black hard hat.

Miss Christie gave him a waterproof which had belonged to someone in her family. He cut the foot off, made it into a little frill for round his neck, and patched a hole in the back of the coat with white material (a different colour entirely from that of the coat) instead of patching it with the piece which he cut from the bottom. He patched his clothes with contrasting colours which gave him an odd appearance. He often wore the Japanese clogs.

He was very, very kind and generous, indeed especially to children, and everyone to whom I spoke told me he was always singing. He was very interested in our country, and knew, as one lady put it, more than I do myself. It appears that he thought it quite in order to ask of anyone he visited – how old are you? – or I guess your age is – so and so – and he was seldom far wrong.

He was interested in the houses and furniture of the people he visited. On one occasion, when one lady went to make a meal, on her return Mr Mat Suo was found lying on his back on the



Taka Handi, designer of the Japanese garden at Cowden

floor examining the mechanics of her husband's roll top desk. Another time, when calling at one of the farms for eggs, when the lady of the house returned with the eggs, Mr Mat Suo was nowhere in sight. She beheld him crawling out from under her table which had fascinated him being of the round type with only one leg in the centre.

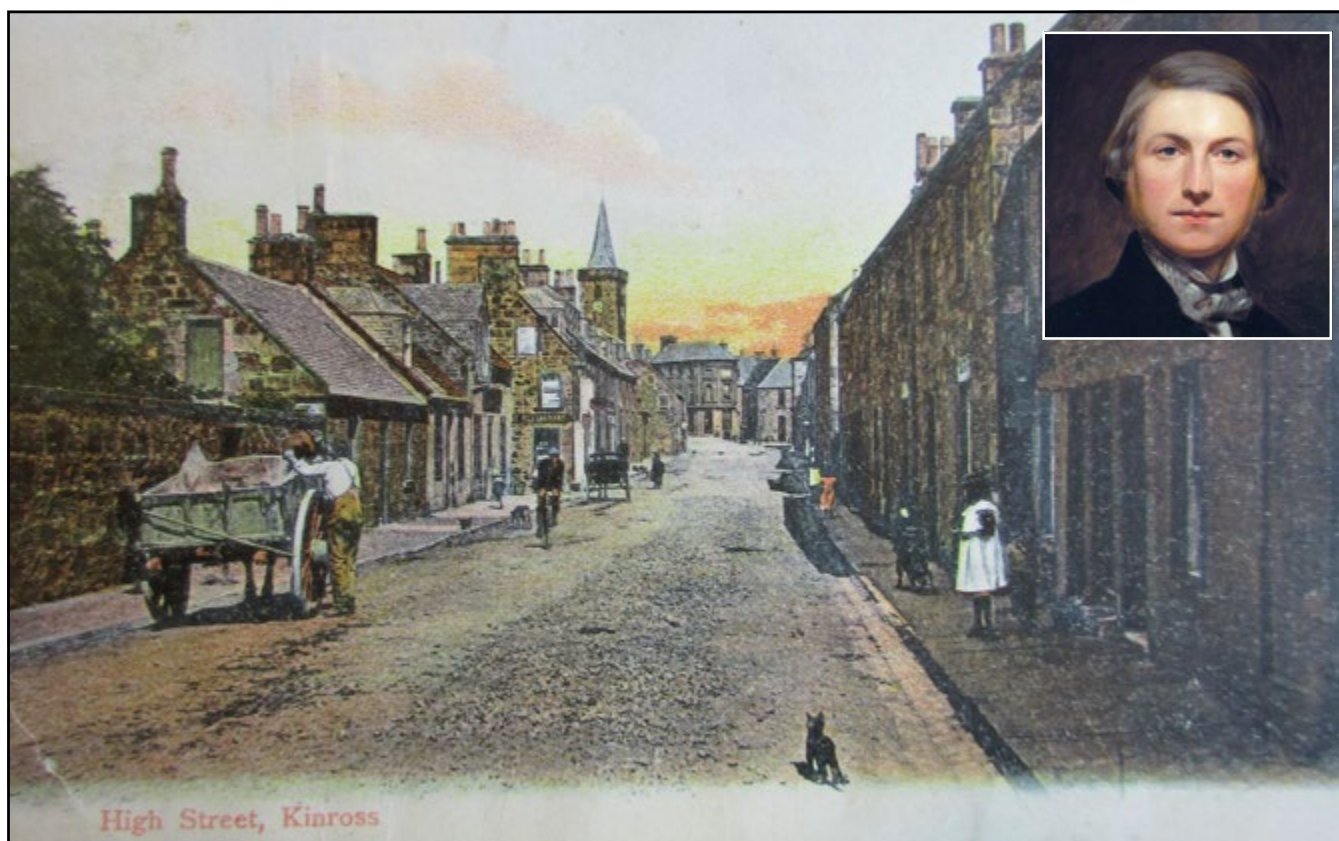
As stated earlier, his own furniture was beautiful but during his last year when he felt so ill, he began to sell it, as he said it worried him that he may not be able to keep it clean. He had no less

than three Westminster chiming clocks.

As a result of his stomach trouble he took ill and was removed to Perth Infirmary where he died and from where his cortege went direct to Muckhart cemetery. The wife of the estate forester told me I need not go to the Registrar to find out Mr Mat Suo's age, as her husband had registered the death and no one knew how old Mr Mat Suo was.

Mr Mat Suo was a very kind and generous person, sometimes comical but always likeable, and after his death the Japanese garden was never the same.

THE PICTURE POSTCARD PIONEER



Above: A hand-painted GWW postcard view of the High Street in Kinross, with (inset) a self-portrait of George Washington Wilson.

WITH THE ADVENT OF social media in the late twentieth century few people today send postcards of scenic views to friends and relatives while on holiday. But in its early days the postcard was, alongside the letter, the social media of its time. By the late nineteenth century almost everybody, including the working classes, took off on holiday and photographers began to turn from portraiture to landscape photography as a means of tapping into this new market.

One of the pioneers of outdoor photography and the mass production of photographic prints was the Aberdeen photographer George Washington Wilson (1823-93) who started his career as a portrait miniaturist before picking up a camera in 1852 to become a portrait photographer. By 1860 he had realised the potential of landscape photography which was to prove a great success. Commissioned by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, Wilson documented the building of Balmoral Castle and by 1864, as one of Scotland's premier photographers, he claimed to have sold over half a million prints.

Competing with the likes of James Valentine in Dundee and a host of local photographers such as Andrew Gardiner, Peter Ewing and J Nicol Small here in Kinross-shire, George Washington Wilson built up a business that was to employ 40 staff by the time of his death in 1893. By then G W Wilson & Co. had become one of the largest publishers of photographic prints in the world.

From about 1870 onwards Wilson relied on staff photographers to add to the firm's stock of images from as far afield as Australia, South Africa and the Mediterranean. It was about this time that the company also began to build up of wide range of photographs taken in Scotland and England, many of which were turned into postcards as well as stereoscopic images.

The George Washington Wilson Photographic Archive in



the University of Aberdeen holds 38,000 images of which 129 were taken in Kinross-shire by the firm's staff if not by George Washington Wilson himself. Among the Kinross-shire Historical Society collection of postcards held in the Museum there are a number that can be identified as produced by G W Wilson & Co. by looking at the rear of the card which has the letters GWW inside a diamond-shaped surround.

One of the GWW postcards to be found in the Kinross Museum is a hand coloured image of the High Street looking northwards from the foot of the town on a summer evening with the sun beginning to set over the Ochil Hills. Unlike many other photographs of the time which include local residents standing on the doorsteps of their homes dressed in their Sunday best, this postcard portrays, whether by accident or design, a series of interesting interactions involving both people and animals.

A cat, which has wandered into the frame at the bottom of the picture, looks towards a dog on the right hand pavement. The dog, which seems to have been called by its owner, a lady with an apron further up the street beyond a young girl in a pink frock, has just started to run towards the caller but suddenly halts and turns its head towards the cat. The young girl in the white frock wonders why the dog has stopped in its tracks.

Meanwhile, across the road another story unfolds. The owner of a horse-drawn gig greets his client who is emerging from a restaurant, no doubt after a hearty meal. A rather wobbly

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Commonwealth War Graves Commission

THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES Commission (CWGC) honours the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces, who died in the First and Second World Wars, and ensures they will never be forgotten. Their work commemorates the war dead, from building and maintaining cemeteries and memorials at 23,000 locations, in more than 150 countries and territories, to preservation of extensive records and archives. Their values and aims, laid out in 1917, are as relevant now as they were 100 years ago.

While many people know about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's (CWGC) work in France and Belgium, there are more than 160,000 war graves spread across the UK, which are often less known about. Over 37,000 of these graves are marked with private memorials chosen by the family, instead of a CWGC headstone. CWGC does not own or maintain private memorials, but monitors their condition to ensure the individual's name is legible.

Work Continues

Today, over a hundred years later, CWGC continue to work to ensure that all the Commonwealth men and women, who died during both world wars, are commemorated in a manner befitting their sacrifice.

As well as maintaining these sites, CWGC continue to look for gaps and differences in the way they commemorate. From amending records, to searching for missing names, to building new memorials, the CWGC is committed to ensuring that the memory of all the Commonwealth men and women, who died in the two world wars lives on.

This work will continue until all the war dead of the Commonwealth, wherever they came from, and wherever they fell, are remembered, as originally

promised, recognising the contribution and sacrifice of all those who served and died.

Just One Local Example

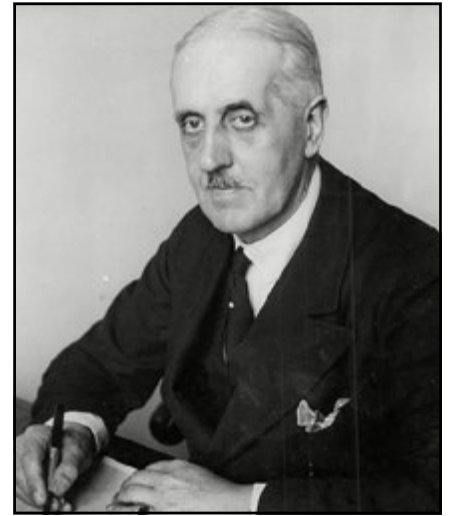
Local man Andrew Downie – Reichswald CWGC cemetery, Germany (see photos on p46), and Kinross north cemetery. Andrew was shot down, aged 21, with his four colleagues, who were tragically all killed over a western part of Germany, close to the Belgium/ Holland border, in April 1942. They were returning from a bombing raid. The five airmen were later transferred to the Reichswald Forest CWGC Cemetery on 12 November 1947, where they found their final resting place. The family added his name to the family gravestone in Kinross, still regularly visited by Andrew's sister Margaret.

Empire Of The Dead

The Imperial (now Commonwealth) War Graves Commission was the very first of the war grave organisations.

It is difficult for those of us who have become familiar with the cemeteries and memorials that commemorate our war dead to appreciate what a revolutionary idea remembrance and, therefore, the Commission, was in 1917. Nonetheless, the Commission was a pioneer, and what it was doing during, and in the aftermath of, the First World War was extraordinary.

Never had a nation, let alone an Empire as vast and multicultural as the British Empire, attempted to commemorate all its war dead from a given conflict. No template existed for the task of commemorating the dead on such a mammoth scale. Everything we now take for granted, every facet of remembrance, had to be worked out, debated, costed and delivered. The Commission, and the establishment of remembrance as we know it, is largely thanks to the vision and determination of one man.



Cometh The Hour...

At the age of 45, Fabian Ware, educator and journalist, was too old to fight when the First World War started in 1914, but he was determined to 'do his bit'. His pre-war career was varied – he had been an educator in South Africa, the editor of the Morning Post newspaper in the UK, and was a committed Francophile and fluent French speaker. He became the commander of a mobile unit of the British Red Cross – initially attached to the French sector of what we now call the Western Front.

Fabian was shocked by what he found. The sheer number of casualties was without precedent. There was no system in place to bury the dead, record or mark their final resting places. If men were buried, it was usually by their comrades, and their grave markers, a temporary wooden cross. Many more bodies were simply left where they were – unreachable in no man's land.

Fabian became determined that the dead would not be lost or forgotten. His vision chimed with the times. Under his dynamic leadership, his unit began recording and caring for all the graves

Postcard Pioneer

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cyclist, riding on what today would be deemed the 'wrong side of the road,' has managed to avoid the gig and is now trying to keep well clear of the next obstacle, a builder's horse-drawn cart which is being emptied of its contents by its tired owner whose sleeves are rolled up after a hard day's work. Oblivious to all of this, and to the cat which has walked into the scene, another dog is searching for scraps on the left hand pavement.

Every postcard tells a story and often the messages written to the addressee can be interesting and amusing. On another GWW postcard of the High Street the sender writes to a relative in Edinburgh in 1903 after spending a halfpenny on the card and a halfpenny on the stamp. His only comment is 'Another penny wasted on you.' You can make that story up for yourself.

David Munro, Kinross (Marshall) Museum

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they could find, behind the lines of the Western Front. By 1915, their work was given official recognition by the War Office, and incorporated into the British Army as the Graves Registration Commission.

But Fabian was still not happy. What would happen to the graves once the war was over, and the Army had left France and Belgium. He became convinced of the need for an independent organisation that would reflect the spirit of Imperial cooperation, evident in the war and the permanence of commemoration.

Encouraged by the Prince of Wales, he submitted a memorandum to the Imperial War Conference in 1917, suggesting such an organisation be created. It was unanimously approved, and so the Imperial War Graves Commission was established by Royal Charter on 21 May 1917, with the Prince serving as President, and Ware as Vice-Chairman.

Establishing Principles

The Commission set the highest standards for all its work. Three of the most eminent architects of the day – Sir Edwin Lutyens, Sir Herbert Baker and Sir Reginald Blomfield – were chosen to begin the work of designing and constructing the cemeteries and memorials. Rudyard Kipling was tasked as literary advisor, to recommend inscriptions.

The dead were to be buried where they fell – there would be no repatriation of remains – and rather than a cross, a standard headstone would be used to mark their graves. For those with no known grave, great memorials to the missing would be erected, to ensure they would also be remembered.



In all cases, no distinction would be made between those lost – as their sacrifice had been common, their commemoration would be common also.

The Impossible Task

The Commission faced some almost insurmountable challenges. To start, there was the mammoth task of identifying hundreds of thousands of war dead, many of whom had been hastily buried in ad-hoc battlefield graves, or whose records were inaccurate, fabricated or, at times, missing entirely.

The Commission's work also stretched far beyond the comparatively confined battlefields of the Western Front, to theatres, where the nature of recruitment and the fighting, as well as the inadequacy of wartime burials and administrative paperwork, left a legacy of missing men and missing names.



Faced with these and other difficulties, and influenced by entrenched imperial attitudes towards some of the peoples of empire, it is now clear that the Commission did not always adhere to its principles so rigidly applied in Europe.

Closer to home, the very idea of commemorating all the dead in the same way was considered controversial. Some families maintained their own ideas of how they wanted to mark the graves of their loved ones, and were desperate to bring them back. They railed against the Commission's policy of non-repatriation. For others, the decision to cater for different religions caused anger from a predominantly Christian Great Britain. These factors placed enormous pressures on the Commission as it tried to see through its vision, and although always driven by the spirit of unity through common sacrifice, the outcomes of this work were not always as uniform or equal as the organisation had promised.

'The Single Biggest Bit Of Work Since The Pharaohs!'

Nonetheless, after the first 'experimental' cemeteries were built in Europe in 1920, and were warmly received by the press, much of the public came to appreciate what Ware and his fledgling organisation was attempting to create. The Commission then embarked on one of the largest building programmes ever seen. The mammoth task of creating the First World War cemeteries and memorials would not be complete until 1938, and just one year later, the same organisation would be asked to commemorate the dead of a Second World War.

The CWGC is now a truly global organisation – working to care for war graves at 23,000 locations, in more than 150 coun-



tries and territories. CWGC commemorates almost 1.7 million individuals.

Looking after that global estate is a multinational and multilingual workforce, numbering approximately 1,300 – the vast majority of whom are gardeners and stone masons.

The *Eyes On, Hands On* project allows volunteers across the country to reconnect with this history and heritage on their doorstep and help CWGC to ensure these war graves – scattered across more than 12,500 locations – are clean and well-tended.

Once trained on the *Eyes On, Hands On* scheme, volunteers are encouraged to visit the churchyards and burial grounds near to where they live, and undertake inspection visits, and clean ups, to ensure each grave is in a good condition. This regular information from local volunteers ensures CWGC's professional teams can be better directed, and allows fast action, if an issue is found. Kinross and District Rotary Club are embarking on helping with this project, with the graves in the three Kinross cemeteries.

How To Search

The CWGC database contains information on about 23,000 cemeteries and memorials worldwide, where Commonwealth casualties from the two world wars are commemorated. It is possible

to search for cemeteries and memorials by name, location, war, and even size. Country and location and war are drop down lists, from which you can select the desired country, or location, or war, you wish to search by.

If you know the name of the location you wish to visit, you can enter it into the location field. An exact match is not

required, as you will be presented with a list of possible matches. The number of casualties' field can be used in combination with the above or on its own to search for and find locations both large and small.

The author will be happy to answer any questions - via the Editor.

Andy Middlemiss, BEM, DL

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News from the Health Centre



Covid Vaccinations

BOTH PRACTICES are almost at the end of the Covid-19 Vaccination Campaign. If you have not heard from us and it has been at least 8 weeks since your first vaccine, please get in touch.

If you are aged 50 years and over and have not yet had your first vaccine, please contact the surgery to be booked in.

Hay Fever

HAY FEVER is usually worse between late March and September, especially when it's warm, humid and windy. This is when the pollen count is at its highest.

Symptoms of hay fever include:

- *sneezing and coughing*
- *a runny or blocked nose*
- *itchy, red or watery eyes*
- *itchy throat, mouth, nose and ears*
- *loss of smell*
- *pain around your temples and forehead*
- *headache*
- *earache*
- *feeling tired*

If you have asthma, you might also:

- *have a tight feeling in your chest*
- *be short of breath*
- *wheeze and cough*

Hay fever will last for weeks or months, unlike a cold, which usually goes away after 1 to 2 weeks.



How To Treat Hay Fever Yourself

There is currently no cure for hay fever and unfortunately, you cannot prevent it. But you can do things to ease your symptoms when the pollen count is high.

DO

- *Put Vaseline around your nostrils to trap pollen*
- *Wear wraparound sunglasses to stop pollen getting into your eyes*
- *Shower and change your clothes after you have been outside to wash pollen off*

- *Stay indoors whenever possible*
- *Keep windows and doors shut as much as possible*
- *Vacuum regularly and dust with a damp cloth*
- *Buy a pollen filter for the air vents in your car and a vacuum cleaner with a special HEPA filter*

DON'T

- *Cut grass or walk on grass*
- *Spend too much time outside*
- *Keep fresh flowers in the house*
- *Smoke or be around smoke – it makes symptoms worse*
- *Dry clothes outside – they can catch pollen*
- *Allow animals into the house if possible – they can carry pollen indoors*

Pharmacists Can Help With Hay Fever

Speak to your pharmacist if you have hay fever.

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WINNING WAYS

by Jo Middlemiss

I WANT TO SHARE with you a letter I received from a friend who is in the same line of business as me. I am changing the names in the story, but the details I am not changing at all.

Dear Jo,

Today has been like the day before you go to the dentist. Tomorrow it will be a year since we lost James, and, unlike the other 'firsts' (his birthday, Christmas Day etc) it isn't an anniversary that we can find any positive thoughts about. So forgive me if I am not particularly 'inspirational' today. I'm not the sort of person who dwells on things, or someone who takes a negative view on life. But, I am certainly a person who can reflect on what has happened over the last few years. My son changed MY life beyond recognition, and is STILL changing the path of many people around him – either through me, or from the knock-on effects on what he did when he was around – and because we lost him. The only thing that I take strength from when I think of tomorrow is that I AM proud to have had a little boy, who literally 'changed the world' even though he couldn't make a sound. His old special nursery school is now more capable of dealing with 'highly dependent' children, because he upset the system!

Both Susan and I very rarely get 'worked up' about anything any more, because we know what is really important in life. I could go on, but all I want to really say to you is appreciate what you have going for you, and don't dwell on what might have been, what should happen, or what you wish were different tomorrow.

Anybody could deal with what Susan and I have had to over the last few years, but it's not until you do something like it yourself, that you understand how much untapped potential there is in every person, yes, that includes you!

So, as a favour in respect of James, please take a little time over the next few days to think of what's GOOD in your life.

We spend too much time focusing on the negatives to realize what an amazing time we can have, if only we allow ourselves to. I know because I can and so can you.

Wishing you all the best,

John

As you can imagine this letter had a profound effect on me, and I hope that it has touched your heart also. How was I to know that a letter written many years ago would be helping me and my family as went through the unbelievable sadness of losing our own son to a mental health illness. How prophetic that letter was.

Every now and then you hear something that pulls you up short, and makes you think twice about everything that is going on; about what you are putting your attention on, and giving your energy and power away to. John's letter reminded me that we have to grab what we have of life with two hands, and make the best of everything, and don't put off your dreams until the time is right. When my mother was young, she wanted to go to art school. Her father didn't think it was a good place for a young woman, and she had to go off and get a proper job! She put her ideas of becoming an artist onto the back burner. In her latter years she dabbled in watercolours, and all the talent she had as a young woman was still there, but her eyes were failing. What a lost opportunity.

And finally I want to tell you the tale of The Maligned Wolf.

The forest was my home. I tried to keep it neat and clean. Then one sunny day, while I was clearing up some rubbish I heard footsteps. I hid behind a tree and saw a rather plain girl coming down the trail, carrying a basket. I was suspicious of this girl straight away, because she was dressed in a weird outfit – all in red, and her hair covered up, so it seemed like she didn't want people to see her, or know who she was. Naturally I stopped to check her out. I asked who she was, and where she was going, where she had come from, and all the usual necessary questions. She gave me some yarn about taking food to her grandmother. Although she looked honest enough, she was trespassing in my forest, and I decided to teach her a lesson for traipsing about unannounced, and dressed funny!

I let her go but raced ahead to the granny's house. When I saw that nice old lady, I explained my problem, and the grandmother agreed that the girl needed to be taught a lesson. She agreed to stay out of sight; in fact she hid under the bed.

When the girl arrived I was in the bed dressed as the Grandmother. The girl came in looking all rosy cheeked, and immediately made some rude crack about my big ears. I've become used to insults, so I tried to make the best of it, by suggesting that my ears would help me to hear her better. Now what I was saying was that I liked her, and wanted to pay close attention to what she was saying. But then she made another equally insulting crack about my bulging eyes. You can see that I was beginning to think that this nice looking kid was actually a very nasty person. Still I've made it my policy to turn the other cheek, so I told her that my big eyes helped me to see her better.

Her next insult really got to me. I've got this problem with having big and rather unsightly teeth, and of course she spotted this, and landed another cruel comment about their size. I knew I should have controlled myself, but I growled and said my teeth would help me eat her better.... Well of course I didn't mean it, (no wolf would ever eat a little girl), but this crazy kid started running round and round, screaming her head off. I just wanted her to keep quiet. Then all of a sudden this great big woodcutter man came in wielding his great axe. I realised pretty quickly that he wasn't open to calm discussion. I saw an open window, and quit while I was ahead.

I'd like to say that was the end of it. However that Grandmother character never did tell my side of the story. Before long word got around that I was a mean and nasty guy. Everybody started avoiding me. I don't know about the kid in the funny outfit, but I didn't live happily ever after. In fact wolves are practically extinct, and I'm sure that weird little girl had something to do with it!"

Makes you think doesn't it? There are always two ways to look at every story.

Jo Middlemiss MBE

This article is dedicated to the memory of Oliver Middlemiss who died two years ago on 14 July.

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 May Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 were: Councillor L McKay (Chair), Councillor D Colliar, Councillor W Freeman and Councillor M McFarlane, Councillor R Watters and minute taker Mrs C Aird.

Apologies Councillor H Phillips, Councillor T Stewart, Councillor M Wood, Councillor C Purves and PCs A Mitchenson and M Gemmell.

Police Report

Community officers had been passed more complaints about speeding in various areas around Kinross. These have all been added to the speeding matrix and efforts will continue to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols. Traffic units from Perth have also been carrying out regular speed checks in the Kinross area and a number of tickets have been issued over the last month for speeding.

Since 22 April 2021 there have been 105 calls to Police from the Kinross area. Nine crimes have been recorded on Police systems within this period consisting of false reports to Police, vandalism, theft and various road traffic offences.

Councillor McKay commented that there appeared to be a lot of Police in the area and Councillors Colliar and Freeman advised that the area is used for training purposes due to the closeness to Tulliallan.

Matters Arising

Provost's Lamp

Councillor Colliar confirmed that agreement had been reached for the lamp to be positioned on the grassy area on the corner of Swansacre. The lamppost which was currently in position will be removed and repositioned at the corner of Burns Begg street. KCC await a costing from Scott Denyer at PKC but it was noted that a grant had been received to cover these costs. Councillor Colliar also advised that he had requested that PKC tidy up the area as well.

Councillor McKay enquired as to whether it would be possible to request a bench for the area but was advised that previous benches had been removed due to antisocial behavior.

Burns Begg Road/ Kirkgate Park Road

Councillor McKay advised that both areas needed to be repaired due to the poor condition of the road. Councillor Watters agreed to raise this matter with PKC.

On a related point, Councillor Freeman enquired as to when the public toilets would be reopened at the Church Centre. Councillor Colliar advised that these toilets are only open when the day centre was open hence the reason for them being closed at the weekend.

Councillor Watters advised that the closure of public toilets was high on the list of things to consider when funding is being discussed. Councillor Colliar commented that it was now very difficult to find public toilets in towns in the area and gave an example of toilets in Perth City Centre. He advised that the toilets at The Inch were very difficult to access as the disabled parking spaces had now been turned into electric parking points. Also, unless you have a disabled key, people cannot access these toilets. It was pointed out that this was particularly difficult for people who while not being registered disabled but had a temporary injury such as a broken leg, and had great difficulty using the public toilets. Councillor Watters agreed to contact his colleagues in Perth about this issue and would ask them to chase up these

issues. Councillor Colliar advised that the disabled parking spaces at St Catherine's Retail Park now had a bollard at the end of them, causing access issues for anyone who reverses into the spaces and he felt that Councils needed to give thought as to the needs of the users when designing car parks.

Councillor McKay enquired as to when the signs for Kinross Learning Centre would be removed. Councillor Watters agreed to follow this up on receipt of the specific sign locations from Councillor McKay.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received

21/00664/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 5 Muir Grove, Kinross.

21/00636/FLL Installation of public access defibrillator and CCTV camera at 15 Swansacre, Kinross.

21/00854/FLL Erection of garage/store with home studio/office at Craigton Gardens, Cleish, Kinross.

21/00807/FLL Alterations to building, erection of replacement boundary walls and formation of vehicular access at 16 High Street, Kinross.

It was noted that this last application was for the old TSB building. An application had previously been submitted to change the building into a pharmacy but it would now appear that the building has been sold on to Anderson Smith Group, with a proposed change in use requested.

Planning Applications Determined

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

21/00616/LAW Extension to dwelling house at 9 Muirhead Crescent, Kinross, withdrawn.

21/00429/FLL Erection of a garage at 71 Bowton Road Kinross, approved.

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

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

21/00342/FLL Installation of pipework associated with existing ground source heat pump system (in retrospect) at land 780 Metres South West of Balado House Lodge, Balado, approved.

21/00273/FLL Alterations to dwelling house and erection of a dwelling house at 51 Argyll Road and land 10 metres east of 51 Argyll Road Kinross, approved.

20/01960/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 22 Muirpark Road, Kinross, approved.

Other Planning Matters

Councillor Colliar advised that he had received an email in respect of the application from Persimmon Homes who were dropping condition 7. Councillor Colliar had been unable to find any information about what condition 7 was but it was thought it was in relation to making a smaller park/open space area and increasing the size of the parking area.

Councillor Watters advised that he too had been unable to decipher the application and would therefore speak to someone in the Planning Department to get further information.

It was agreed that a request for an extension would be sought if the removal of condition 7 was deemed important.

Reports from PKC Councillors

Councillor Watters advised that Lachlan McLean would be in contact with KCC in respect of the crossings at Gallowhill Road/The

Muir as Persimmon Homes had agreed to pay for both the crossings under Section 75, and if not done by March 2022, the money will be returned to Persimmon Homes.

In respect of the Flood Resilience Group, an issue had been raised with Keith Colville in respect of insurance cover. Cllr Watters has raised the issue with Barbara Renton, CEO, who has asked that officers get in touch with the Group.

Cllr Watters confirmed that Clackmannanshire Council provide insurance for the Clackmannanshire Flood Group and he was therefore unable to understand what the particular issue with PKC is. He is to contact his colleagues in Clackmannanshire Council to arrange a discussion around this issue.

Cllr McKay asked that Cllr Watters arrange for the flooding issue on the road just before the Cleish junction to be looked into. Cllr Watters reported that PKC officers recently claimed that the drains had been cleaned, particularly those in flood risk areas.

Reports From CC Representatives

Cllr Freeman reported that he had received a letter from 'Next Door' for the Kinross/Milnathort areas and wondered if this was a scam. No one present had received a similar letter and it was agreed that a post would be put on the Community Page to ascertain if anyone else had received such a letter. Cllr Freeman also agreed to speak to PCs Mitchenson and Gemmell.

Cllr Freeman advised that the market had been held on Saturday and had been very successful.

Cllr M McFarlane enquired as to whether there had been a meeting about the website last week and he was advised that there had appeared to be some misunderstanding over meeting dates, but there had been no meeting last week.

Cllr McFarlane advised that he had emailed Colin Low requesting further information on the survey results and the date of the next meeting. Cllr Colliar suggested that the

majority of people visiting the website think it's a KCC page and the CC may well need to review their decision in respect of a change of name for the website.

Cllr McFarlane confirmed that he had signed the digital banking certificate last week for the Greener Kinross Initiative and the bank account issue should be resolved soon. In response to a question from Cllr Colliar, Cllr McFarlane confirmed that he would deposit the cheque from KNNLNC once the bank account was open.

Everyone had agreed that it had been nice to see such interest in the car but there had been disappointment noted on the Facebook page that it had not been an electric car. Cllr McFarlane and Cllr Watters are to meet with the individual who made that comment later in the week.

Cllr Watters felt there were a lot of opportunities in Kinross for electric charging points and a lot of information available which he would pass on to KCC. Cllr McFarlane advised that he had received a response from PKC in respect of a change in funding stream and an explanation as to why no electric cars were provided at this moment. In respect of access to the car from residents of other areas of Kinross-shire, it was agreed that it would be possible to place the car in different locations. Cllr Colliar asked Cllr Freeman to have a look at the seat at the War Memorial as he believed it was damaged and needed to be repaired.

Cllr Colliar commented on the Kinross in Bloom planters being pushed in close to the war memorial, and he agreed with Cllr McKay about the damage being caused to them by cars parking in the vicinity and it was agreed that a meeting between KCC and KiB needed to be arranged to come to an agreeable conclusion.

Cllr Colliar asked if Cllr Watters could investigate who in PKC was responsible for memorials and he agreed to follow this up. Cllr McKay enquired as to who to contact in respect of painting



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at the back of Scot Bet and while she was advised that this was owned privately, it was agreed that CClr H Phillips would write to the Chief Executive to ask for assistance, especially since it was in a conservation area.

CClir McKay advised members of the The Queen's Green Canopy scheme which has been launched to encourage people to plant trees between October 2021 through to the end of 2022 – to mark the Queen's platinum anniversary.

The Woodland Trust are offering free saplings to communities and schools etc. to celebrate the occasion. While there was no agreed location of where to plant the saplings, it was agreed a number could be requested and placed throughout the town. CClir McKay is to look into the scheme further and will update at a future meeting.

CClir McKay also raised an issue in respect of the community garden in Hayfield Garden which had been completely decimated and commented on how sad it was to see the garden in its current state. After discussion it was agreed to add this item to a future meeting in order to discuss the issue in more detail.

CClir McKay also raised the issue of the possibility of obtaining outdoor gym equipment for the public to use in one of the parks. CClir McKay was advised that a company had been in contact via email about this very subject and she agreed to look into a group for parks in the area for funding and also to see if the 'Friends Of Kirkgate Park' still existed.

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

Fossoway and District Community Council

News from the June 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 3 August 2021.

Present at the meeting held on 1 June were: Community Councillors (CClirs) S Bruce-Jones, T Duffy, C Farquhar, C Haigh, M Haigh and N Marchant; Cllrs W Robertson and R Watters; Two members of the public (MoP).

Apologies: CClirs A Cheape and G Pye; Cllrs M Barnacle and C Purves; PC Ashley Mitchinson.

Police Report

There were no incidents to note in our area since the last CC Meeting from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch. Community Officers have received more complaints about speeding in various areas around Fossoway, which have all been added to the Police speeding matrix and they will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during their patrols. Traffic units from Perth have also been carrying out regular speed checks in the Fossoway area and have reported three drivers to the Procurator Fiscal over the last month for speeding. Also, a report of a theft. A MoP raised concern regarding speed of HGVs.

Matters Arising

A977 Mitigation: CClir Bruce-Jones noted that new gateway signs into villages had been erected but queried why there was a new 30mph sign in Drum as she believed that PKC had agreed that this would soon become 20mph. Cllr Robertson agreed to raise this with PKC.

Road realignment is intended to be done this financial year, but contractors have a large backlog of work. PKC budget is secured even if work is not completed this financial year.

Fossoway Area Transport/DRT: CClir M Haigh reported that at the meeting on 27 May concern was raised regarding use of new X53 bus and potential ongoing impact of people continuing to work from home. Discussions are ongoing regarding a new service linking Powmill (and potentially Blairingone) to Kinross. MoP queried if this could be further extended to Alloa train station and Halbeath Park and Ride improving access to major cities.

The CC's view, supported by PKC Cllrs, was that our rural community (and Scotland) lacked an integrated transport plan, and this should be raised at next Transport meeting. In addition, CClir Duffy will send a letter to our MSP. Cllr Robertson suggested that MoP attend next transport meeting. MoP queried whether funding for sustainable transport could be obtained from the SSE Fund for Sustainable Communities or Tayside city deal. PKC Cllrs stated that PKC did not have any City deal monies assigned to transport. MoP also noted that a large park and ride is intended for the Kincardine area to align with proposed re-opening of Alloa to Dunfermline railway line. A bus link from our villages with suitable timetable would be advantageous.

Community Development Trust: The meeting held on 26 May included an extremely useful presentation from DTA Scotland which will help inform structure of the trust and engagement with Community. It's proposed that the Fossoway Gathering be used as a launch event with further engagement with each village.

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

Rumbling Bridge Gorge Bridge: CClir Duffy reported that the flood survey should be underway.

Crook Moss Travellers Site: CClir Farquhar has continued contact with the community and will work with Cllr Barnacle regarding supporting the community to provide a turning circle at the end of the site.

Planning Officer Site Visits: CClir Bruce-Jones noted that the site behind Schiehallion now has large industrial skips.

Aldie Road Vegetation: No work has been done.

Fossoway Gathering: CClir Duffy said that there is still a provisional plan for an event on 4 September.

Drummond Park Fire Hydrant: CClir C Haigh has received no response from the Fire Service and will engage with Cllr Barnacle to try and obtain response.

Crook & Drum Growing Together: baskets for residents along the main road will be planted on 5/6 June.

Return to Physical CC Meetings: CClir Bruce-Jones has contacted the Halls and is waiting on response.

New Business

CClir Farquhar has received communication from Nicky Cledland (retired nurse) who would like to provide Powmill residents with first aid training and use of defibrillator (Covid restrictions permitting).

CClir Bruce-Jones passed on a report from Cllr Purves that a final proposal for the Kinross-shire Forum will be made to PKC's August meeting.

Community Council Business

Minutes Secretary: PKC Cllrs suggested a budget request is made to PKC for inclusion of monies in our grant for a minutes secretary. CClir Duffy will write to PKC.

CClir Marchant attended the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg Stronger Communities meeting on 1st June where there was an update from Kinross and District Men's Shed and Kinross Meal Makers.

Community Council News

If the next meeting of this CC is still not allowed to be physical, we will be offering online attendance by members of the public. Anyone interested in attending should email the CC at fossoway.cc@gmail.com for details. Please see the CC's Facebook page for the latest position.

P&K Councillors' Reports

Willie Robertson: There is growing evidence that PKC is struggling with ground maintenance. As Covid restrictions decrease it is hoped this will improve.

Richard Watters: Proposed that PKC have discussions with Officers regarding the need to ensure developers in rural locations enforce the building of affordable houses rather than pay monies as an alternative. Consider improving planning policies to ensure this.

Planning

New Applications

21/00374/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 7 Moubray, Crook of Devon, Kinross, no CC comment.

21/00453/FLL Formation of an access track at Dam Wood, Blairingone. Neutral comment regarding logging traffic on single track road with kerbside cottages and requirement for passing places.

21/00719/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Newhall Farm, Solgirth, Dollar, no CC Comment.

21/00785/FLL Erection of ancillary accommodation unit with garage and store at Bridge House, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, no CC comment.

Decided Applications

21/00124/FLL Change of use of garden ground and garage to form office (Class 2) and associated parking area at Honeysuckle Cottage, Carnbo, Kinross. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

Appeals

20/01425/FLL (LRB-2021-04) Extension to dwelling house at Duanbrig, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon. Appeal dismissed – The CC did not comment.

Enforcement Issues

20/00809/FLL Craigton Farm Lane Planning Enforcement Officer has visited the site and is seeking information from the agent for the planning application as to why the caravan has been sited on the land but have not yet received a response.

There is no CC meeting in July. The next meeting of Fossoway and District Community Council will be on Tuesday 3 August 2021 (Crook of Devon Village Hall or Virtual).

Milnathort And Orwell Community Council News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 10 June Councillors M Thomson (Chairman), S Colebourn (treasurer); A McCrae (secretary); M Kirkbright and A Ward; associate member K Heneghan; Cllrs C Purves; W Robertson; R Watters and five members of the public.

Apologies Councillor Craig Williams.

Matters Arising

Roads

There are various planned works by Scottish Water over the next few weeks. On 6 July Stirling Road will be closed for one day.

Core Paths Update

Unfortunately, the training session that will enable the core paths group to commence has been delayed again due to Covid-19.

It was noted that there are various issues with overgrown paths and waterlogged areas. Solutions will be reviewed when the group has been trained and equipped.

There has been an amendment to the core path heading north of Burleigh castle. With assistance from the landowner the path has been extended so that it connects with the existing gate, providing access to the road. Boulders will need to be removed.

There is an issue with the core path north of Pace Hill. People are not keeping to the edge of the field and are damaging crops. The path will be signposted when the signs are received from the council.

The dilapidated benches east of Burleigh castle have been targeted for replacement.

Town Hall Reopening:

We are glad to hear that the Town Hall is able to reopen after a prolonged closure. Various improvements have been enacted over the past few months. There is now a PA system and Bluetooth mics that will enable better sound quality at meetings. There is also broadband / Wi-Fi along with a new ventilation system, sanitiser and a one way system.

It was noted that numbers will be restricted until restrictions are lifted further.

Baffling panels are still being pursued but the cost is currently prohibitive.

Comments And Questions From The Floor

An issue was raised around plastic tubing on planted trees. Councillor Willie Robertson addressed this in his report.

The trees at Auld Mart Wynd have become overgrown. Councillor Thomson will contact Purvis and request that they are cut back.

The handrail in Jessie's park has missing bolts. Willie Robertson will report this to the council to fix.

New green routes are being established on the roads to the north of Milnathort. This will reduce the speed limit to 40mph and ensure that walking and cycling is safer.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Willie Robertson raised the poor state of the road on Church st and informed the meeting that it was due to be resurfaced this financial year. He also raised the issue of the lack of capacity for glass recycling in Milnathort.

Cllr Willie Robertson commented on the issue of plastic being left on planted trees. Community Service teams would be able to remove the plastic. Please contact Willie Robertson or the community council with areas of concern.

Cllr Callum Purves commented on the *Kinross.cc* website and the plan to use the website to create a connected hub for local businesses and organisations.

Cllr Callum Purves also commented on the issue of speeding on Back Loan which is in a 30mph zone. Going forward areas without pavements will be reviewed with the possibility of moving them to 20mph zones.

Cllr Richard Waters commented on the new Toucan crossings that are due to be installed before the end of March 2022. Both crossings will be installed during August.

Other Matters

Cllr Malcolm Thomson is due to meet with the Town Hall Committee to reach agreement for the site of the David Hendry memorial bench.

The community council would like to pass on their thanks to Stuart Brown for organising another litter pick.

Cllr Michelle Kirkbright commented on the issue of dog fouling in the community and the need for a dog bin near Websters and Burleigh castle. The community council will write to the council to request an update on this and Cllr Willie Robertson will also chase this up.

The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council will be held via Zoom at 7pm on Thursday, July 8th, 2021. Anyone who wishes to attend is asked to contact communitycouncilmilnathort@gmail.com

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Monday 7 June 2021 were: CCllrs F. Principe-Gillespie (FG), CCllr C. MacLaren (CM), CCllr F. Whalley (FW), Cllrs C. Purves (CP), W. Robertson (WR) and R. Watters (RW) and 7 members of the community.

Apologies were received from P Appleby (PA), M T aylor (MT), J Leishman (JL) and N Robertson (NR). The Chair (FG) had however received an update from PA and MT – see below.

Matters Arising

Crime Prevention

PC Ashley Mitchinson (AM) reported as follows:

Ongoing issue with speeding at Blairforge – police are currently stretched for resource but plan to address the issue in due course.

Reports of unmarked white van acting suspiciously – AM asked for members of the public to be vigilant and report any further sightings, together with registration number to police.

Various crimes recently – farm theft, van burglary, Fossoway store burglary and stones being thrown on to the motorway. There were 19 traffic incidents also. AM encouraged extra vigilance and use of 101.

Members of the community also raised issues of bike racing on the B996 and speeding on Benarty Road.

In relation to speeding CP advised the residential area at Lochrin is due to be reduced to a 40mph limit shortly.

Correspondence

FG raised email correspondence received from CP re realignment of CC boundaries. The outcome is that CP advised the proposed boundary changes have now been agreed and PKC records will be updated shortly.

Newsletter Distribution And Future CC Meetings.

There was lengthy discussion regarding newsletter distribution and it was agreed to move from paper to digital in line with other CCs. Minutes will be posted to social media and the website, although if any members of the community raised a specific request for email or printed copy then that would be accommodated where possible.

It was also agreed that minutes should be published in the *Kinross Newsletter*.

There will be one last paper version that will outline the go forward arrangements.

It was agreed CC meetings would continue via Zoom short term and be reassessed as the Covid-19 risk receded.

Broadband Update

Following PA's approach to the local Openreach manager cabling that had fallen from its site and straddled the field entrance between Keltybridge and Maryburgh has now been relocated and made secure.

It was noted that Morrisons Data are currently surveying the Cleish area on behalf of Openreach in anticipation of R100 rollout (expected Spring 2022). Details on village noticeboard. CP advised last 13 properties in the Cleish Exchange currently excluded from R100 would be covered by the survey.

Financial Update

FG noted that MT had advised funds of £543.71 were presently held.

Planning Report

FW led discussion as follows:

Erection of a dwelling house in principle 90m South of Hillview, Blairadam, to be reviewed at Local Review Board.

Alterations at 1 Blairfordel Steading, to be reviewed at Local Review Board.

Cleish House alterations (listed building), revised proposal approved.

Erection of Folly and track creation at **Inneans, Cleish Hill** – there were a number of local objections and the application was refused. The Planning Officer however gave guidance on points to be addressed for a future application, which is expected.

Beatha Cottage, Maryburgh alterations to dwelling house in retrospect, approved.

2 Middleton Park alterations and extension, approved.

Hollow Cottage, Kinross (40m West) dwelling house erection, approved in principle.

Gordon Bungalow, Benarty Road, erection of dwelling house, refused. Pre-planning request and amended proposal has subsequently been submitted.

Land 120m NE of **No 2 Blairfordel Farm Cottage, Benarty Road, Kelty** – change of use from agricultural to equestrian business, dog exercise area, car parking and temporary residential accommodation. Numerous objections were heard from members of the community, citing issues such as visual impact, policy conformity, access restrictions, precursor to housing development, together with significant noise and light pollution.

WR advised each objector to ensure they formally raised objection with PKC as more than six objections would trigger referral to Development Management Committee (closing date is 21/6). The Coal Board has also apparently raised concern due to potential gas leakage. CC agreed to object, albeit this only counts as one entry.

Concern was raised, albeit various members of the community had different experiences, with regard to timeliness of responses from PKC planning department. WR suggested the issues might be CV19 related but advised the route to complain would be via the Head of Development Management (Christian Smith). WR also offered to be conduit to a complaint.

Unauthorised Development At Blairforge – enforcement notices have been issued, with a requirement for site clearance (containers and caravans) by end May. No further update was available.

Village Update – Blairadam

PA provided an update in advance to FG.

The Blairfordel finger post at the south side of Maryburgh had fallen off and thanks to a local resident has now been repaired and replaced.

A local resident approached PKC regarding litter/pallets/waste on the B996. PK Councillor Callum Purves has actioned this as a result.

PA represented CABCC at the Kinrossshire transport group on 27 May. There was nothing affecting our council to report although attention was drawn to a new charity KMGO (Kinrossshire Move Greener) whose commitment is to reduce the environmental impact of daily travel, promote health and well-being and generate local economic activity. PA would urge community councillors and residents to visit the website at www.movegreener.org. They can be contacted at admin@movegreener.org.

A member of the community enquired about speed bumps for Benarty Road and there was further discussion on speeding, ownership of the road, whether it is adopted or not and also the issues caused by straddling Fife / PK Council boundaries. CP to visit site in the first instance

Flooding was observed (just after Middleton House) on 24 May and it appears storm drains are not working effectively.

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WR agreed to ask for a survey and will contact the roads superintendent.

Village Update – Cleish

FW raised frequency of grass cutting in the village (can be 3/4 week intervals). WR advised staff issues are most likely due to reallocation of responsibilities during CV19 and if we are patient then service will soon resume as normal. WR will take it up if this is not the case.

FW noted a culvert on the roadside opposite Cleish House is collapsing gradually and will eventually cause flooding in the village if not remediated. WR will raise with PKC to see what can be done.

FG noted a successful Litter Pick last weekend and expressed thanks to all involved

CP advised a school presentation to the parent council has been made. Further presentation to PKC with potential options is scheduled for November 2021, dependent on availability of a feasibility study. In any event it will be 3 to 4 years before any major works can be undertaken. Options are being explored in the interim to improve conditions and suitability.

CP has followed up on the traffic calming issues raised at the last CC meeting in the Boreland area. The suggestion can be summarised as a nameplate and further 40 MPH signs. CP has written to CM on the issue, who will revert after seeking local feedback.

AOCB

Best Kept Hamlet to be judged last week in July

FG noted the Kinross Fund has cash available to fund qualifying community projects if there is any local requirement.

The next meeting of Cleish and Blairadam Community Council will be on Monday 30 August 2021.

Portmoak Community Council News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Tuesday 8 June were Cllrs A Davidson (Treasurer), S McGregor (Secretary), D Morris, K Donaldson, G Smith, Cllr R Watters, and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs C Purves & W Robertson.

Matters Arising

Road Safety Action in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

The CC confirmed that the road safety actions applied right along the A911, including Easter Balgedie, following the strong turn out of residents at the May21 CC meeting. The CC will update the future agenda to reflect this.

Willie Robertson had followed up his actions points, but he was not available to update on these. An attending resident of Easter

Balgedie made a suggestion to install traffic lights at Easter Balgedie, for safe crossing and to encourage drivers to use the B9097. There was another suggestion for installation of average speed cameras. The CC commented that the A911 is an A-road, and PKC seemed reluctant to put physical barriers in to reduce speed, compared to other local authorities. The CC called again for the A911 route plan as agreed in PKC meeting with PCC in November 2020. Cllr R Watters suggested policy from Scottish Government was to create paths and off-road routes with road furniture that may create safer routes in locations like E Balgedie and Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell where the pavements are very narrow, but that finances were always an issue. The CC commented that PKC road officers had not completed work that had been promised for many years, and that as a CC they would support any work the Cllrs needed to achieve their goals.

Glenlomond Sewage, and Water Supply to Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie

Cllr A Davidson updated: a specialist had assessed the sewage works and will carry out repairs which will solve problem. As far as water supplies for fire fighting are implicated by water outages, it has been confirmed there is no fire hydrant in Glenlomond so the Fire Services are dealing with that separately. There are also implications for the upper part of Wester Balgedie which also share the same water main.

Construction Of Hill Track, Bishop Hill, Kinnesswood: Drainage, Gorse Clearing, Electric Fencing

Cllrs D Morris and G Smith had been out to view the lower hillside along the length of the path. There were concerns that the drainage pattern appeared to have changed as a result of the track construction work that was carried out by the land owner in the autumn. Cllr Smith explained this included increased water flow into the top of the Cobbles with the risk this could then exacerbate existing flooding problems along the Main Street. The Cllrs also expressed concern about the scale of the gorse clearing and how far this might extend across the hillside, with implications for amenity, wildlife and water flow off the hillside. This was an issue which would also involve NatureScot. The CC noted that the landowner already recognised the need to examine the drainage pattern following the autumn works. Cllr R Watters related another situation which has been referred to the PKC flooding team and engineering consultants had been giving advice. Cllr D Morris suggested that in the Loch Leven area advice from land use consultants rather than engineers was probably the greater priority and referred to previous discussions and meetings in the 1990s regarding the pollution of Loch Leven by chemicals and silt blown or washed off the fields. The CC agreed that it might be beneficial to have a general discussion later in the summer about land use as a whole in the area,



especially in relation to climate change and biodiversity needs, along with flooding issues, and to examine whether different land use patterns were desirable.

Portmoak Primary Parking Issues

Cllr D Morris had met with Paula Woods, the Acting Headteacher at Portmoak Primary. The changes that the school would like to see are the same as those discussed at PCC some years ago and agreed with PKC, but not actioned.

Friar Place, Scotlandwell

Hedge height reducing visibility: S Forde advised the hedge is now approx. 8ft tall.

New Matters:

Police Reports

The Local Police Report: no police liaison was in attendance at the meeting. A new Police Sergeant had reached out to the Secretary to introduce himself. The CC appreciated this and had responded.

Planning

New Applications

21/00580/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse, Land 20 Metres North Of Bonaly Cottage Main Street Kinnesswood – public comments now extended up to 15 June following the developer's late submission of a Design and Access Statement. Cllr D Morris reminded the meeting that the CC had already objected to this application. The CC agreed that this Design and Access Statement makes no difference to the basis for the previous CC objections with regard to the height, scale and bulk of the proposed house, its impact on the Conservation Area and its non contribution to affordable housing requirements. The CC will write to PKC to reinforce its existing objections. Cllr DMorris has confirmed with PKC that existing representations from members of the public remain valid but further comment, or new representations, can still be made up until 15 June.

21/00909/FLL Extension to dwelling house and formation of balcony, 5 Bishop Terrace Kinnesswood, no CC comment.

21/00357/FLL West Feal application approval: The CC noted that this had been approved without any reference in the planning officer's report to the committee, or in the planning conditions, to the PCC's recommendation that vehicles using the narrow access road, which was also a Core Path, should be required to move in forward gear and not reverse, due to the risk of collision with non-motorised users.

Planning Decisions

Progress with Developments:

Westfield Community Liaison Committee

K Donaldson reported the ongoing works in Westfield over the last month. The water bodies have all been fenced off and there has been clearance work in connection with access roads within the site. The original Company chosen to build the Energy From Waste Plant has pulled out and a new company is in the process of being contracted. Ground works are now scheduled to begin towards the end of July to beginning of August.

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Paths Group

To note progress: The Paths Group had supplied a report for the CC meeting.

Activities over the last month included: clearing vegetation on trails in Stephens Field; clearing vegetation along Peat Loan section of MBW from Grahamstone track to Portmoak Moss, with PKC Ranger assistance. The 'Explore Portmoak Paths' indicator board had now been installed at car park by Portmoak School - providing map and detailed information on 7 different circular walks around Portmoak. The immediate priorities for ongoing work include: improving the MBW section from top of the Cobbles at Napix to the gate onto the hill; Strimming Dryside Road path; Clearing vegetation as required on MBW and on paths in Stephens Field.

The Paths Group continue to work on longstanding priorities that needed action by PCC/TRACKS/PKC. These are:

1. Safe off-road path Easter Balgedie to Kinnesswood;
2. Safe off-road path Kinnesswood to Scotlandwell;
3. Completion of the link from the Heritage Trail to Lochend Farm Shop (TRACKS project)

The Group would like to hear from local residents on any other priorities for local path improvements. New volunteers would be made very welcome, contact details can be supplied by contacting Secretary@Portmoak.org

Treasurer CC Accounts:

No movement on the accounts over last month. Payment coming through for the Paths notice board. Also charges for Zoom subscription need to be reimbursed to Secretary. Treasurer will continue to work with former Treasurer to move accounts from Royal Bank of Scotland to the Kinross Credit Union.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 13 July 2021

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Club & Community Group News

Kinnesswood in Bloom

The village is beginning to look its colourful best with planters flourishing, garden beds filling with flowers and art works adding to the enjoyment. Regular Saturday work parties have been augmented by extra sessions to keep up with weeding, planting and painting.

This summer is different from the usual in that some of our competitions are being judged a little differently. The local villages are being visited on the week beginning 26 July.

At about the same time we have to submit our digital entry for the RHS Britain in Bloom awards. There will be no visit from judges, but we have to submit documents telling our story in up to three categories. We have opted for two which highlight our strengths. As well as the written submission we have to send up to 10 photos in each category and a video. Andy Masson has helped by making some drone footage of the village and Gordon Vance is putting together a video which will show the highlights of our village.

We will be visited by judges for the Beautiful Scotland Awards, however, there will be different rules due to Covid-19 restrictions and depending what is happening in August. We can't give them our usual hospitality, only two people can go round with them and a limited number meet them en route. However, we will enjoy meeting them and already know that they are new judges to us. By the beginning of July our portfolio will have been submitted.

The school raised beds are looking good and the crops are growing well. The polytunnel is nearing completion and has a few things growing inside in the meantime. Our members will keep an eye on things in the summer holidays and we all hope for bumper crops in the autumn. Sometimes things are ready to harvest in the holidays and, where possible, they are frozen for future use in the classroom. Parents please remind your children and young people not to interfere with things in the school grounds. Nothing is more annoying to John than to find that the water barrel has been emptied!

Most of the artwork is on display. There will no treasure map this year due to Covid-19. However, there is a QR code so that families can use their phones to follow the Kinnesswood garden/art trail and discover fun facts. We will post instructions on Facebook and on the noticeboard to show you what to do.



Recipe

Supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Summer Garden Soup

This recipe uses seasonal ingredients but, if you don't have any, just substitute something else.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 medium fennel bulbs, trimmed halved and diced
- 4 new potatoes, cut into cubes
- 1 litre well-flavoured vegetable stock
- 1 medium courgette, cubed
- 2 large handfuls of broad beans
- 2 handfuls of peas
- A few spring onions, thinly sliced
- 1 small lettuce, shredded into small pieces
- A large handful of mixed herbs
- Squeeze of lemon juice

Method

Heat olive oil in a pan followed by fennel and potatoes. Soften gently for 5 minutes. Add vegetable stock and bring to a low simmer.

Add the courgette, broad beans, peas and spring onions. Cook for 2-3 minutes then add the shredded lettuce and cook a further 2 minutes.

Stir in the herbs and season to taste with salt, pepper and a squeeze of lemon juice.



Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk

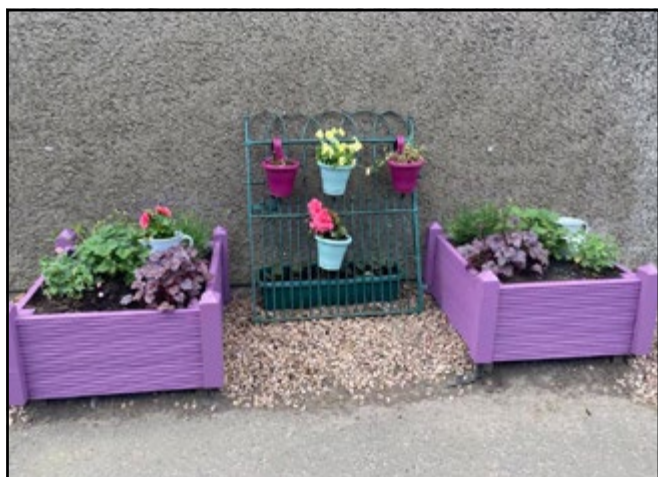


It is a delight to report that we recently held two outdoor painting days where, within current Covid-19 guidelines, members met up to paint 'en plein air'.

On Friday 28 May, 10 members attended the outdoor painting session at a sunny Kirkgate Park. Laden with chairs, art equipment and refreshments, individual members chose their preferred spot and settled down to create an artwork. Throughout the session, though, there was lots of cheery chat. Passers-by were also thrilled to see us and many enjoyed a brief break in their walk to engage with the artists. A thoroughly splendid day!

A few weeks later, on Tuesday 15 June 2021, a few members met in front of Loch Leven's Larder for a slightly chillier painting experience. Although dry and 'almost' sunny, the brisk breeze curtailed the outdoor painting session. Nevertheless, it was also a great opportunity to meet up, paint, draw and, of course, catch up with art club friends. Both events were successful and we are planning another session for July. A big thank-you to John Tydeman, our outdoor painting co-ordinator, for continuing to motivate and encourage members to paint 'en plein air'.

All going well with Covid-19 restrictions continuing to be lifted, we hope to restart normal painting sessions on Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. All current members will be informed nearer to that date to confirm arrangements.





KADAC members attending a pleasant outdoor painting session at Kirkgate Park

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



At the time of writing, June is disappearing fast. However, we are happy to report a steady stream of customers making their way to Common Grounds and there are happy faces all round.

A nomination for a charity award also brought smiles, as it was from a group of High School pupils. It is so encouraging to learn of their interest in groups trying to help those less fortunate. Whether we are the lucky recipients of the £1000 donation or not, we are so appreciative of their efforts on our behalf; thanks to all involved.

We also had a stall at the Kinross Midsummer Market in June. Hopefully readers were able to stop by to sample the home baking, pick up a book and have a spin on the tombola. Thanks to our volunteers for their donations in making this possible. All profits enable us to continue supporting very worthwhile charities.

Project: Our project for July is an Emergency Relief Organisation, Care International, who we last supported in October 2017. Care International responds to emergencies/disasters affecting the lives of millions of people. With emergency response experts on the ground in over 60 countries (95% of them are citizens of those countries) they provide emergency food, water, sanitation, shelter and health care support to people in need. After immediate needs are met, they stay on to support affected communities to help rebuild their lives and livelihoods. Care are currently responding to a second wave of Covid-19 across India and the Yemen Crisis.

More information is available 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



Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

The musicians of the Kacophony Orchestra are delighted that rehearsals have started again with conductor Dougie Flower. Many thanks to Kinross Beer Garden for allowing us to use one of the marquees for the first few rehearsals. In the meantime, we are allowed to play (socially distanced) indoors. Sessions now take place throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

The Kacophony Orchestra is for adults who would like to play their instruments in a group. We invite all orchestra instruments to come along (all abilities are welcome, but it is handy if you read music).





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Kinross Farmers' Market

The market is held is on the fourth Saturday of every month. The next market will be on Saturday 24 July and will take place from 10am-2pm on the High Street of Kinross.

The market is a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders and to shop at the High Street's established businesses. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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

KYTHE

7 Weeks Of Summer Activities

Building on the success of previous school holiday activity schedules, KYTHE has an ambitious 7 week programme planned for the young people of Kinross-shire.



The ever-popular activities remain as follows:-

- Art and craft workshops with Katy-Beth.
- Outdoor games with Abbie, Jack and more.
- Band camp.
- Friday drop-ins.
- Family week.

In addition, this year the extensive programme also includes the following:

- Adventure week with canoeing, abseiling, bush craft and other outdoor activities.
- Bike maintenance in partnership with Blazin' Saddles; learn the necessary skills to keep your bike (and others) in tip top condition!
- Volleyball in partnership with Scottish Volleyball. Come and give it a try, have fun and spike like a pro!

For the first time ever, Mobile KYTHE will be travelling the surrounding areas of Glenfarg, Cleish, Crook of Devon, Powmill, Portmoak, Bridge of Earn, Oudenarde and Abernethy! Look out for us in our new gazebo and our pop-up youth workspace!

For details of dates and times, see p24 in this Newsletter and @instaKYTHE, @KYTHEbook, @tweetKYTHE

Kinross Beavers

In May we presented lots of certificates and presentations given out to several beavers and leaders whilst continuing with a packed syllabus.

On 14 May Catriona MacDonald came to Kirkgate Park to talk to the beavers about Kinross Trishaws and the support they provide to the local community. The beavers had a great time being taken round the park and they all now know to shout and wave when they see the trishaws out and about. They also learned about the Green Cross Code and bike maintenance.

Following Finn's achievement of gaining all his beaver badges, Daryl was delighted to present him with a letter from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Perth & Kinross, Stephen Leckie, congratulating him on behalf of the Queen. Well done again Finn.



On the same night we also wished good luck to Cameron, Ryan, Gareth and Jude (above) in their scouting journey as they moved up to cubs. Rose, Rupert, Robbie, Rohan, Danny and Callum were appointed as lodge and assistant lodge leaders respectively. Special recognition awards were also presented to Rohan, Cameron, Robbie and Gareth for being kind and helpful last term. In addition to this, Hanna, Finlay T, Rupert, Struan, Callum M and Atholl were presented with certificates for having 100% attendance last term. Well done everyone. A big well done also to one of our adult leaders Richard Gibb (below) who was presented with his Wood badge for completing all his leadership training.

On 21 May Mountaineering Scotland's Chief Executive, Stuart Younie, chatted to the beavers about the Scottish mountains. It was a fun and informative evening focusing on what to consider before venturing out, how to stay safe and how to look after the environment. They all had a great night and finished it off with a mountain themed game. That night Calum, Alexander, Jack R, Jack E, Thomas and Adam were invested into the colony. Welcome all!

Lochore Meadows was our destination at the end of May. The beavers completed a trail walk, putting their map reading skills to the test, they took part in pond dipping and enjoyed a great game of chaos tig to round the evening off.

As we entered June the beavers headed up East Lomond from Craigmead car park. Everyone did brilliantly and it was



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a glorious evening. After taking in the views across Fife and over to Edinburgh from the trig point, the proud and happy beavers headed back to the car park.

We enjoyed another couple of presentations on the same evening. Rohan was our group winner for the wogglemakers beavers 35 woggle design competition. He received a nice prize woggle for his design. Daryl was presented with a card and gifts from parents and leaders for his leadership of the group over the past seven years. He is taking on a new role as District Commissioner for South Perthshire & Kinross. Very well deserved Daryl.

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 & District Rotary Club

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Engaging With Schools

On 24 May, we were joined on Zoom by Kinross High School headteacher, Sarah Brown, accompanied by school captains, Cara Bell, Molly Docherty and Olivia Kuijpers. They told us about the impact of the pandemic experience on learning and the school community; a continuing process of necessary adaptation and change to keep everyone at the school safe while maintaining learning and teaching. Mrs Brown thanked Rotary for our support of the school.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Last month we reported that, regrettably, the RYLA event at Nethybridge in July had to be cancelled due to continuing concerns about Covid-19 safety. We were disappointed for the young people (Matthew Bentall, Lily Roy, Andrew Leinster and Sasha Hoey) who had prepared excellently and interviewed successfully but then had to miss out on this exciting and valuable experience. Rotarians Brian Timms and Andy Middlemiss visited the school to award consolation gifts from the club. Each of them received a book on leadership and a voucher for 'Go Ape' at Aberfoyle. We thank art teacher Hollie Simpson for her liaison with us on this project and we very much hope that it goes ahead next year!

Mental Health Outreach Project

One of the recent initiatives of the club which is now underway, is providing mental health support to the young people of Kinross-shire. The Lighthouse for Perth, KYTHE, Kinross High School and Rotary have come together to deliver this new outreach service.

It is widely recognised that the restrictions on 'normal' life due to Covid-19 pandemic has been detrimental to the mental health of many of the young people in the community. The project has two key complementary elements; 1-2-1 Support Sessions based at Kinross High School and a Mental Health Drop-In based at KYTHE.

The 1-2-1 sessions will offer personalised crisis management support, including the development of coping mechanisms and the opportunity to learn how to keep safe and healthy. The Drop-In will provide a signposting service with information about self-harm, suicide and other mental health issues plus the opportunity to learn the importance of self-care.



RYLA presentation

Left to right: Mr Henderson (Deputy Head), Rotarians Andy Middlemiss and Brian Timms, Matthew Bentall, Lilly Roy, Andrew Leinster, Sasha Hoey.

In addition to supporting the project financially, members of the club have volunteered and have participated in the necessary training to be part of the support team at the Drop-In.

For any further information on the project or if you need some help please contact The Lighthouse for Perth on 0800 121 4820.

Planning For The Road To Recovery

The Rotary year is drawing to a close and we are preparing for a new session in 2021-22, with a new Rotary International theme 'Serve to Change Lives'.

As part of Rotary International, the club is a volunteer organisation where members use their time and skills to improve the lives of others. Fundraising for local community and charitable organisations as well as international projects is a key part of our activities.

For the future support of these activities the club has applied for, and recently been granted, charitable status.

On 7 June we held our club assembly. President Brian Timms introduced president elect George Lawrie who thanked Brian for his vision and management of challenge over the last year and reflected that, despite the last year being 'unusual', the Rotary Club of Kinross and District has been working hard and effectively, creating a firm foundation for continuing progress in the coming year. He vowed that we will continue to seek the best ways to support the community on the road to recovery from the impact of Covid-19 over the next 12 months.

We hope to be out and about in the community again soon and look forward to seeing you all, working with you and for you!

George explains why he became a Rotarian:- 'I first became aware of what Rotary did when my middle daughter, Katherine, participated in a Rotary Youth Exchange Programme to Canada at the age of 16. This gave her an unforgettable experience that prepared her for life to come. I have never forgotten this opportunity that Rotary provided. Now I have been able to repay Kinross Rotary Club by becoming a member and enabling others to share life-changing moments through the different opportunities we offer; also, through our various fundraising activities, helping local and world-wide projects which make a difference to everyday life.'

An Invitation

Meetings must continue to be held in a safe and Covid-19 secure environment and we presently anticipate that meetings will continue to be held on Zoom until a September review. Hopefully, we may be back meeting face to face before too long!

If you are interested in finding out more about what we do, or would like to join us on Zoom for a meeting, contact us by email at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com

Kinross in Bloom

Summer has arrived! All the planters were cleared of the winter pansies by the end of May. We then worked hard to get our summer plants into the planters. This year we have put some summer plants into the sustainable planters around the town.

The boys from the Rugby Club came along on a sunny Sunday morning and put the hanging baskets in place throughout the town. Now we have to keep everything watered. Hopefully the sun will shine and we will see the planters and baskets at their best!

If you would like to help in any way (formally or informally) please contact susan.mitchell150@gmail.com.



Planters at the Courthouse

Fairtrade in Kinross-shire

Thank you to The Courthouse who have been buying Fairtrade sugar, marmalade and jam for many years now. They have recently decided to stock Fairtrade tea and they have Earl Grey, Sencha Green, Peppermint and Lemon and Ginger flavours! Please try one of these teas. By supporting The Courthouse in supplying Fairtrade goods, you are making a difference!

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Kinross High School

Reflections On A School Year Unlike Any Other

As we approach the end of a full school session under Covid-19 restrictions, we can certainly say that 2020-21 will be remembered as the most surreal year in the history of Kinross High School. We began August 2020 with high hopes that Covid would disappear as quickly as it arrived, yet little did we know that our learning community would have many more hurdles to overcome.

Covid-19 has had an impact on the education of 1.6 billion children and young people around the world with 165 countries feeling the effects of school closures. Globally, 30% of school pupils did not have access to any learning at all. It is with these figures in mind that we can begin to understand the scale of the adversity schools have faced since the beginning of 2020.

It is only when we step back from the day-to-day challenges that we realise how far we've come. The learning community have embodied our school values each and every day. When we returned for the new school year in August, we behaved responsibly to keep our school safe and open. When we had to wear face coverings, pupils designed them as an art



project. When exams were cancelled, we remained ambitious to achieve strong results.

When we could not celebrate Christmas in the normal manner, we extended compassion to members of our community with 'thinking of you' bundles. When our school locked down again, we re-opened over 200 virtual classrooms.

September and December were the only two months no alterations to school operations were made but, despite this constant change, our young people have coped remarkably well with such difficult circumstances; learning in new ways to make progress with their studies, building health and safety routines into their school day, pulling together to boost morale and pushing harder to achieve their best. Young people at Kinross High School have taken everything we've asked them to do in their stride, remaining defiant in the face of those who claim they are a lost generation.

Looking For The Silver Linings

If anything, our young people can take strength from the fact that they have coped with something no other generation before them has ever had to. We cannot refute the national rhetoric surrounding gaps in learning; however, we do believe we can challenge it. Our school community's collective experience of learning and teaching during a global pandemic has, of course, been tumultuous but we have looked for the silver linings throughout.

From the very beginning of the pandemic, politicians and leaders placed the highest value on education. Schools were the last to close and the first to reopen which proves just how important young people are.

When Covid-19 closed our doors for the first time, we were given a golden opportunity to improve our digital skills. Our strong desire to continue teaching with minimal disruption for pupils was the impetus we all needed to better prepare KHS for an increasingly digital future. As expected, pupils left staff in the dust when it came to getting to grips with virtual school but, thanks to a tech-

Kinross In Bloom 200 Club

June Draw

1st	No 75	Marion Todd
2nd	No 7	Bill & Barbara Belford
3rd	No 48	Catriona McLeod
4th	No 73	Fiona Todd

savvy team of teachers, the adults soon caught up. So, when it was announced that Scottish schools would not re-open after Christmas and online lessons would resume, we were pleased to see a higher level of interaction between pupils and their teachers the second time around. The virtual learning environment has provided us with an alternative to traditional schooling and opened our eyes to more flexible teaching settings, removing attendance barriers. Now that our confidence in using technology has grown, we're excited by the prospect that more hybrid models may emerge.

Whilst technology has supported us, we feel reassured that we are not about to be replaced by robots anytime soon! Conversations about Covid-19 have led to greater recognition of the social importance of schools. Spending more time at home not mixing with others has reinforced just how vital regular human interactions and the relationships with teachers are. There is just no substitute for seeing people you know face to face and having a friendly chat.

Living in lockdown has brought issues affecting young people to the surface. For SQA candidates across the country, the cancellation of national qualifications has amplified the debate on exams with many calling for a review into the fairest way to assess young people in the future.

Having the spotlight on mental health has also reinforced the protective role of schools so we're pleased that wellbeing is being prioritised at a national level. Since returning to the building, we've been joined by mental health professional, Anna Paterson from Place2Be, who is on campus to support young people. Also, in joint partnership with The Lighthouse for Perth, the Rotary Club of Kinross and KYTHE, we are now benefitting from a new outreach service for young people in crisis.

In the words of Deepak Chopra, 'All great changes are preceded by chaos.' Many changes to school operations were made to curb the spread of Covid-19 but, with hindsight, we are able to review procedures and decide how we can do things better.

Gratitude

None of the measures we took to keep our school safe and open would not have been possible without the fantastic Mitie team. From ventilation to sanitation, our janitorial staff and cleaners have gone above and beyond. Cleaning hundreds of doors handles over and over again has certainly helped keep the virus under control!

The Tayside Contracts catering team have also had to adapt their service with online pre-order forms, alternative menu options and collection stations spread out across the bottom floor to avoid unnecessary mixing. Despite all the extra work, they have managed to keep our tummies full!

The KHS Parent Council have also had to steer through some choppy waters. With Laura Alexander at the helm, it is no surprise that they have so ably kept their heads above water. Since physical distancing rules put a stop to meetings at the campus, attendee numbers have increased thanks to the convenience of Zoom and blazer sales have had an online makeover. We would like to thank Laura as she prepares to step down from her role as Chair of the Parent Council and we are sure that whoever takes over will continue the fantastic work of the whole group.

Whether delivering lockdown learning, supporting pupils in the KHS learning hub or carrying out the work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the school functioning, our entire staff team have worked incredibly hard as a team throughout the pandemic.

Parents/carers have also been instrumental in keeping pupils engaged in learning, and this increased involvement is something we are keen to put to good use to promote a greater understanding of what young people are learning.

It is with thanks to all of these people that we've been able to continue learning together and achieving together.

Looking To The Future

Our departing staff also had an unexpected end to their time at KHS. After over 20 years, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Winter from the English Department. We will all miss her enthusiasm and love of literature. Mrs Winter will now have time to indulge her passions of yoga, wild swimming and, of course, reading!

Mrs Watson from Home Economics is looking forward to swapping the classroom for a greener environment and plans to take up gardening. We are certainly going to miss seeing her creative cake decorating masterpieces.

Since joining KHS in 1994, Mrs Mainprize has seen thousands of pupils passing through the Modern Languages department, but the time has come to say Auf Wiedersehen to our learning community. Staff and pupils alike will miss seeing her cheery smile around the school.

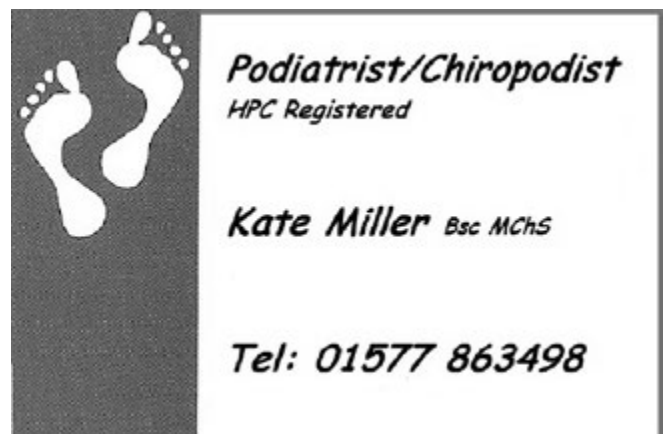
Music teacher Miss Caldwell is starting a new adventure at Perth Grammar and Miss Tranmer from the Maths department is heading slightly further afield to NLCS Jeju in South Korea! We wish them both the best of luck at their new schools.

Teachers are not the only ones moving on from KHS. We wish all school leavers the very best of luck in their future endeavours and hope they have a lovely summer catching up with friends and family.

We are all looking forward to seeing more of our loved ones but none more so than Mandarin teacher, Hongye Lyu, who has not been able to travel home in two years. She will be returning to China permanently at the end of session and we are sure her husband and son will be delighted to see her! She will be leaving classes in the capable hands of Yin Yang who will be returning to the Languages department for the 2021-22 session.

We are looking forward to getting back to all the things that make the KHS experience so much richer; excursions, extra-curricular activities, musical rehearsals, school shows, sporting events when possible.

While the pandemic will continue to bring challenges in the days, months and even years ahead, the way in which we have learned to change and adapt will help us in the future. We know that there is still a long way to go but we are confident that our recovery will help identify individual



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needs and support young people to be ambitious with their learning. The pressure of the last school year has produced a generation of incredibly resilient youngsters and, having come through the crucible that is Covid-19, we have no doubt that young people at KHS will carry their compassion into a post-pandemic world.

Following a series of virtual transition activities, we are looking forward to welcoming new S1s after the holidays. Until then, we hope our pupils, their families and the staff team have a wonderful summer.

School Captain Report

As your School Captains this year, we were given the opportunity to see our school in a different light. To work with other young people and see you all strive to overcome the countless obstacles we have faced this year has been a genuine privilege.

Throughout our time at Kinross we think the pupil body has always embodied the school values, but this year more than any: resilience was demonstrated as everyone kept going in tough times whilst adapting quickly to changing rules; seniors were ambitious, working hard to achieve their best through the assessment period, and were also ambitious when planning what school events they could this year; compassion was shown through people reaching out and really connecting with each other in new ways online; everybody acted in a responsible way all year by following the Covid-19 regulations, which benefitted both the school and our wider community. It is because of the outstanding effort from all of you that we have got through this extremely challenging year.

Finally, a big thank you to all the support from teachers and campus staff, whether it be online work, in school support, or getting us through assessments; we really appreciate it.

Moving on to university and the next chapter of our lives, we will always look back fondly on our experience growing up with our friends through Kinross High School, it has truly been a pleasure.

Molly, Olivia and Cara.

Guide Dogs Kinross

Our fundraising group met for the first time this year, to organise the arrangements for the midsummer fair at Market Green. By the time you read this, hopefully it has been a success. Our next fundraising event will be at the Kinross Show. This year we will do all the testing and distancing we need to, so we can all enjoy a fabulous show. Start doing the sun dance now to avoid any of the previous weather it has unfortunately had.

The British Sign language taster sessions are going to happen in the evenings from mid-August. I now need names for places on the course. There will be six, one and a half hour sessions at a total cost of £37. Maria Gilmour, the wonderful teacher, is donating the profits so many thanks to her. To book a place please email she61@hotmail.co.uk.

The pup I have at the moment is going to school next month to start her training. Wish her luck in her training so that she can become that life changer, a Guide dog. My thanks to Sands, Baillies and Cameron and Greig vets for their help collecting money in their countertop collection dogs. If any shop or business would like to help by having one, please get in touch with Sheila Marshall at she61ster@gmail.com. I would be delighted to help.



Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk/wp/
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Our summer evening programme got off to a fantastic start. Our first outdoor meeting was in the beautiful town of Dollar. Many of us met up armed with cameras and enjoyed a pleasant evening stroll through the streets, along the banks of the river Devon and up into the Glen. Beautiful images of historic buildings, woodland flora and even striking looking park benches were taken.

The following week we visited South Queensferry where we had an opportunity to photograph the iconic bridges and take in the wonderful views of the Firth of Forth. The weather forecast had not been promising; however, towards the end of the evening, the clouds lifted and the light was stunning giving rise to some fantastic late evening shots with a dramatic sky.

The ancient, cobbled streets of Culross enabled a group of us to enjoy the stunning views across the rooftops and down onto the shore. It was a fantastic outing with a camera to take atmospheric shots of times gone by and then enjoy a walk along the shoreline for a few seascapes.

Towards the end of last month, we had the opportunity to share our images with each other at a Zoom meeting. Shots taken at our recent meet ups and from the two monthly set



'Two Bridges' by Duncan Robertson. Taken at our recent South Queensferry meeting

topics were submitted by members and then shown at our meeting. Recently our set topics were Bokeh and Animals. It was really great to see the images we had all taken and have a good chat about them. Such a great way to pick up tips and advice on how to improve our shots.

If you would like to learn more about our camera club and our summer evening meet ups and even becoming a member, please get in touch with our secretary by email at secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk. You can also visit our website or find us on Facebook.

Kinross & District Men's Shed

We have been closed since the beginning of the pandemic but we are delighted to announce that we have now moved from our old premises in Milnathort to new premises at 15 Swansacre, Kinross (formerly The Learning Centre). Our 'shed' is now open for members and visitors as well as new members. Covid-19 guidelines (social distancing, wearing of masks, sanitising and track and trace) are used in the shed while restrictions apply.

Our new premises boast a social area where the men can gather to chat over a cup of tea or have a game of pool or darts for example. There are also craft, metal work, cycle repair and woodwork workshops where the men can socialise, and if they wish, hone or learn new skills in the workshops.

The shed is a registered charity belonging to its members and is run by the membership. It is a place to meet new friends or catch up with old ones, a place to have a laugh, a place where opportunities exist to share problems, get advice, or be involved in DIY and repair projects. Our shed is primarily to help with the health and wellbeing of men aged 18 and over. For more information please feel free to come and have a look around the shed and see where you can fit in.

Opening Hours

At present the shed is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am-12pm. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Room Hire

We are a charity and rely totally on fundraising and donations to meet the expenses of running the shed. We can let out our social area for hire to organisations to help us with this. If you are interested please email kdms.secretary@outlook.com for more information.

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

www.portmoakcw.org.uk



We've been spruced up! After a year of Covid-19 restrictions on work in the two community woodlands, the contractors have been in to continue their programme of replacing unsafe infrastructure like bridges and steps, as well as tidying up the paths.

The first big improvement was to a bridge in the south east corner of Portmoak Moss, the area close to the gliding field.

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Thanks to the Woodland Trust Scotland, we now have a brand new bridge which makes going for a walk round the edge of the Moss much easier to do. There are informal paths all the way round and they are re fun to walk, as long as you mind out for tree roots and boggy bits.

In Kilmagad Wood, on the side of the hill, there's a set of replacement steps up from the main road, the A911. The old ones were in a bad state, especially difficult if you came down them in wet weather.

Across the road from the Portmoak Church car park the old wooden gate into Kilmagad Wood has been replaced by a metal one, which should be easier to keep shut, once the fresh sub-base at the entrance has bedded in a bit. The fencing on either side of the gate has been retained, for the safety of kids and dogs, but the rest of the old deer fence has now gone, giving a different feel to the whole place. It's much more 'natural', especially as the trees, planted in 2010, are now getting quite tall.

The contractors have cut and widened the paths on the lower

slopes, so it's all looking good. Dave Carruthers, of PCWG, cuts the grass on the terraced area, known as Chris's Place, and it is lovely to see people picnicking at the table we installed there a couple of years ago.

The contractors have also trimmed back the main path round the Moss. We wish they had left the wildflowers alone and that's something we'll talk to the Woodland Trust about for the future.

There are plans for more work as the year goes on, including trimming quite a lot of the spruce trees at the western end of the Moss. It seems that we are being 'spruced up' in every sense of the word.

Potager Garden

As restrictions have eased, we have been pleased to return for weekly outdoor volunteer sessions at the garden this summer. We meet on a Monday morning between about 10.45am and 12.30pm, and we have been joined by a couple of new ladies this season. New volunteers of any age, ability or gender are always welcome, and we can find activities to suit everyone with our friendly group.

While we are not yet freely open to the public, you are welcome to call on a Monday morning for a chat and a look around, or to buy plants. We have a range of perennials and shrubs at reasonable prices. We are grateful to the shop in Crook of Devon for again hosting a crate of plants for sale, which has been our only real source of income over the last difficult year.

The vegetable beds are now full, and several varieties of tomatoes in the greenhouse, thanks to swapping some at the Plant and Seed Swap hub at St Paul's Church. This has developed from

the local Facebook page for swapping, and you can drop off any spare seedlings or plants beside the Church Hall on the Muirs, or pick up a few which you would like to grow. Thanks to everyone who has taken part so enthusiastically with this initiative, and to St Paul's church for hosting it.

While we have not had the usual school visits this term, a few younger pupils from the Willow Tree group have come down for short sessions and learned about sowing seeds, and insects and pollination.

We recently planted a small tree in the garden in memory of a volunteer who sadly passed away in March, and we are planning a small pond in a barrel to remember another friend, jointly with the Sparks group.

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The local support group for Marie Curie Cancer Care are planning a tour of open gardens in Kinross and Milnathort as a fundraiser in early August. We plan to take part in this and look forward to welcoming you to the garden then.

If you have any questions about volunteering, or visiting the garden, please contact Amanda James at

Amandajames1577@gmail.com or on 07963 476803.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk

New Opening Hours

Since we reopened the Museum on 15 May we have only been able to welcome visitors and researchers to the exhibition space and study room on Saturdays and Sundays. Now that the Campus library is open Tuesday through to Saturday (from 29 June), you can see the current exhibitions during library opening hours. Once again, you will be made most welcome in the Study Room by Museum volunteers on Thursdays (10am-7pm) and Saturdays (10am-1pm).

Boys Brigade and Girls Association

As Covid-19 restrictions ease, all three sections of the Kinross Company can meet indoors at the Church Centre. From mid-May to the end of June they were able to follow their normal activities with minor changes of practise.

Covid-19 restrictions meant that there was no annual display,

Anchor potted sports



Company Section drill squad

no battalion competitions and no summer camp. However, members were presented with their badge awards at the end of the session and the results of the individual and squad competitions will be announced in next month's Newsletter. Senior NCO members Zoe Webster and David Savage were presented with their President's Badge and are now working towards their Queen's Badge.

Everyone is looking forward to the summer break and hoping that we can meet more normally when we resume on the first Friday of September.

Inner Wheel

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We have just enjoyed our last meeting of the year; a talk from Sharon Thomson on the work done by the Lighthouse, a local mental health charity. The money we raised at our April afternoon tea was handed over to Sharon, and members were very pleased to hear of the outreach work being done with teenagers in Kinross.

There are no meetings from now until September, but we hope that the easing of restrictions may help us to hold small gatherings for tea and coffee to bring the group together to enjoy each other's company.

The date of the next meeting will be announced in the September newsletter. Meanwhile, we wish everyone a sunny and relaxing summer.

Contact Jenny MacLeod, club correspondent, by email at jennymac101@icloud.com.





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Perth Museum & Art Gallery

'All Aboard!' for the story of Perth and Kinross railways at Perth Museum and Art Gallery this summer. The exhibition will tell the story of the railways in the area and includes many original objects, photographs, and videos.

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All Aboard! is now open. Admission is free.

Perth Museum and Art Gallery and The Fergusson Gallery in Marshall Place in Perth remain free to enter for all new and returning visitors. There are a range of measures in place to ensure the health and safety of visitors and staff. Full details along with information to help you plan your visit can be found online at www.culturepk.org.uk/nowopen

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

June Draw

1st	No 37	Dick Crichton	Scotlandwell
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3rd	No 128	Mary Horsburgh	Scotlandwell

SWI



Milnathort SWI

Milnathort SWI members meet up regularly, via Zoom, Ann, our Secretary has been very inventive with our weekly quiz. We have all enjoyed the exchanges of news from different members. The quiz each week has given us all the time to interact and enjoy a few rounds of laughter with each other. Jean Patterson, our President, hopes, in the very near future, we may be able to have a 'face to face' meeting with all our members.

Loch Leven Library

New Opening Hours

Loch Leven library has extending their opening hours. All opening hour information is correct at the time of print.

LLCL Opening Times

The new hours are:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am-7pm
Wednesday	10am-6pm
Thursday	10am-7pm
Friday	10am-6pm
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Sunday	Closed

Summer Reading Challenge

For all our young book worms out there, the ever-popular Summer Reading Challenge will be returning to its physical format this summer after a digital offering in 2020.

From now until the end of August, children of all ages can participate in the WWF inspired challenge, Wild World Heroes! Details and our free activity sheet can be found here online at www.culturepk.org.uk/src2021. Don't forget to keep an eye on our social media for further information and events happening near you.

Mobile Library

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Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20
Hatchbank Road (Gairneybank, Kinross)	11:40 – 12:00
Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
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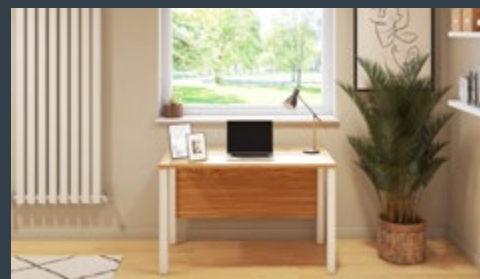
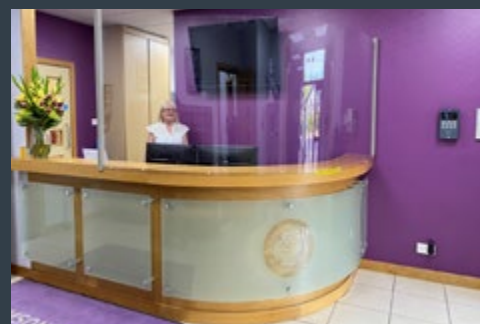
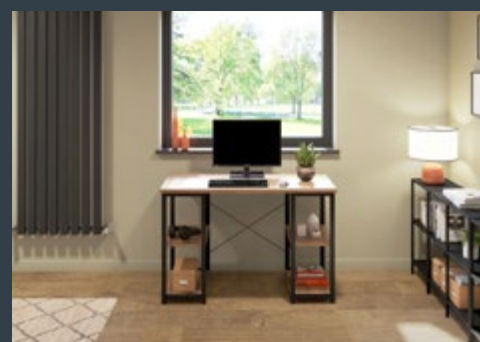
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Pkc Cover Up Over Missing Planning Document

A letter of comment by the Trust on an application relating to the Lathro Farm site was censored by Perth and Kinross Council, hiding the fact that one of the applicant's supporting documents had not been published on the Council's planning website Public Access for most of the consultation period.

Persimmon submitted an application to modify a condition attached to their existing permission for phase 2. The proposal involves using topsoil from the development area to change the previously approved landscaping of the country park which is to be provided as part of phase 2.

While routinely going through all the new Kinross-shire planning applications, a member of the Trust's planning group found the Supporting Statement for Persimmon's application filed on a completely unrelated planning record. There was no Supporting Statement showing on the Persimmon application. We pointed this out to PKC on 17 May and received a prompt reply thanking us for drawing this to their attention, admitting that the Supporting Statement had been incorrectly filed and saying that this had now been rectified. While preparing our comments on 2 June, we noticed that the Supporting Statement was still not present on the Persimmon planning record. A paragraph of our letter of comment was devoted to relating the document mix up and pointing out that no interested member of the public had had the benefit of seeing it for the whole period of consultation. (We were under the impression the deadline was 2 June, though it ended up being 4 June.)

The whole of that paragraph was blocked out by PKC before publishing



Link road swale on 18 June 2016 – link road swale was not cut in summer and the flowers are in profusion. For the first time since then, the summer flowers have been chopped, and the mown plant material left there, smothering the plants.

our letter on Public Access. This is an outrageous abuse of the redaction facility, which is meant to be used to hide personal details such as phone numbers and addresses to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation.

After our letter was received by PKC, the Supporting Statement was published, but with a false publication date of 27 April.

Persimmon Admits Responsibility For Sewer Failure

A managing director of Persimmon Homes has apologised for the problems caused by the defective sewers at their Lathro Meadows development in Kinross.

In a letter to local political representatives, James MacKay said: 'I would like to begin with an apology: Persimmon take full responsibility for the problems on the development which I recognise have caused significant inconvenience and and disruption, both to our own customers and affected parties in the broader community.'

Persimmon are planning to replace most of the sewer network on phase 1 of the Lathro Farm site. Persimmon expect to complete the works in February 2022. That will be four years after the first houses on the site were occupied.

Well Kept County Competition

Judging for the Well Kept County Competition will take place in the week commencing 26 July.

Raingardens Update

Expectations of the Raingardens Trail being a swathe of ox eye daisies were cut down when – for the first time in years – the swales along the West Kinross link road were mown in early summer this year. Instead of fresh blooms, swathes of cut grass and flower stems were left in the swale. Only a weak straggly line of ragged robin survived the mowing, growing deeper in the lowest parts of the swales. There was encouragement however



Which do you like best: Flowers or no flowers?

for the wildlife value of the constructed wetland which receives runoff from those swales. In June the wetland was visited by a scientist from the Edinburgh University / Edinburgh Royal Botanic Gardens, Dr Vladimir Krivtsov. Vladimir was impressed with the design and especially the wildlife interest there; worth a proper ecological survey, and certainly a point of interest along the Proposed Raingardens Trail.

Elsewhere, the raised bed at Portmoak Primary is featuring in another project they have their which might bring them good publicity, and the raingardens retrofitted to the car park at the Loch Leven's Larder are slowly approaching completion (see photo of ragged robin in the bog-garden raingarden feature at the Loch Leven's Larder).

Lastly here, we have been reading with interest the news of funds for trails in Kinross and district, and a limited degree of autonomy from Perth and Kinross Council, with enabling budget. Hopefully some of the raingardens opportunities that have been identified over the past 19 months or so might be done, such as the Park and Ride carpark? A bench and wheelchair rest and turning area at the wetland noted above on the proposed raingardens trail? Double yellow lines along the link road swales? Creation of cost-saving natural raingardens at the edge of the path alongside the loch through Kirkgate park?

As always, please email us if you have any comments or views, or wish us to meet outdoors, or as covid restrictions are reduced, to resume talks to local groups.

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Crook and Drum Growing Together

We have recently finished planting up the tubs and other planters around Crook of Devon and Drum, and are grateful to some local residents who are 'adopting' one of them near them, to water and maintain over the summer. We still need a few more volunteers to help with this, please get in touch if you think you could help with one location around the villages. We have also provided 30 hanging baskets and some pots to residents along the Main Street and in Drum, with the agreement that they will care for them.

We are concentrating particularly on planting wildflowers this year, and have sown a large area at the west end of the village with a meadow mix with flowers to encourage and feed bees and other pollinators. This is now greening up, and we are looking forward to some flowers this year, followed by more perennials in subsequent seasons. We have also added flowering plants to several grass verges, and gave away nearly 20 packets of wild flower seeds at the shop for others to continue this effort.

We are planning to take part in the Civic Trust's Well Kept County competition at the end of July, and would be grateful if local residents can look at tidying and maintaining their properties, particularly around this time.

The photo shows part of the grass triangle area in the centre of Drum, where local people have been adding wild flowers, and the sign made by one of their children.

For further information, please follow our Facebook page, or the Fossoway Forum page, or contact me at Amandajames1577@gmail.com or on 07963 476803.

Kinross Centre

Well what fantastic weather we have been having! Who needs to go abroad when we have sunshine like we have had in May and June.

We are gradually getting back to some normality, things are definitely looking better for everyone, but we really think we still have to take baby steps with reopening fully at the moment, (we still have reduced numbers and meal delivery



to homes). We really don't want to move too quickly and undo everyone's good work.

For the time being we ask that you phone beforehand if you wish to take part in any of the activities because of reduced numbers due to social distancing,

Our coffee bar has been quite busy, and it's great to see our friends again. 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.

As every month, I would again like to say a massive thank you, to all the hard working staff, volunteers and committee at Kinross Centre don't know where we would be without you all.

The same goes for all the other organizations in this area, you have been amazing, 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 ALL.

Please continue to stay safe

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

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Sports News



Kinross Tennis Club

With the welcome return of some sunshine, our courts have been busier than ever over the past few weeks!

Coaching

Our current group coaching term is now at an end and we have had an absolutely wonderful few weeks. Juniors and adults have been enthusiastic and hard-working across all classes and we are looking forward to another great term come August.

Beginner Coaching Session

During the summer holidays we will be running two camps for our juniors on weeks commencing 12 July and 2 August. These are a great opportunity to try out tennis for the first time and all equipment is provided. Private individual, small group and family lessons will also be on offer all summer to all ages and abilities. For more info, please contact our coach Siobhan by email at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Membership

Club membership is still available and our annual joining fees offer fantastic value. More information can be found on our website at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KinrossTennisClub/Membership/Join>. You can also contact us by email at kinrosstennis@gmail.com

Competition

In June, the leagues began again and our six strong male and female teams have been putting in some brilliant performances.

Recently, 20 of our youngest players took part in a Team Challenge event with Brucehaven Tennis Club in Limekilns. They did a fantastic job and had a great time, many of them competing in their very first match.

A huge well done goes to the players and a big thank-you to all the parents and volunteers for helping us organise and run such a fun event.

Several members were delighted to take part in the Loch Leven 24 Hour fundraising challenge recently.

Set up by keen local cyclist Keith Cuthbert, the challenge was designed to help support the family of Kirsty McCloskey.

Kirsty became unwell while in her final year at university in 2019 and was diagnosed as having a tumour on her brain stem. Kirsty had emergency life-saving surgery and is doing well, but the unfortunate timing of Covid-19 has left her in need of intensive rehabilitation to recover her movement and coordination. She has a long road ahead if she is to walk again without help.

Access to physiotherapy care is critical and has been challenging given the pandemic. Whilst Kirsty has worked really hard on her rehabilitation, the community were keen to try and support the extra costs incurred on the family to give her the best possible chance of recovery.

Keith came up with the idea of laps of the Loch Leven trail as a relay for 24 hours. The event took place on Sat 5 June.

The goal was to raise money to continue and enhance Kirsty's rehabilitation, and also to support the Brain Tumour Charity. More information can be found online at www.thebraintumourcharity.org/

Several local groups and clubs came together to walk, run and cycle the relay and the KTC team were delighted to be able to take part. Coach Siobhan MacLeod said: 'The McCloskey family have been members of the club and committee for several years and Kirsty is a young woman with her whole life ahead of her.

They have been an integral part of KTC and we felt as a club that we would like to offer practical support at this devastating time to try and lessen the burden on the family in any way we could.

'A team of 32 KTC members and friends took up the challenge and, at the time of writing, almost £25,000 has been raised.

The youngest participant overall was our very own KTC

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member Mhairi McGourty (right) who, at only 5 years old, completed her lap in only an hour and a half!

We are so proud of the KTC supporters who took part and all the other teams who came together to do their bit for the McCloskey family. What a great community!

Kinross Bowling Club

Everyone is feeling good to be back on the bowling green. The members have been enjoying the hot games during the mostly sunny weather. The singles and pairs competitions have started and are progressing well. There aren't any Scottish competitions this year, but the gents and ladies county are organising some competitive bowling this season. We will also be running one day internal competitions and these will be advertised on the notice board and Facebook.

New members are always welcome so feel free to contact myself Sandra Fullerton (secretary) 01577 862009 or any club member for information. You can also visit our website and find us on Facebook.

Kinross Volleyball

Summer has arrived and sunscreen is finally the order of the day at the free Sunday afternoon 'pop up and play' sessions. These take place on the grass area to the rear of the campus at 3.15-5pm. Local youngsters and adults have had their numbers supplemented by youngsters from Fife who are keen to play recreational volleyball for fun. Two courts are in operation playing small-sided games; one court is at men's height and the other is at women's height.

Local youngsters have also participated in the first two of Scottish Volleyball's junior beach volleyball coaching sessions at Darnhall Beach Centre. These sessions will continue throughout July and August and will introduce players to the sand version of the sport.

Kinross Volleyball Club will also be working in partnership with KYTHE by running introductory fun coaching sessions on the campus grass on the first two Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the school holidays.

Youngsters honing their ball skills on the sands of Darnhall



Parkrun photos: Gordon Donnachie

Junior Parkrun Returns To Kirkgate

As restrictions evolve we are starting to see the return of organised club activities and events, many of which used to form a regular part of our weekly schedule prior to lockdown. We are delighted to announce that our treasured Junior Parkrun event, held every Sunday morning at Kirkgate Park, now joins the ranks of those resurfacing from Covid-19 enforced hibernation. Yay!

On Sunday 20 June we held our first event for over 15 months and it proved to be a very welcome return with around a hundred children, volunteers, parents & carers taking advantage of warm and dry conditions at the park to get together in the outdoors. 57 juniors took part in the event supported by 17 volunteers to ensure the relaunch went smoothly. The volunteers dusted off their event organising skills and the course was marked out with cones and arrows. First timers were welcomed with a short briefing on the course and how to get themselves included in the results, then a group warm up was taken to make sure everyone was ready to move.

At 9.30am we started and it was a great sight to see over 50 children charging away from the start line across the grass. Everyone does it for their own time, it's a run not a race, and no one is ever last as we have a tail walker volunteer at the back. Loch Leven Junior Parkrun is a free weekly timed 2km event for



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children aged 4-10 years old*. Participants are encouraged to run, jog, walk or skip their way round our 1 big lap, 1 small lap course. We're on every Sunday at 9.30am (get yourself along ten minutes early for an introduction if you've not been before).

Find out more at our website www.parkrun.org.uk/lochleven-juniors

**For now Junior Parkrun is limited to children aged 4-10 (inclusive). The intention is to allow 11-14 year-olds to also take part on Sundays once the Saturday 5k Parkrun events are given the go ahead, hopefully once the country moves to level zero.*

Kinross Colts

On Wednesday 16 June, Kinross Colts FC hosted a seven-a-side tournament at our home ground, Donaldson Park in Milnathort. This event was in support of Refugee Week, which is commemorated across the UK and has been running for the last 22 years. The week features art, cultural, sporting and educational events.

The club wanted to do their part to raise awareness of what young refugees have had to go through to reach safety.

Kinross Colts FC chairman Brian Kenny said: 'We saw press coverage of the 'Football Welcomes Refugees' initiative a few months ago and thought that, as a club, we should do something in Refugee Week to bring our kids together with kids from around the globe who have settled in Scotland. We decided to host a seven-a-side tournament with four teams competing for the Kinross-shire Friendship Cup and it's been such a brilliant event, we can't wait to do it all again next year. The kids loved every minute and the quality of football has been fantastic.'

The teams participating were Kinross Colts under-16s and under-17s players along with teams from Perth and Edinburgh consisting of boys from across the world who have settled in Scotland.

We were joined on the evening by Jim Fairlie MSP who

was delighted at the community's efforts. He said: 'I am blown away by this brilliant example of a community working together to welcome these young new Scots through the game that Scotland gave to the world. Football really is a universal, uniting sport and it was a pleasure to be at this event. Well done to Kinross Colts for making it happen.'

As always, we would like to thank a number of businesses who supported the event. John Cleisham at My Club Hub came forward to sponsor the event and pay for all the food and drinks, Soccer Shop Direct, Rosyth, donated the trophy and medals and Omar and Rafa at La Casanova Pizzeria in Kinross opened up especially to make the pizzas for the kids. The Colts are grateful to all of them for supporting what was a great night for the club and for everyone involved.

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>



It was good to finally get some great weather over the last month, and this has given the club members plenty of opportunities for getting out and running. The further changes in covid restrictions were also welcome to all. These changes allowed for training sessions to increase to 30 members for each meet, and physical distancing is now removed. This allowed more club runners to attend each of the sessions and allowed the training to feel a bit more like 'normal'.

Races attended by members included some longer distances this month including the Windermere Marathon, the Moray Coastal Trail 50 mile ultra and also Glen Lyon. This consisted of both a 15.5-mile trail race and also a 50K ultra run, and the weekend was well represented by club members.

The club also held a plogging run. What is plogging, I hear you all ask? Plogging comes from the Swedish term Plogga which combines picking up (plocka upp) with jogging (jogga) to result in litter picking on the run. This was a well-attended session

Local Volunteer Opportunities

Broke not Broken is a voluntary organisation working for the prevention and relief of poverty by providing support and practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Please contact admin@brokennotbroken.org to find out how you can help.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Children's Hospices Across Scotland: Can you spare a few hours of your time? We are looking for volunteers in our **kitchen, housekeeping, driving, childcare** and **garden** teams.

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

Kinross-shire Day Centre: We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

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

Volunteering with Aberlour!

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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.

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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.

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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 Convenor, 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

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



by members and some pictures are included of the great work done by the club in keeping the streets and surrounding area of Milnathort a bit tidier. Well done to all involved.

As usual the club training sessions included a wide variety of different activities. Members enjoyed some great trail runs including visits to Lochore meadows, Muckhart, the River Devon, and also a hilly trail run up Commonedge and Seamab hills. For those looking for more specific training sessions there were hill reps, a speed/endurance session, a pyramid rep session, and of course as always, the famous 2 mile time trial session.

The mix and variety of the sessions and scenery has been great, and they were well attended by members. All sessions follow the guidance from the Scottish Government and

Athletics. Virtual sessions were provided for those that could not attend.

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

The club welcomes all abilities and whether you are new to running or experienced, just looking for new routes to try out or to meet new faces, there is something for everyone. If you fancy getting involved or trying out a run with the club, just click on the link at the top of the article and get in touch.

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Kinross Otters

Kinross Otters held their annual general meeting on 23 June, with chair Nigel Martin, vice-chair Sam Leonard and secretary Ann Marie Neave staying on in their positions. Despite a difficult year due to the coronavirus pandemic, parents heard of the on-going strength of the club and its 'sense of community'.

In thanking hard-working coaches, committee members, volunteers and parents, Nigel said: 'Despite what the year has thrown at us the club is as vibrant as ever. We have returned to the water now twice and it is at these moments when you see just what swimming means to each and every one of our swimmers.'

He added: 'What has left an indelible mark on me is not just the swimming but the club's sense of community. The club is a beacon of positivity.'

That sense of community was clearly evident when club members took part in the Loch Leven 24 to help raise money for former Otter Kirsty McCloskey, and to support the Brain Tumour Charity, by lapping the loch in a relay for 24 hours. A massive effort from all involved right across the community had, at time of writing, raised over £25,000.

In the water, the swimmers have continued sessions at Live Active Loch Leven, the Michael Woods Leisure Centre in Glenrothes and outdoors at Willowgate Activity Centre in Perth. They have also taken part in time trials in recent days. Without any available competitions due to Covid this gave the youngsters a chance to set new personal bests — and they grabbed the opportunity with both hands! Despite the enforced four-month break, over 200 new PBs were set, with many others coming close to their own records. A tremendous effort from everyone!

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SUMMER GAZING

JULY promises wildflowers a'plenty, butterflies and bees in the summer sunshine and young birds taking their first steps of independence. It is a great time to spot signs of life all around the reserve. Here at Loch Leven NNR, we have some encouraging news! We took a trip out to St Serfs with our telescope to check some Black-headed gulls which looked to be interested in nesting. Black-headed gulls used to nest in great numbers on St Serfs and they were a key part of the whole ecosystem on the island! Sadly, these elegant gulls have been absent on the Island for more than a decade. We've had a few 'false starts' for the colony in recent years. However this year, we are extremely pleased to confirm nesting. We are hoping to see a few fledglings in a month or so, fingers crossed everything goes well and we get this delightful gull returning to breed on St Serfs Island! Black-headed gulls can be extremely sensitive to disturbance, so as always, it is important that visitors adhere to our local access guidance and refrain from landing on any Islands.

Mid-summer is also the time where blue-green algae can be at its most prevalent. Thankfully, as I write this in there have been no blooms yet. However, it only takes a few warm and dry days for things to change. If you are planning on entering the water, please look out for physical signs of blue-green algae; this includes a green/blue colour in the water which can form a scum like material on the surface. Please also take note of signage in the area.

When out and about on the trail, there are summer wildlife specialties to look out for. Painted lady butterflies can appear en-mass in July. Often coastal areas can see large arrivals of this



Common spotted orchid by Gail Hampshire

migratory butterfly, however large arrivals can be noted in-land also. A variety of orchids can be seen in summer, look out for northern-marsh orchid, early-marsh orchid, lesser-butterfly orchid and common spotted orchid. Young roe deer can be seen with their mothers and if you are lucky you might come across a young fox that has just become independent for the first time. Summer is a magic time, and I often find myself gazing skywards in the evenings watching the swallows, swifts and martins flying overhead.

Look out on social media for our updates on potential summer events. We are hoping to run Osprey Walks, Himalayan Balsam Bashing and something

for Meadows Day all dependant on Covid-19 restrictions at that time.

Recent wildlife highlights include; swan cygnets, coralroot orchids, barnacle goose goslings, stoat, red squirrels, goldeneye pair, common-spotted orchid and ospreys.

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

Simon Ritchie
Loch Leven National
Nature Reserve Officer

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Feathery Friends Creche Out

AS WE MOVE INTO the middle of summer, we are very excited to be seeing more of our usual suspects of breeding waders and wildfowl out across the wetlands. With lapwing, shelduck, little grebe, tufted duck and black headed gull chicks running around, RSPB Loch Leven has once again become a creche for our little feathery friends. In addition, there have been some special sightings of passage waders such as ruff, greenshank and black tailed godwit, as well as a couple of garganey showing up for a day trip. Outside of the birding world, there have also been sightings of an otter and with plenty of damselflies out and about it shouldn't be long until we have some amazing dragonfly sightings.

As always, our fantastic team of volunteers have been busy! After completing work on our fabulous Coffee Cabin, the team have been working on replacing the pond boardwalks around the reserve with a new plastiwood material. This innovative material is made from recycled plastics and will help to improve the durability of our ponds as we begin to welcome visitors back for pond dipping at the reserve. In addition, the team have been working hard to complete improvements to the Secret

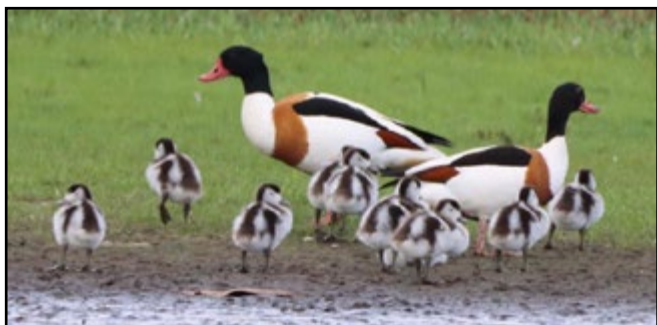


knocked down and the focus is shifting to the finishing touches. There is still a lot of disruption to the courtyard area, and the car park is only partially open with limited spaces available. The pop up shop is located in the car park and so is easily accessible, however the Coffee Cabin and trails are currently only accessible from the Heritage Trail, or via a woodland path which is not suitable for wheelchairs or visitors with mobility difficulties. We are sorry that this will cause a temporary inconvenience for some, and we are very grateful to everyone for bearing with us.

Finally, in the world of events, we are very excited for the return of the dinosaurs in our dinosaur adventure trail! This event will run from 28 June – 19 July so do check out our social media for more details.

For more event information and other regular updates please follow us on Facebook @rspbTaysideFife or Twitter @rspblochleven.

Freya Playford, Learning Officer



Garden space adding in a variety of animal characters and their homes to accompany the new hobbit playhouse. All are welcome to come explore the new world of the Secret Garden with residents such as Betty Bumble, Detective Ruby Red and many more!

As mentioned, our Coffee Cabin is now open and serving a range of coffees, cold drinks and snacks as well as providing an additional nesting spot for our lovely swallows. This, along with our pop-up shop, is open from 10am till 4pm daily. Please note that we are only able to take card payments at this time and apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Alongside our usual bird food, feeders and gift ranges, the pop-up shop is also stocking binoculars and telescopes, so do feel free to pop along and chat to our experts.

The re-development project of enlarging the car park, creating a new toilet wing, and revamping the visitor centre continues and thankfully we are over the halfway mark. Slowly things are being put back together rather than getting

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Weather



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May 2021

Total Rainfall	124.8mm/4.99in
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Gardening

Bug Wars

The hard work's over in the garden for the time being, but of course there's still plenty to do.

July's the ideal time to start thinking about next year – get those spring-flowering bulbs ordered while there are special offers on and get your biennial seeds to sow this month.

Biennials are grown this year for flowering next year and fill the gap between your spring and summer-flowering plants, so well worth doing. Good ones to grow are foxgloves, sweet williams, hesperis and lunaria. My patch of sweet williams is about four years old now (they're 'sort of' perennial but do degrade over time), so I'll be growing some fresh ones this year to replace them. Hesperis self-seeds like crazy, so you'll likely only have to grow them once to enjoy them for many years to come.

As with all seeds, provide heat and light for germination, prick out and grow on, ready for planting out in the autumn.

Watering is key, as usual. June was such a warm month (I have my fingers crossed for July) that I found myself having to water baskets and tubs at least every other day. It's really important not to let the soil dry out as it'll harden and water will just run off. Deadhead and cut back basket and tub plants too to encourage more flowers and make the colour last longer.

Make sure you deadhead your border plants too. This ensures the plant's energy goes into producing more flowers rather than forming seeds. You may get another few weeks' flowering from plants such as delphiniums, lupins and perennial geraniums. The picture on the left is by far my



favourite perennial geranium, it's such a lovely colour, and I want to prolong the flowering for as long as possible.

Tall border plants will also need to be staked and tied – July can still throw some pretty nasty weather at us, especially in Scotland. There's nothing worse than nurturing a plant only to find it's been flattened by the wind – a year's an awfy long time to wait for it to flower again.

Bugs love the summer! Lily beetles will munch on your lilies, green/black/whitefly will munch on your fuchsias and petunias, cabbage butterflies will lay eggs on loads of stuff... and slugs will munch on just about anything, especially your hostas and dahlias. For the flying beasts, a spray bottle of washing up liquid and water is a much more environmentally kinder option than chemical spray and works just as well – spray every couple of weeks to keep them at bay.

Slugs and snails are a bit harder to combat. There are some environmentally friendly slug pellets these days but to tell you the truth, I've not found them to be of much use. You can try egg shells, coffee grounds, mulch and beer traps to try and deter them – or, my favourite is to get them on the end of a trowel (no, I'm not touching the slimy things!) and launch them into the chicken pen and let the girls deal with them.

So, that's it for this month. The watch words are: water, deadhead, stake and protect. I hope you all have a splendid July and that the weather continues to be kind.

Teresa Stirling

Farming

Magic Dung



THE PAST FEW WEEKS have seen a tremendous burst of growth in everything around the countryside. Grass growth finally overtook demand, allowing all the cattle to be given the freedom of the fields for the summer months, relieving the spring fever which had been building as they gazed longingly from their shelter of their winter housing during the lengthening sunny (if somewhat cold) days of spring. The ewes have been clipped and it wasn't a moment too soon as a few had developing cases of flystrike.

Flystrike is when flies lay eggs in the fleece of a sheep and the eggs hatch into maggots in warm damp weather. The maggots literally start to eat into the flesh of the sheep which will die if isn't spotted quickly enough and treated. Early signs can be a sheep twitching and turning round, trying to bite itself due to irritation from the maggots. The most obvious sign is when a dark patch appears on the fleece but by the time that happens the flystrike is well established and the sheep will probably need treatment with an antibiotic to control infection as well as an insect repellent to kill the maggots.

Clipping the ewes greatly reduces the risk of flystrike happening but we also treat them as well as the lambs with fly repellent to help protect them through the highest risk time of the year and the lambs will receive another treatment later in the season. To coincide with clipping, the sheep received a one-stop-shop health check consisting of a foot inspection, a multi-vitamin drench and a mid summer liver fluke treatment, along with a footbath, and they are moved to their summer grazing fields.

Unfortunately, due to the sudden spurt of growth, these fields have become overgrown. This means that the grass quality is poorer than I would like and it will have a knock-on effect for the rest of the season. These fields aren't suitable for mowing for silage so we will attempt to move the sheep round more in larger groups and use the grass topper to trim down remaining long grass which will hopefully help improve the grazing later in the season.

The pigs have settled in to their summer paddocks pretty well and there have been some more piglets born so the cycle of life goes on. There haven't been too many hot days and there have been fairly regular rain showers so the pigs haven't needed too much extra water for wallows.

After a slow start the spring barley has thickened out nicely and looking quite well - by our standards at least - here at backward farm. The barley fields all received a very liberal coating of that magic ingredient 'dung' to minimise the need for 'out of the bag' manufactured fertilisers.

I was a bit disappointed at some yellow areas in the crop soon after it germinated but I think that now the roots have established and reached down to all that nutrient it has developed a better shade of green. I don't think it will be as good a crop as last year but it's a long time till harvest, so we will have to wait and see.

We are about to start making our silage and hay to feed the livestock next winter so a settled few days of weather will help that job run smoothly.

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The Church Office is operating remotely. Leave a phone message or email.

Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952

Ordained Local Minister: Rev Margaret Michie

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir

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 advised 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

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:

July

Sun 4 10.30am: Morning Service, including Communion at the service and on Zoom*.

Mon 5 8am: Silent Meditation. Some pointers for meditation, published on Facebook

Sat 10 11am: All Friends Together on Zoom*

Thurs 22 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: Contact Church Office

For further details see p31

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

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Please visit our website: www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

July 2021

We are very pleased to announce that our church building is open; however, this is dependent on any alterations in Government guidelines. Any changes to our plans will be announced on our new joint church website:

<https://cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk>

Sunday, 4 July

11am: Morning Worship

12.15am: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches Morning Worship by 'Zoom

Sunday, 11 July

11am: Morning Worship

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Sunday, 18 July

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Thursday, 29 July

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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)

Church Road, Crook of Devon,

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June 2021

We are very pleased to announce that our church building is open, however this is dependent on any alterations in Government guidelines. Any changes to our plans will be announced on our new joint church website <https://cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk>

Sunday, 4 July

9.15am: Morning Worship

12.15am: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches

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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 not being posted at present. It is hoped that once Orwell church has re-opened, live streaming of the services will take place each Sunday morning, and recorded versions will also be available as before.

There is still uncertainty as to when the renovations at Orwell Church will be completed, and church services able to resume, but it is hoped this will be sometime in July. Please check the church website or Facebook page for further information. 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 is now opened for services in person. Our normal Sunday morning services begin at 10am. 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 offer a listening ear or any practical help under restrictions as they stand.



Church Information

*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 July

Sunday 4: Pentecost 3 (Proper 10)

10am Sung Eucharist (shared online via Facebook Live only)

Sunday 11: Pentecost 4 (Proper 11)

10am Sung Eucharist from home. (Available via Zoom only)

Sunday 18: Pentecost 5 (Proper 12)

10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 25: Pentecost 6 (Proper 13)

10am Sung Eucharist

The Rector will be on holiday between Monday 28th June and Monday 12th July inclusive. For any urgent pastoral matters that can't wait until he returns, please contact Rev Fliss Shaw on 01577 861655 / rev.fmshaw@btinternet.com.

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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

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

Thur 1 July Holy Mass in St. James' at 10am.
(Confessions available after Mass)

Fri 2 July Holy Mass in St. James' at 10am.
(Confessions available after Mass)

I would like to thank Canon Steven Mulholland for providing supply for me for the following 3pm and 5pm Masses on Saturday 3rd July in St. Matthew's and St. James', please make him very welcome.

Sat 3 July Holy Mass in St. James' at 5pm.

Sun 4 July Holy Mass in St. James' at 9.00am.

Sun 4 July Holy Mass in St. James' at 11.00am.

Sun 4 July Holy Mass in St. James' at 1pm.
(Confessions available after Mass)

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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.

KCF also runs the Talking Donkey cafe. Additionally, the Friday evening Youth Group at the Millbridge Hall (Space) is also the responsibility of our Fellowship, and we are pleased to accept this privilege.

Kinross Gospel Hall

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Regular services are still suspended.

We invite you to visit our website for short messages relevant to these strange times.

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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.

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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Obituaries

Agnes (Nan) Thomson

Thomson (nee Stark) Nan, formerly of Kinross, passed away in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, June 6, 2021, aged 89. Much loved Mum of David Thomson and Carol Thomson Poplin, adored Grandma to Ailsa Poplin and Audrey Poplin Ray, Great-Grandma to McLean and Maisie, and special auntie to Fiona Henderson McLean. Forever missed by family and friends.



Nan was born in Kinross to Thomas Stark and Jean Ronald. At age 29, and with a one-year baby in tow, Nan and her husband Ken Thomson of Milnathort boarded a boat and sailed to a new life in the West Indies — a very bold move in those times when a trip to Aberdeen from Kinross was a big adventure. After a few years in the tropical paradise of Jamaica, and with a new young son, the family moved to Canada. Nan spent 10 years in Ontario before moving east to Halifax where she lived for nearly 50 years. She loved living in the middle of the hustle and bustle of this charming historic city. The Public Gardens across the road from her apartment block were her back yard. Nan spent many happy hours there strolling its paths and sitting reading in the shade of the many trees.

Nan loved to do needlework and joined a sewing group where she made many good friends and produced beautiful crewel work. Many of these pictures hang in the homes of every family member.

Nan made several visits back to Scotland over the years for happy and sad reasons. She delighted in introducing her granddaughters to many of her old haunts and the area's historic sights on a big family holiday in 2014. Although she lived away all these years, she still retained a slight Scottish accent which would become stronger when she spoke with her Scottish family.

Nan will be sorely missed by all the family. She was a big part of all their lives.

John William 'Ian' Millar

John William 'Ian' Millar passed away in Bellingham, Washington USA on Saturday 5 June 2021. He was born at Perth Royal Infirmary on February 23, 1943 to William and Mary Millar of Milnathort. He was an accomplished engineer, musician and community volunteer with many friends and a loving family.

Ian grew up in Milnathort, and was for a time a message boy with Joseph Thomson, Grocers, and was active in the Boy Scouts where he was proud to have gained the Queen's Scout Award in 1960. He attended Milnathort Primary School, then Perth Academy and finally Edinburgh University where he graduated in Chemical Engineering.

Ian married Cynthia Pickard in 1966 and worked with the Shell Oil Company, Occidental and Universal Oil Products headquartered in the USA. Ian and Cynthia with their two sons, Alistair (born 1969) and Duncan (born 1971), moved to San Diego, California in 1983.

Ian loved pipe bands and sharing his Scottish culture. He was drum major of the Edinburgh University Pipe Band and he played the snare drum in bands in California, Illinois and Washington. Ian enjoyed competing and teaching beginner drummers and supporting local associations. In his free time, Ian was a model railway enthusiast and built elaborate layouts.

Ian and Cynthia retired in Bellingham, Washington where Ian served as a Commissioner to the Lake Whatcom County Water Authority from 2006 to 2016. Cynthia passed away in 2018 and Ian moved to nearby Fairhaven where he was well known and loved.

Ian is survived by his two sons, Alistair and Duncan, granddaughters Erin and Megan, brothers David and Graeme and sister Moira. Ian, mild mannered and intelligent, generous with a wry sense of humour was loved by many. He made lasting friendships in Milnathort, the pipe band world, model railway clubs and as part of his community service during his fulfilling life. He was quiet, subtle but direct, and fun-loving without exception.

ROAD TRAFFIC INFORMATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS BE PREPARED

A922 SOUTH STREET - MILNATHORT

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PARKING AND LOADING

Effective from 24 July 2021 for 2 days. The order will prohibit parking and loading (both sides) on the A922 South Street, Milnathort from its junction with The Fairways (311856, 704338) to its junction with the private access to Number 68, South Street (311907, 704433), a distance of 110.4m or thereby. Closure in order to permit Scottish Water repair works.

A922 MUIRS - KINROSS

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Effective from 25 July 2021 for one day. The order will temporarily promote a 10mph speed limit and prohibit parking and loading (both sides) on the A922 Muirs, Kinross from its junction with Broom Road (311608, 703223) to its junction with the A922 Springfield Road (311671, 703014), a distance of 220.7 metres or thereby. Closure in order to permit Scottish Water repair works. Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

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TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, PARKING AND LOADING

Effective from 27 July 2021 for one day. The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving and temporarily prohibit parking and loading (both sides) of Sandport Gait, Kinross from its junction with the private access to the property number 7, Sandport Gait (312147, 701971) to its junction with Pier Road (312061, 701992), a distance of 95.51m or thereby. Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

HIGH STREET - KINROSS

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PARKING AND LOADING

Effective from 28 July 2021 for three days. The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading (both sides) of High Street, Kinross from its junction with Clashburn Road (311822, 701708) to the private access leading to number 180 (311855, 701806), a distance of 102.71m or thereby. Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

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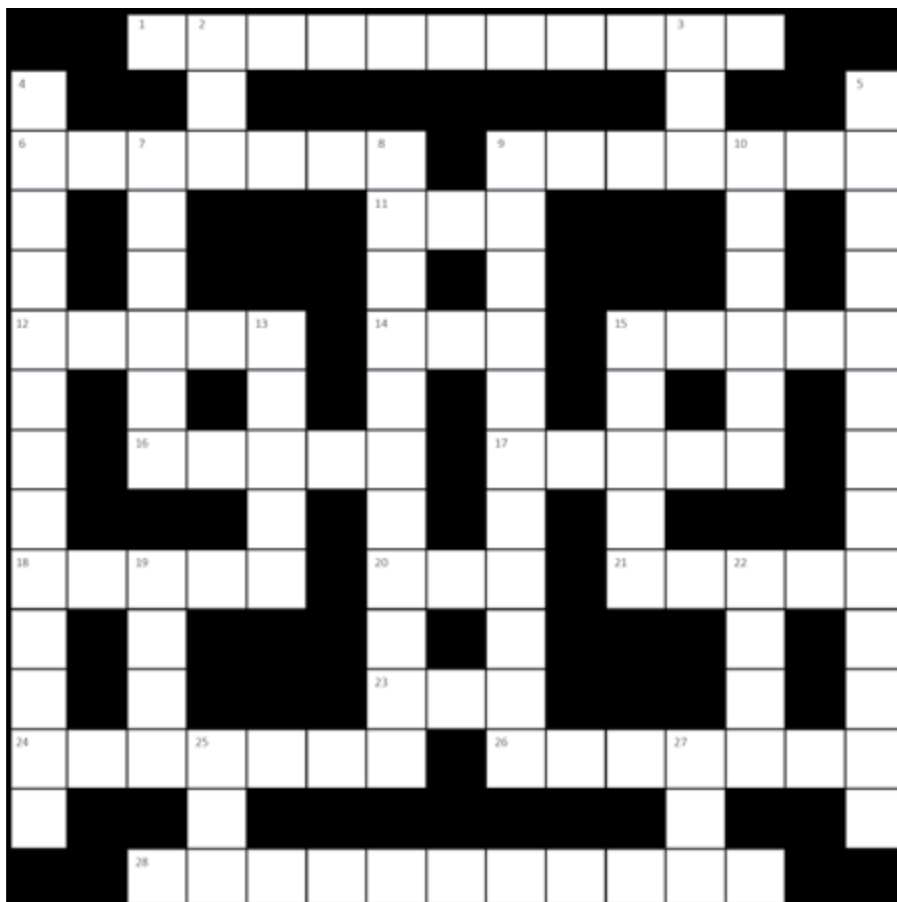
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Welcome to our not-so-fiendishly-difficult puzzles page – enough to test your brain, not so much that it will explode from the strain. A moderately difficult sudoku and a Kinross-themed crossword should be enough to accompany your mid-afternoon cup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

KINROSSWORD

Test your local knowledge with our crossword, where a number of the clues relate to Kinross and the surrounding area. No prizes – just bragging rights for getting it right. Answers on page 5.



ACROSS

- 1 Care Home (6, 5)
- 6 Written lists of subjects to be discussed at CC meetings (7)
- 9 Small letter (7)
- 11 A Fairtrade speciality (3)
- 12 Equipment for KADAC (5)
- 14 Short for Pamela (3)
- 15 Japanese delicacy (5)
- 16 Wonderful (5)
- 17 Heard at Kacophony Orchestra (5)
- 18 RSPB new coffee stop (5)
- 20 Kinross roads would benefit from more of this (3)
- 21 Mode of public transport currently unavailable in the county (5)
- 23 Lady's name (3)
- 24 Walker often seen with a backpack (7)
- 26 Difficult choice (7)
- 28 Hard to spell local shops (11)

DOWN

- 2 Warm and seldom seen (3)
- 3 To observe (3)
- 4 Sheltered housing (8, 5)
- 5 Day when we will know if rain is to last for another 40 days (2, 7, 3)
- 7 Lives (6)
- 8 Male relative that shares a parent with you (11)
- 9 When you run out of road in Crook of Devon (7, 4)
- 10 Rents (6)
- 13 Colourful flower (5)
- 15 Thanks to the Kinross Partnership you can do this around the loch (5)
- 19 Soothing cream (4)
- 22 Fragment (4)
- 25 Mass (3)
- 27 Record label (3)

SUDOKU

	3		8	9	4			
	2	7					4	
			5				3	8
	9			8				1
2		8				6		
	5				6	4		
				5	1	8		
1			2	4				7
	6			3			1	4

Weekly Programme For July 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 7 or 21 July)	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



We only have a small programme of events at the moment due to restrictions, but we hope to introduce more as and when restrictions are lifted. Please be aware events may be cancelled at short notice. Thank you so much for all the support. Safety measures are in place.



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Notices

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The above Committee have for many years provided bursaries for educational purposes for Applicants whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received at least 3 years education in the County of Kinross (primary or secondary school). Applications are welcome from anyone meeting these criteria and who are to undertake further education. This includes attendance at University, College, or other establishments as long as the Committee is satisfied as to the course or training in question. This includes full time or part time studies. Awards may be given for one year and subsequent years at the discretion of the Committee.

Please note that a maximum of five awards will be given to any Applicant.

Applications must be lodged by 30 September 2021 to be considered at the Committee meeting to be held later in the year. Application Forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN or by emailing mail@andersons-kinross.co.uk

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TUESDAY	8-10am
WEDNESDAY	8-10am
THURSDAY	8-10am and 4-7pm
FRIDAY	8-10am
SATURDAY	8am-12pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Funding

KVG/ROS is supported by Perth and Kinross Council but there is always a shortfall. Our Management Committee are continuously fund raising, and coupled with the donations we receive from local organisations, service users and individuals, we are able to provide the funds to cover our expenses and running costs. We are so grateful to everyone who supports us and allows KVG/ROS to deliver this vital community service.

Our continuous service to the community is only possible due to the core funding received from:-

Perth and Kinross Community Care
Perth and Kinross Community Transport Fund
and the generous donations from
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Local churches, community groups and organisations
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**Kinross-shire Volunteer Group
and Rural Outreach Scheme**



Registered charity SC 015642

April 2021

Registered charity SC 013642 Volunteer Friendly Award Holders



OPEN GARDENS FOR MARIE CURIE

The MARIE CURIE fundraising committee are hosting an

OPEN GARDENS DAY

Saturday, 7 Aug
12-4pm

TICKETS £10

Six very attractive gardens of varying sizes are sure to be of interest to all. Three are in Milnathort and three in Kinross.

Your ticket will include light refreshments .

Tickets and a map to the gardens will be available from 12pm in the garden of Kinellen House 63 South St. Milnathort, KY13 9XA, opposite the war memorial. Enter by driveway to the left of the house. On street parking.

All proceeds from this event will support Marie Curie Care that provides hands on nursing care and vital emotional support night and day in the homes of patients with ANY terminal illness at no cost to the patient. Referrals are made through our GPs and District Nurses.

INTERESTED IN GUIDING?

Girl Guide Troops In Milnathort, Kinross & Portmoak Need Helpers

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

Alison 07764 750212

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: lyndsastobie@chas.org.uk or 07557 370746.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

The 2021/22 Community Investment Fund is now open to applicants.

Applications are open until Friday 3 September.

The Community Investment Fund is designed to support local projects which tackle inequalities in communities across Perth and Kinross. There are some changes to CIF for 2021/22, so please read the guidance at www.pkc.gov.uk/cif before completing an application form.

£600,000 is available in total across Perth and Kinross, with applications to be made based on the Council ward in which the project will take place. If you are not sure which ward you are in, you can find out by checking your postcode.

Please note that for 2021/22, the three Perth City wards have been merged into one larger funding pot for the city.

Please get in touch with any questions by emailing CIF@pkc.gov.uk or call 0345 30 111 00.

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Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 – 14:45
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- Webchat from our Perth CAB website www.perthcab.org.uk/ this is available from 10:00 each weekday, currently until 13:00 but we hope to expand these hours soon
- Via e-mail to advice@perthcab.org.uk

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (senior debt adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Newsletter Deadlines

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check the *Newsletter* website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
August	Friday 16 July	Saturday 31 July 2021
September	Friday 13 August	Saturday 28 August 2021

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

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

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

PKC can arrange delivery of flowers or for a local councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

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Grants For Good Causes

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



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

31 March and 30 September

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

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2021

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

DROP-IN COVID TESTING

Monday	Area Offices/Library, Pitlochry
Tuesday	Aberfeldy Community Fire Station
Wednesday	Atholl Street Car Park, Dunkeld
Thursday	Davie Park, Blairgowrie
Friday	Auchterarder Fire Station
Saturday	Kinross Fire Station
Sunday	Perth Community Fire Station



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Swansacre Playgroup, Kinross

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HNC Childhood Practice or SCQF 7, Social Services, SSSC registered. 1 year of childcare experience preferred Monday-Friday, term time only.

Prior to interview, a Covid-19 questionnaire will be sent out. All interviews will be conducted outside where possible with two social distancing in place. Both parties will wear masks inside.

Mindspace Recovery College

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



Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

BANK OF SCOTLAND MOBILE BANKING

Service operates fortnightly on a Tuesday 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>

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The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available *Newsletter*, subject to space.

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Saturday:	9am-12.30pm
Tel:	01577 862219

Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is
Asda, Dunfermline



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Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed.

Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

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Lifelong support for our Forces and their families

WHO ARE WE? We are the national charity, which for nearly 140 years has been helping serving and ex-service men and women, Regular and Reservist, and their families, in need. Eligibility is based on only one day's paid service.

WHERE ARE WE? There are 91 branches all over the UK, of which 22 are in Scotland. They all operate with a network of trained volunteers in the local area, to look into cases with understanding and sensitivity. Many of the volunteers are ex-Services themselves. The Perth and Kinross Branch has an office

in Queen's Barracks, Perth – courtesy of 7th Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Scotland. Our Branch Patron is the Provost of Perth and Kinross who, with his council staff, are wonderful supporters.

WHAT DO WE DO? We take immediate action whenever there is hardship and need. Our help and advice is totally confidential, and we help all ages. We work closely with other agencies, and service charities, and help can vary hugely...

We may help a war widow manage her bills; an ex Serviceman with a mobility challenge; assist a Service family with a special needs child, or a returned veteran from Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts.

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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

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 9am - 7pm

Sat - Sun 9am - 5pm

Bras, bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non-recyclable (general) waste.

Bikes and bike parts will be recycled (see separate Bike Station notice).

Collection point for Perth College WEEE project: IT equipment will be refurbished and sold on at an affordable price or recycled for parts. Items accepted include: desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones (without the sim card), tablets, keyboards, mouse controls, cables, DVD players, video players, portable music players, games consoles, new or empty printer cartridges, projectors and flat screen working monitors. The project cannot accept Cathode Ray Tube or broken monitors.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

Community Councils

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Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland.

Diary

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Giacopazzi's	Lathro, Kinross	Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
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Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort	Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
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