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# Editor's Page

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## Letter From The Editor

I was lucky enough to be at the Kinross Show on 14 August, in wonderful sunshine. Everyone had a great day and was so happy that the show went ahead. You can see some local results and lots of great photos on p27. Well done to the organisers who really pulled it off at short notice.

I'm listening to the rain battering the windows as I write this and hoping the sun returns for the Fossoway Gathering, another great community event, on 4 September. It's been a long time since we could look forward to events like these and now that we finally seem to be putting the pandemic behind us, it's great to see people out enjoying themselves – in groups!

It's lovely to see that the diary this month stretches to a full page of events for September. See p116 for an extensive list of What's on and Where. There are coffee mornings, ceilidhs and concerts throughout September to look forward to.

The artists and makers at Perthshire Open Studios (Turquoise Route) would be delighted to see you between 4-12 September, when they will be opening up their workplaces – often, their own homes in Kinross-shire – to showcase their talents. Who knew there was so much talent on offer locally? There's absolutely no expectation to buy – but they would love to see you and tell you about their work.

Keep sending us your letters, thanks and congratulations items and any other contributions you have for the *Newsletter*. They are always gratefully received.

*Hannah Phillips, Editor*

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

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## Congratulations!



**Nicol and Janette Tomney** will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 18 September. The couple were married in Inveravon Parish Church in Ballindalloch in 1971.

*Lots of love and congratulations from Nicola, Colin and all your friends and family.*

## Thanks



**I WOULD LIKE TO SAY**, on many people's behalf, thank you for the wonderful support and fellowship given to so many of us during lockdown.

I would like to mention: Kinross Kindness, Kinross Centre, Broke not Broken, The Parish church, along with all other Christian groups, our various groups of the wider medical world, Kinross Whyte court, Causeway Court, The Sycamores, and any others who have been supporting people at home. If I've missed any group out by mistake, they are also included in my thanks.

*Valerie MacDonald, Kinross*

**CHARLIE AND BETH FOLEY** of Milnathort would like to say many thanks for the well wishes, cards, gifts and flowers when they celebrated their Golden Wedding, thanks again to all.

**A VERY SPECIAL MEETING** took place this month at Ashley House in Milnathort when it's oldest resident **Agnes Smith** met her first great-great grandchild Hunter Thomson for the first time. Agnes, aged 103, met with her son Sandy Smith, grand-daughter Amanda Reid and great-grand-daughter Stacey in the garden for a five-generation



photograph with nine-month-old Hunter who was born during lockdown.

The family would like to thank the staff at Ashley House for making this special event possible.



### Milnathort Triathlete Selected For GB At European Youth Championships

I would like to share the news of my selection for the European Youth Championships in Turkey in September 2021 along with my selection for the Triathlon Scotland team at the 2021 School Games. This is my first GB selection in this team of 3 UK males.

I am also currently leading the British Triathlon Super Series in my age group, and on 1/8/21 I became Scottish National U20 Aquathlon Champion.

None of this could have happened without all the help I have received throughout my triathlon journey, I am especially grateful to Kinross Otters for swimming, Kinross Cycle Club for long rides, Fife AC for running and Kinross High School for their support.

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# Letters

## Photo Request

**DO YOU HAVE ANY** old photos of the original changing rooms at KGV? The old sheds were shared by rugby, women's hockey, football players and cricketers too. If you can help with historic photos, please get in touch via the [editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org).

Brian D'Arcy

## Electric Cars

**HAS ANYONE THOUGHT ABOUT** snow, traffic jams and electric cars?

If all our cars were electric and were caught in a three hour traffic jam... causing dead batteries! Then what? Not to mention the serious loss of range, if the heating or air con are switched on. Remember some of our Scottish winters to date. Cold reduces range considerably.

If you get stuck on the road at night, with no battery, no heating, no windscreen wipers, no radio, no sat-nav, no lights (because these would all drain the battery), you could try calling 999 to bring any women or children to safety, but the services cannot get to you because the roads are all blocked as no one can move and all the police cars will be electric too!

When the roads are finally unblocked, no one can move as their batteries are dead and they could not move anyway.

How would you recharge hundreds of cars in a large traffic jam? (Do we send in drones with spare batteries, and, if so, who would remove and install them?)

We would have the same problem in summer with holiday departures and miles of traffic jams.

You would have virtually no air con, as it would drain your battery very quickly\*. This would make cars run out of 'fuel' and create a never ending traffic snarl up, not to mention tempers.

I think the single minded rush for electric has currently more problems than solutions.

Perhaps hydrogen or another fuel entirely can help as well!

Peter Reeve, Milnathort

*\*Source: How Much Does Climate Control Affect EV Range? (caranddriver.com)*



## Wild Camping

**THERE WERE VARIOUS COMMENTS** about wild camping in the last newsletter which need correction or clarification. It is wrong to suggest that the difficulties being encountered at many beauty spots around Scotland are because the Right to Roam legislation was 'poorly drafted'. In relation to camping, Part 1 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, simply amended another piece of legislation, the Trespass (Scotland) Act 1865, so that camping was no longer a criminal offence, on any land where access rights applied. I doubt if many people would want to reverse such land reform progress and help landowners to regain the draconian powers they had in the 1800s.

The difficulties being encountered in roadside locations today have nothing to do with access rights. An abandoned mattress at Burleigh Sands, for example, is due to illegal fly-tipping, not camping. There are a large number of criminal offences relating to pollution, vandalism, dog control, lighting fires, poaching etc, all listed on four pages of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. All that is required is proper enforcement. And road traffic legislation permits anyone to park their vehicle within 15 yards of the highway, so long as no damage is done to fences etc. That is an essential requirement for safety, rest and relaxation reasons.

The fundamental problem is not legislation; it is a failure to provide proper roadside facilities, from parking areas and toilets to picnic sites, rest and recreation areas. Travel through any other European country and you will find they are decades ahead of Scotland – compare the facilities in these other countries with the tiny laybys now being built along the newly dualled sections of the A9. These are the perfect example of how not to provide roadside facilities.

Of course local politicians are always being pressurised to 'do something'. At least we can be grateful that Perth and Kinross Council appear to have no intention of following the example set by the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. Their camping bylaws have solved nothing – a very expensive and ineffective measure whose main achievement has been to push any problems onto other local authorities while they try to turn law abiding campers into criminals. Instead the focus needs to be on improved facilities, better infrastructure and more rangers to engage and educate. The Right to Roam legislation needs no amendment – it just requires more effort to manage our land and road systems so that they complement Scotland's world class access rights.

Dave Morris, Kinnesswood

## Too Much Politics

**I ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH** Simon Byford's comment on there being 'too much politics' in recent *Newsletters* and while I also agree with the Editor's comment on readers' rights to voice opinion, which is a principle that we all would surely support and adhere to, she misses the point about context. This is addressed by Mr Byford's observation that councillors and parliamentarians manage to confine themselves to local issues.

It would be a pity if our Newsletter, much valued by our community, began to provide platforms for polemic of any variety or subtle electioneering.

Essie Tough, Milnathort

*Our readers' opinions are reflected in the letters they write us. They frequently engender and stimulate debate, and it would be wrong to deny readers that opportunity. [Ed.]*

## Letters

### More Relevance, Please

**OUR MP, JOHN NICOLSON**, has a piece every month in the *Newsletter* along with other local elected representatives.

However, his recent contributions have been nothing but inconsequential matters personal to him, which displays some contempt for his constituents in this area if he can find nothing to write that directly affects us.

I suggest the editors inform him that his musings will no

longer be published unless he has points to make that are locally relevant instead of the vacuous waffle in his column in the last couple of months.

*Bill Cooper, Kinross*

*The Newsletter offers all elected representatives a chance to write a column every month, in which to address their constituents. The content is entirely their choice, our only stipulation being that it is not libellous or offensive. [Ed.]*

## IS THIS YOU?

**MRS MURIEL KINSLEY** (nee Dawson) sent us this photograph of her Kinross Primary School class of 1936/37. She thinks the children in the photo were probably born circa 1930.

Muriel left Kinross in November 1937 and moved to Alloa. She is pictured third from the left on the first row of seats!

She thinks the teacher may have been Miss Wilson. Perhaps you are in this photo or remember others who are? She would be interested to know, so please do get in touch with us here at the *Newsletter* if you have any memories of this class or the teacher, so that we can pass the information on.



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# News

## BLAZE CAUSES HIGH ST STANDSTILL



**KINROSS HIGH STREET WAS** closed off to pedestrians on Thursday 5 August as huge flames burned through the roof of a flat above the Fife Computers shop.

Firefighters were called to the scene of the blaze, in the top floor of the Category B listed building at 113 High St, shortly after 10am.

Horrified onlookers stopped to watch the thick grey smoke, which quickly turned to flames, spreading from the roof of the three-storey building which was on fire.

A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service spokesperson said: 'We were alerted at 10.12am on Thursday, August 5 to reports of a property on fire at High Street, Kin-

ross. Operations Control mobilised three fire appliances and one height vehicle.'

The fire caused extensive damage to the building. Inside access was deemed to be too difficult because of the narrow spiral staircase, and so a height appliance was brought in from Kirkcaldy in order to give the firefighters access to the top of the building. The area was cordoned off until about 1pm.

Thankfully, no casualties were reported and local shopkeepers rallied round to offer shelter and refreshments to those affected by the fire.

Locals took to social media to express their concerns for those involved. 'Fingers crossed for minimal damage and nobody is hurt,' said one.

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# Recycling Glass To Feed The Community

**A GLASS RECYCLING BUSINESS**, started in lockdown, is helping raise funds for local food banks, in the first of its kind in the area.

Doorstep Glass Recycling was launched during lockdown after noticing a gap in the market for people to conveniently recycle glass without having to travel to recycling points. This is a company with a difference as they donate a percentage of any proceeds to local foodbanks.

After a successful launch in Dundee, Perth and Fife in early 2021, the company are now expanding into new areas. The service is now available in Kinross, Milnathort, surrounding areas and all of the little places in between.

Collections are every four weeks and the company are always flexible with regards to collections. Customers are sent a text and email reminder of the collection date and they collect from all properties.

The business charge £6 pounds per month for one box and



thereafter any additional boxes are charged at a discounted rate. The boxes are 45 litres and can hold over 30 bottles of wine and approx 55 beer bottles. Discounts are available for multiple boxes.

The business has proved a success with a number of local Airbnb's signing up to the service quickly.

Alisdair said: 'The service is really all about convenience. We have people signing up for a whole host of reasons from mobility issues to saving them the time and effort.'

The company work in association with the Binn Group who are based at Glenfarg to ensure that the glass is disposed of correctly. As well as boosting recycling locally, the organisation is also helping make a contribution towards reducing emissions.

Daniel said, 'We are aiming to improve recycling rates in all of the new areas we are operating in and our service will reduce the number of vehicles attending recycling centres, having a positive impact on local emission targets.'

Our intention is to make Kinross and the surrounding areas one of our flagship communities and to lead by example what people can achieve through effortlessly recycling glass.'

*\*If you have any glass to be recycled, and would like to help raise funds for your local community, get in touch with Doorstep Glass Recycling at [www.doorstepglassrecycling.co.uk](http://www.doorstepglassrecycling.co.uk).*

## Everything's Gone Greens At The Co-Op!

The Co-Op store at 54-56 High Street, Kinross will be closing for refurbishment on Saturday 18 September at 10pm before reopening at 7am on Friday 24 September as Greens of Kinross.

Greens are excited to bring a number of the improvements they have become renowned for, including at their convenience stores including plenty of Scottish and local products, Fisher & Donaldson's baked goods, Equi's ice-cream, Skwishee, F'real Milkshakes, Costa Coffee and lots more.

A spokesman said 'This is a great opportunity for Greens and for Kinross. Please let us know any local superstar products you'd like to see in our shops.'

# THE FOSSOWAY GATHERING IS HERE!

**A CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS** parade on the theme of heroes and a guest celebrity hero from the world of sport will launch the 2021 Fossoway Gathering at Waulkmill Park, Crook of Devon at

12.30pm on Saturday 4 September. All are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable day out.

The committee are delighted that a strong response from youth and community or-

ganisations will ensure a wide variety of activities, stalls, displays and entertainment to interest and engage the young – and not so young!

The programme includes children's storytelling, fun fair activities, sports, mini-flower show, crafts, arena displays, live music and so much more. A variety of refreshments will be available across the site.

The Gathering is a great opportunity to support local clubs and societies and to learn more about what they can offer.

Contact: [fossowaygathering@gmail.com](mailto:fossowaygathering@gmail.com)

Donate to the crowd funder: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fossowaygathering](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fossowaygathering)

The committee look forward to welcoming you to the Gathering this year. Keep in touch on Facebook @FossowayGathering





# Live Shows For Young Kinross Talent



**FOR A SECOND YEAR** local residents of Kinross-shire will be treated to a live performance of young local musical talent in the beautiful surroundings of the Green Hotel courtyard on Sunday 5 September at 3pm. This event is organised by KLEO and supported by the Green Hotel management and staff.

The concert is in aid of Help Musicians Scotland, the charity which provides 'help, support and opportunities to empower musicians'. The audience will be welcome to make voluntary donations to the charity at the concert.

The programme will range from jazz, traditional, light clas-

sics, popular songs and film music including Kerchief Dance by Mclachlan, Carlos Gardel 'Por Una Cabeza' tango from 'Scent of a Woman', 'Playford Dances' for guitar and mandolin and Remembrances from 'Schindler's List' by John Williams. The concert will feature performances from well-known Kinross musician and entertainer Guy Bathgate who is studying jazz in Leeds and GEM Jazz Trio from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

FREE tickets to attend are now available for booking via Eventbrite by following a direct link promoted on the KLEO website: [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk).



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# THE TRAINS ARE BACK IN DOLLAR!

A NEW ATTRACTION HAS been added to the permanent exhibition on the Devon Valley Railway in Dollar Museum. It is a working model of Dollar Railway Station as it was around 1960.

The railway came to Dollar in 1869 as part of the Devon Valley Railway (DVR), which linked East and West Scotland. It closed to passengers in 1964, the year after the Queen travelled on it after her visit to Dollar. The section from Dollar to Kinross was dismantled, but the section from Alloa to Dollar Mine remained open until the Mine closed in 1973. This part of the track is now a popular walkway and cycle path.

In 1992 Dollar Museum was given over 700 negatives and photographs illustrating all aspects of the DVR line, taken by local railway enthusiast Peter Wilson. These were scanned and may all be seen on slide shows and in albums in the museum. They formed the basis of the Museum's DVR Collection, which has been added to over the years by many generous donations of railway items, such as the Rumbling Bridge to Kinross tablet giving the train driver access to that section of the single-line track, the drinking fountain



*The train is in the station*

from Dollar Station, and tickets for the last train, including one for the passenger's bike.

During lockdown, Mick Rice, a retired design engineer with Mercedes and modelling enthusiast, lovingly created a scale model of Dollar Railway Station with its platform, signals and associated buildings, as well as the Dollar Burn, the Kelly Burn and the branch line leading to Dollar

Mine. The model also features the chicken farm which was situated in Lovers Loan, by the railway track.

The model has a working locomotive and carriages, which can be demonstrated during a visit to the Museum. As an extra attraction visitors can also hear the actual sounds of a steam train travelling from Alloa to Dollar, complete with shunting at Dollar Mine. The whole journey was recorded in the 1960s by Mike Jodeluk, who was on the footplate.

The model has already aroused a great deal of interest and sparked the memories of many visitors. A former worker at Dollar coal mine remembered that coal was delivered to the mine to provide power to work the machinery, whilst the locally mined coal, of inferior quality, was sent to Kinross Power Station. A retired teacher at Dollar Academy recalled being responsible for organising the flowers for the Queen's departure from the station in 1963.

Dollar Museum is open on Saturdays from 11-1pm & 2-4.30pm, and on Sundays from 2-4.30pm. Entry is free and all visitors are welcome.

*The display, with map and working model*



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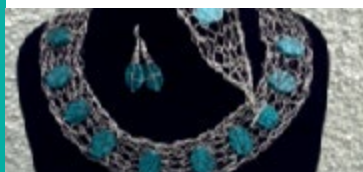
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# Doors To Be Thrown Wide For Open Studios Week

**OVER 200 ARTISTS THROUGHOUT** Perthshire are taking part in the 2021 Perthshire Open Studios event this September, with ten local venues around Kinross-shire forming the Turquoise Route.

Running from 4-12 September, the Open Studios event sees artists and makers opening up their workplaces – in many cases, their own homes – to showcase their work to visitors from far and wide.

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

Six individual painters are showing their work this year – **Barry Allan Scot** in Bridge of Earn (venue 45), **Richard Ibbotson** in Glenfarg (venue 46), **Kathryn Kirkwood** (venue 48), **Carol Barbour** in Kinross (venue 50), **Anne White** also in Kinross (venue 51) and **Nichol Wheatley** in Fossoway (venue 53). These artists exhibit a wide range of style and media, ranging from dramatic landscapes and seascapes through intriguing abstracts to beautiful scenes of wildlife and engaging pet portraits.

Composite photography and handmade books are the product of the unique talents of **Julie Close** in Scotlandwell (venue 47), while **Rhona Bradbury** at Ritzy Glass (venue 52) designs and makes a huge range of homewares and gifts from fused glass.

Also in Kinross is jeweller **Rebecca Robertson** of By Rebecca Studios (venue 49). Rebecca creates handmade and bespoke pieces in sterling silver and gold and also hosts the by Rebecca Studios collective of local artists and makers.

Completing the Turquoise Route line-up is printmaker **Babs Pease** in Rumbling Bridge (venue 54), who creates delicately carved limited edition linocut prints.

Regular visitors to the Turquoise Route might be wondering where jewellery-maker **Gill Skene** can be found. Gill creates unique jewellery through the unusual technique of knitting freshwater pearls and semi-precious stones with silver-plated wire and this year is one of the five exhibiting artists at Perthshire Open Studios' showcase exhibition at The Bield at Tibbermore, Perth, from 28 August – 12 September.

Gill is also Route Coordinator for the Perthshire Open Studios Turquoise Route. She said: "All ten studios on the Kinross-shire Route are really excited to be part of this year's event and we're all busy preparing new pieces to show and sell.

'After having to cancel the Open Studios event last year, our artists and makers are looking forward to welcoming visitors, and while our work is all for sale, we're delighted just to chat with people about our work – there is absolutely no obligation to buy!'

The Turquoise Route is kindly sponsored by the Webster Group.

More information on all the artists and makers participating in Perthshire Open Studios event can be found at [perthshireopenstudios.com](http://perthshireopenstudios.com).

## TULLIBOLE OPEN DAY



Tullibole Castle

On Sunday 5 September Tullibole Castle will be open for free, with guided tours available for visitors. Just turn up.

The castle also can be visited by appointment until 30 September: from Tuesday-Sunday, 1-4pm.

Completed in 1608, Tullibole Castle is a classic example of a 17th century Scottish tower house in a parkland setting. Its contents include a collection of 18th and 19th century paintings, and portraits of past owners of Tullibole Castle and their relations (including some by Raeburn), and furniture from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Visit the Witches Maze, a memorial to commemorate the Crook of Devon witch trials in 1662, when 11 people were strangled to death because they were believed to be witches.

The grounds also contain the ruins of a medieval church and old kirkyard, a moat and a doocot.

Now primarily used as a venue for weddings and events, the castle can be found on the B9097, one mile east of Crook of Devon, KY13 0QN.

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## Newsletter Grant Deadline Nears



**LOCAL GROUPS ARE** reminded that the deadline for applications to the Kinross Newsletter Fund (30 September) is approaching.

The fund was built up from past profits made by the *Kinross Newsletter*. It is administered by Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL), a registered charity.

KCCNL welcomes applications from local organisations for all types of funding. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, on 01577 865004 or email [barrydavies57@btinternet.com](mailto:barrydavies57@btinternet.com)

## Drop-In Vaccine Clinics For 16-17 Year Olds

**THIS WEEK HAS SEEN** the start of drop-in clinics offering Pfizer vaccines to 16 and 17-year olds following updated advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Welcoming this development and encouraging local young people to get themselves vaccinated as soon as possible, Jim Fairlie MSP said:

‘I was pleased when the JCVI updated their advice so that the Pfizer vaccine is now being made available to all 16- and 17-year olds. NHS Tayside have drop-in clinics running at the Dewars Centre in Perth, 7-days-a-week, open from 10am until 6pm. I can



## NEW BUTTERFLY FOR LOCH LEVEN

**THERE WAS EXCITEMENT AT** Loch Leven NNR in July when a new species was recorded on the reserve for the first time! The Purple Hairstreak butterfly has been increasing its range in Scotland over the last few decades, and while they are common in the south of England they are much less common here, and have been in decline in the UK.

They are normally seen on the canopy of old oak trees. They are particularly hard to find as they spend most of their time on the tree tops. The colony at Loch Leven NNR can be seen on the oak trees next to the River Leven at Levenmouth. Simon from NatureScot said in his blog, ‘I counted 30-40 individuals. They are a butterfly that could be easily missed, as they only come out in the evening.’

assure anyone with concerns that the set-up they have is efficient, safe and easy to negotiate.

I would urge everyone who is eligible to get themselves vaccinated as soon as possible – and that is a message that goes out to anyone over 18 who has missed their appointment for whatever reason. Get jagged, protect yourself and others, and together we will get beyond this virus.’

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# Gardens Day 'Great Success' For Marie Curie



Photos: Ian Thorogood

**THE OPEN GARDENS FUNDRAISING** day for Marie Curie held on 7 August was a great success! Nine lovely gardens in Milnathort and Kinross opened their gates to visitors and refreshments were served in the Potager Garden and the Guide Hall. Entertainment was provided by the Circle Dancers from Kinross on the Longstaffe's lovely lawn.

The sale of produce, plants, baking and even golf balls boosted the total raised for Marie Curie Care to £2097!

A huge thanks goes to the gardeners who worked so hard to have their gardens looking great! Thanks too to the bakers, servers, ticket printer and sellers who were such a help to our committee members, to Hannah for advertising the event so well and to all who supported it on the day or sent donations.

Funds raised will help Marie Curie provide end of life care to persons with **any** terminal illness and support to their families in the comfort of their own home or in a Marie Curie Hospice.



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# TEAM GB T-SHIRT UP FOR AUCTION

**NOW HOME FROM THE** Olympics, Milnathort's own Olympic medallist Laura Muir recently visited Mandy's Salon in Kinross High Street. She was there to deliver a signed Olympic team GB t-shirt. Laura kindly donated the signed shirt which will be auctioned later this year to raise money for the Kinross Day Centre.

A spokesperson from Mandy's Salon said, 'Thank you again Laura! You are an inspiration and well done on your silver medal in the Olympics.'

The 28-year-old produced an exceptional run in the 1500m Olympic final in Tokyo and finished with a time of 3:54.50, which is a new personal best. Muir managed to hold off Sifan Hassan around 250m from the finish line as the two runners battled it out for silver and bronze. She shattered the British record to finish behind Kenyan Faith Kipyegon.

The culmination of a near-decade-long quest for a major medal hit Muir after the finish line as she slumped to the track.

At the Rio Olympics five years ago, she suffered disappointment in the final 200m dropping from third to seventh in the final. This time around, she got stronger as the final lap went on.

'I'm so happy that I was able to show what I'm capable of,' Muir said.

'I've worked so hard for so long. I've been fourth, fifth twice, sixth and seventh every year in major championships since 2015 and with everything last year being postponed and not knowing what was going on — I got a silver.'

That last 100m, I don't think I've ever been so scared in my life. Someone was going to come past me and I would drop to fourth. I just gave it everything in that last stretch.

'I don't know if that national record will be broken but that medal is mine.'

She paid tribute to her family and friends, including training partner Jemma Reekie, adding: 'I want to thank everyone supporting me: Mum, Dad, and Gran — they're all supporting me at home.'

Olympic heptathlon gold medallist Denise Lewis added: 'Laura is one of

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# New Visitor Website For Perth And Kinross

A NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE has been launched to help visitors make the most out of their time in Perth and Kinross. Perth and Kinross Visitor Advice provides a portal where tourists can find out the latest information about where to go, what to see and what to do. It also provides practical advice on camping, details of roads closures and restrictions and where to find public toilets.

The website also lets people use a map to leave their own comments about where they visited, what they enjoyed and what could be changed to make things better.

The website has been created by the Visitor Management Working Group, which is led by Perth & Kinross Council

and involves organisations such as Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Forestry & Land Scotland.

Councillor Angus Forbes, Perth & Kinross Council's convenor of Environment and Infrastructure, said: 'Last year we were inundated with visitors and while the vast majority of those were well-behaved and considerate of others, a small number were not. Along with the other work we are doing, such as the appointment of Visitor Rangers, this website will help people enjoy Perth and Kinross considerably. It will also give visitors the chance to say what we're doing well and what we can be doing better. Their feedback will help us to continue making improvements. Tourism is a ma-

jor part of our economy and we want to make the visitor experience as positive as possible for everyone.'

P&K Council have seven temporary Visitor Rangers who patrol beauty spots and areas popular with campers. They're reminding visitors of their responsibilities and act as a point of contact for local residents who wish to raise any issues or concerns. They also carry Dig It kits which are given to campers so they can dispose of human waste responsibly.

Residents can contact P&K Council by email at [visitormanagementgroup@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:visitormanagementgroup@pkc.gov.uk) regarding any issues they may have.

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Our members offer a wide variety of services across all aspects of care and wellbeing. So if you provide any kind of wellbeing, therapeutic, social care or assistance service, are thinking of starting a new career as a self-employed person in care and wellbeing, are a college leaver, or run a creative or tourism business offering or interested in offering wellbeing packages, then we'd love to hear from you.

For further information log on to our website [www.thecareandwellbeing.coop](http://www.thecareandwellbeing.coop). Or, if you are interested in becoming a member, please email [hello@thecareandwellbeing.coop](mailto:hello@thecareandwellbeing.coop) and we'll be delighted to chat with you.

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In the last decade, supported by donations from EMP, the medical team has been able to treat thousands of patients, allowing them to return them to their families and lives free from pain and suffering.

Life is particularly tough in Ethiopia just now. They are dealing with the pandemic, an ongoing civil war, plagues of locusts devastating their crops and increasing numbers of attacks by

hyenas on children and babies. Like so many other charities, our fundraising activities have been affected by the pandemic, but we have had a little miracle. Due to the kindness and tenacity of two Scottish businesses, we will be sending a shipping container all the way to the gates of the Health Centre in Buccama.

The shipping container leaves Glasgow in less than eight weeks, and now we just have to fill it with the medical equipment they desperately need and a few items, which we hope, will bring a little joy. Can you help the people of Buccama by donating any item from the list below?

We'll be collecting and storing donations in Glasgow ahead of them being packed and shipped at the end of September. If you can help us fill the shipping container, please email [Katie.Burnett@KVBCommunications.com](mailto:Katie.Burnett@KVBCommunications.com) with details or questions or call 07878 734552 or 07803 589959.

Sadly we are not allowed to take any second hand clothes but if anyone has anything that still has its label, then we will take that. I went into CHAS and bought new clothes with labels. Good for CHAS and good for us! Other goods can be second hand. Please spread the word, think of your contacts. The race is on – our container leaves at the end of September.

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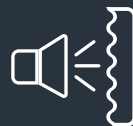
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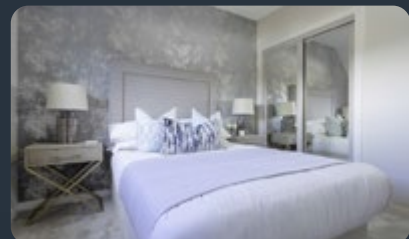
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There were even people from Elgin and Cumbria, with models powered by petrol or glow-plug engines, electric motors and even a gas-turbine jet engine!

The Loch Leven Flyers fly from the beach in Kirkgate, over the loch, taking off and landing on the water. Radio control allows the participants to fly several models at the same time, and they vary in size from half-metre wingspan to over 3 metres, 80cc engines and needing a van for transport and several people to operate!

This is done with permission from the Council and a permit from NatureScot (Scottish Natural Heritage) who monitor the flights carefully to ensure no significant disturbance to wildlife.

Bill McDiarmid told the *Newsletter*, 'The Kinross-shire area is something of a hot-bed for model aircraft, more usually



from a grass field – there are three local clubs in Glenrothes, Kinross (at Balado – you've probably seen the sign on the main road to Crook of Devon) and Balbedie Farm, by Kinglassie. Flying takes place all year round, weather permitting.'

The Loch Leven Flyers are just one of the model waterplane events which include Loch Insh, Loch Earn and Monikie (by Dundee). If you missed them this year check them out again in 2022, or call in at one of the local clubs.

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# KINROSS SHOW 2021

Dear Editor,

**SATURDAY 14 AUGUST** was a momentous day in the Kinross-shire calendar with the return of Kinross Agricultural Show. This was the biggest event of its kind to take place this year. It gives us all hope of emerging from the pandemic and some much-needed normality.

I want to express my heartfelt thank the great team of volunteers, who made this happen.

Fiona and Jane prepared a comprehensive grant application to Event Scotland in January. This grant was key to providing a covid safe show and getting our community event back. The Covid team was then formed and spent many

nights planning, adapting the layout, interpreting the Covid guidelines and making the licence application.

I was so heartened to see 20-40 enthusiastic people setting up throughout the week with over 300 livestock pens, tents and road signage. It was a colossal farming and community effort. All of these folk are full time, professional people who abandoned their day jobs to make this happen.

The RSPB fields were transformed from a green space to the stunning Show Field you visited on Saturday morning.

Conveners and committee had recruited trades and exhibitors from all over the East of Scotland. What an outstanding display of livestock and horses on the day! Thanks to the conveners for keeping the high-paced eventing and judging rolling from 8.30am and throughout the day.

Young Farmers must be congratulated on raising an amazing £1700 for charity. Their busy tent brought vibrant energy, fun activities and stock judging for novices to the show, as well as all their help during preparations.

Thanks to the top table, especially show secretary Laura Paterson, Covid team, media team and committee who supported me. It was all worth it to see the array of smiling faces and people catching up in the open air, after many isolating months.

Kinross Agricultural Show committee look forward to seeing you all on 13 August 2022!

*Mr Harold Greer*





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# LONG SERVICE AWARDS

**THE DEDICATION OF A** number of individuals to farm businesses in Kinross-shire was recognised with the presentation of Royal Highland and Agriculture Society for Scotland (RHASS) long service certificates at Kinross Show. RHASS run the award scheme to recognise the long service of employees who have been in full-time employment in Scotland within the rural, agricultural and support service industries. Mr William Young of Mawcarse presented the awards on behalf of RHASS.

Opposite – three employees of the late Mr A Braid and Messers Niven of Channel Farm received awards. Pictured from left to right are Robin Niven, David Liddle, (50 years service), David Syme (33 years service), Thomas Alan, (41 years service), Michael Niven and William Young.

Opposite below – Kenneth Eadie was presented with a Silver Medal and Certificate for 30 years of service with SM Bayne and Company Ltd at Gospetry Farm, Milnathort. Kenneth is pictured with John Bayne.

Below – Stewart Adam is presented with a Silver Gilt Medal and Certificate for 50 years with The Laird Family at Ardgairney, Farm, Cleish, Kinross. Stewart is pictured with Kathleen and Alister Laird.

Photos by Fiona Turnbull.



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## DOG SHOW

### Special Prize – Best in Show

- 1st Zodiak owned by Joyce Whitelaw

### Class 1 Novelty Class

- 1st Russell owned by Lornie Blake  
2nd Issy owned by Gillian Galbraith  
3rd Treacle owned by Andrew Mae

### Class 2 Dog / Bitch with Waggiest Tail

- 1st Hamish owned by Heather Mackay  
2nd Molly owned by Andrew Lamb  
3rd Hugo owned by Danny Craig

### Class 3 Dog / Bitch with most appealing eyes

- 1st Alva owned by Holly Simpson  
2nd Ozzy owned by Alison Bates  
3rd Mac Owned by Jayne MacDonald

### Class 4 Dog / Bitch any variety

- 1st Henrick owned by Lucy Moran  
2nd Ozzy owned by Alison Bates  
3rd Tom owned by Lucy Blakie

### Kinnesswood Quaich – Puppy any variety

- 1st Hamish owned by Heather MacKay  
2nd Benson owned by Helen Sands  
3rd Hugo owned by Danny Craig



Photo: Zodiak with Joyce Whitelaw.  
Pic by Fiona Turnbull



Photo: Hamish, with Heather Mackay.  
Pic by Hannah Phillips

### Belkello Quaich –

- 1st Magnus owned by Rebecca Jeffries  
2nd Benson owned by Helen Sands  
3rd Treacle owned by Andrew Mae

### Farmers Trophy

- 1st Zodiak owned by Joyce Whitelaw  
2nd Gus owned by Euan King  
3rd Alva owned by Hollie Simpson

### The Cairns Cup

- 1st Ozzy owned by Alison Bates  
2nd Romeo owned by Kelly Stirling  
3rd Mae owned by Jayne MacDonald

### The Walls Cup

- 1st Zodiak owned by Joyce Whitelaw  
2nd Magnus owned by Rebecca Jeffries



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## CHAMPIONS 2021

<b>CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS</b>	Stuart & Lynsey Bett
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b>	Kenny Duthie, Brechin
<b>CLYDESDALE CHAMPION</b>	Ronnie Black, Collessie
<b>SHETLAND CHAMPION</b>	Katy Levy
<b>HIGHLAND CHAMPION</b>	Wendy Taylor
<b>RIDDEN CHAMPION</b>	Lisa Allison, Glenfarg
<b>LIMOUSIN CHAMPION</b>	Andrew Orr, Wester Balgedie
<b>ABERDEEN ANGUS</b>	Ken Brown, Kinross



Photo: Chris Collins

## CROPS

### Winter Oats – Judged by Mike Logan

- 1st Andrew Baird, Kirkness (Dalguise)
- 2nd Andrew Baird, Kirkness
- 3rd Harley Seeds, Milnathort

### Winter Wheat

- 1st W.S. Young, Mawcarse (Sundance)
- 2nd J Weir, Lacceston
- 3rd Scott Black, Mawmill

### Winter Barley

- 1st WS Young, Mawcarse (Valerie)
- 2nd WS Young, Mawcarse
- 3rd AS Lawrie, Cuthill

### SPRING CROPS – Judged by Andrew Sinclair

#### Spring Oats

- 1st W Nelson, West Brackly (Conway)
- 2nd R Niven, Channel
- 3rd G Paton, Lethangie

#### Spring Barley

- 1st WS Young, Mawcarse (Laureate)
- 2nd W Nelson, West Brackly
- 3rd J Weir, Lacceston



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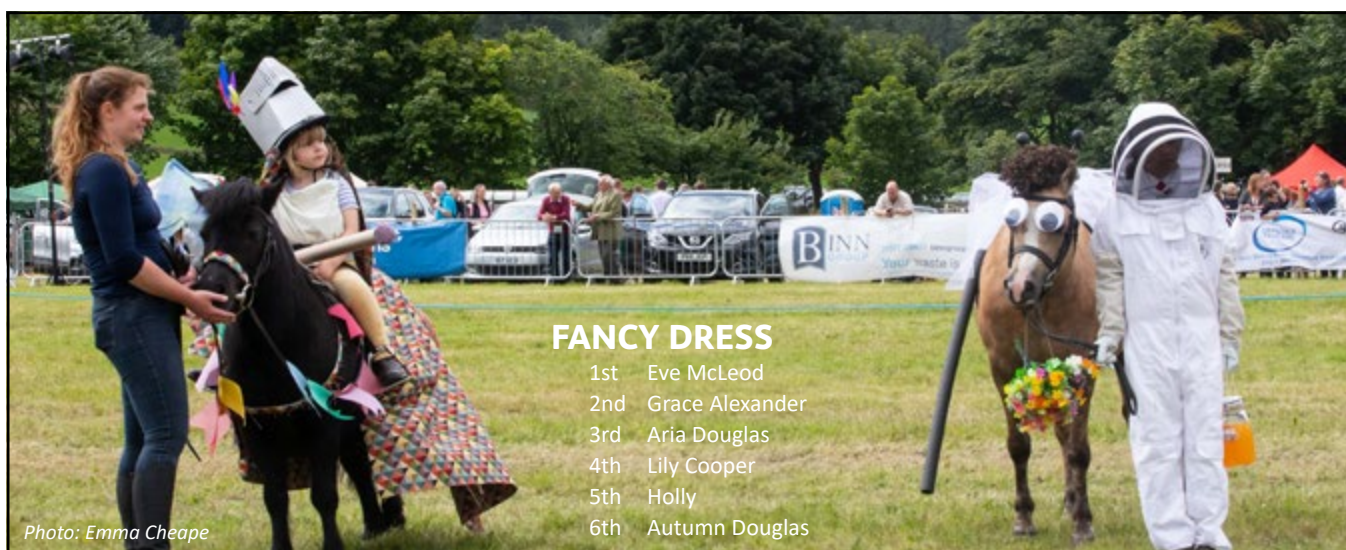


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## FANCY DRESS

- 1st Eve McLeod
- 2nd Grace Alexander
- 3rd Aria Douglas
- 4th Lily Cooper
- 5th Holly
- 6th Autumn Douglas



## VINTAGE TRACTORS

Hunter Cup – Fred Illand –  
Massey Ferguson 135

### PETROL PARAFFIN

1st	James Wilson	Grey Ferguson
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3rd	Peter Hunter	Grey Ferguson

### DIESEL

1st	Fred Illand	Massey Ferguson 135
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3rd	Norman Morrison	David Brown 950



## SHEEP

### TEXEL/BELTEX

#### The Springfield Cup

Champion W M Duthie (shearling tup)  
Reserve Kerr Jarvie, Muthill (Ewe)

### BELTEX

#### Champion

Robert Palmer and Laura Campbell,  
Doune (tup, two shear)

#### Reserve Champion

Robert Palmer and Laura Campbell,  
Doune (gimmer)

### ANY OTHER PURE BREED

#### Champion

Euan Mill, Fife

#### Reserve

J and E Lyle, Leven, Fife

#### Class 14 Tup Lamb

3rd Mark Thomson, Tillyrie, Milnathort

### Class 18 Group of Three Sheep

(one male and two females from different  
classes)

3rd Craig Drysdale, Kinnesswood

### BLACK FACE

Blackface Centenary Challenge Trophy

#### Champion

David Murray, Aberfeldy

#### Reserve

James Graham

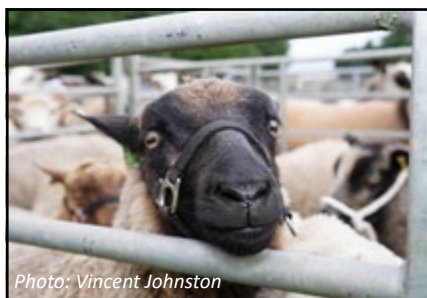


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### Class 25 A Pair of Blackface Ewe Lambs

2nd Angus Cheape, Fossoway

3rd Worrells & Co, Glenfarg

### BLUE FACE LEICESTER

#### Champion

C Malone, Cardenden

#### Reserve

C Jackson, Lanark

### SHETLAND SHEEP

#### Champion

Rena Douglas, Cupar

#### Reserve

Fiona Hipwell, Kinross

#### Macmin Quaich

Fiona Hipwell, Kinross

### Roths Cup For Champion White Shetland

#### Champion

Fiona Hipwell, Kinross

### Class 51 - Shetland Sheep

2nd Fiona MC Hipwell, Kinross

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**Class 53 Shetland Sheep White Ram, two shear or over**

1st Fiona MC Hipwell, Kinross

**Class 54 Shetland Sheep White Ewe, having lambs in 2021**

2nd Fiona MC Hipwell, Kinross

**Class 56 Shetland Sheep White Ewe Lamb**

2nd Fiona Hipwell, Kinross

**Class 58 Shetland Sheep Coloured, Ram Lamb**

1st Fiona MC Hipwell, Kinross

**Class 59 Shetland Sheep Coloured Ram Shearing**

1st Fiona MC Hipwell, Kinross

**Class 62 Shetland Sheep Coloured Gimmer**

2nd Fiona MC Hipwell, Kinross

**Class 63 Shetland Sheep Coloured Ewe Lamb**

3rd Fiona MC Hipwell, Kinross

**Class 64 Group of Three Shetland Sheep Coloured**

*(one male & two females from different classes)*

2nd Fiona MC Hipwell, Kinross

**MULES**

**Champion**

David Gray, Kilsyth

**Reserve**

Pen of 3 Ewe lambs – David Gray, Kilsyth

**Class 29**

3rd Alan McIntyre, Glenfarg

**Class 31**

2nd Alan McIntyre, Glenfarg

4th Alan McIntyre, Glenfarg

**SHEPHERDS CLASS**

**THE BARRAT CUP**

**Class 37**

1st Struan Whyte

2nd Grace Harley

3rd Chloe Harley

**Class 38**

1st George Whyte, Muthill

2nd John Messenger, Abernethy

3rd Katie Bell

**CROSS SHEEP**

**Class 33**

3rd Mark Thomson, Milnathort

**Class 36**

3rd Mark Thomson, Milnathort

**DORSET SHEEP**

**Champion**

A Morton, Lanark

**Reserve Champion**

D & D Rankine

**Class 40**

1st Fiona Harley, Kinross

**Class 42 Gimmer**

2nd Fiona Harley, Kinross

**Class 43 Ewe Lamb**

3rd Fiona Harley, Kinross

**Class 44 Group of 3**

3rd Fiona Harley, Kinross

**SHEEP YOUNG HANDLERS**

1st Ryan Lyle

2nd Struan Whyte

3rd Ailsa McDougall



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Baltimore

#### The Tillyrie Quaich

Ken Brown, Kinross - Craigowmill  
Baltimore

#### The Ramage Dawson Cup

Ken Brown, Kinross- Craigowmill Baltimore

#### Class 6

1st Ken Brown, Kinross - Craigowmill  
Baltimore

### PURE BRED BEEF

#### The Westmac Rosebowl

Andrew Orr, Kinross— Lomond Rosie

#### Class 1 Limousin Bull any age

2nd Andrew Orr, Kinross – Lomond  
Rocky  
3rd Andrew Orr, Kinross – Lomond  
Rockstar

#### Class 4 Limousin Heifer

1st Andrew Orr , Kinross – Lomond  
Rosie  
2nd Andrew Ord , Kinross – Lomond  
Rita

### ANY OTHER NATIVE PURE BRED CATTLE

#### Class 12 Native pure-bred female, any age.

2nd Ken Brown, Kinross  
Craigowmill Carnation Rouge  
3rd Ken Brown, Kinross  
Craigowmill Irene

### CROSS BRED BEEF

#### The Captain C.K. Adam Trophy

##### Champion

Lynsey Bett, Fallin - Hurricane BBX

##### Reserve

Lynsey Bett, Fallin – Twister

#### Messrs Hay & Co Limited. Silver Trophy

##### Champion

Lynsey Bett, Fallin - Hurricane BBX

##### Reserve

Lynsey Bett, Fallin – Twister



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#### The Balado Trophy

Alan McIntyre, Glenfarg

#### Charolais Perpetual Cup

Willie Paterson, Carnbo

#### R.W. Warnock Limited

2nd Alan McIntyre, Glenfarg

#### Class 25 Cross Cow in calf or Cross cow in milk.

2nd Willie Paterson, Carnbo

#### Class 26 Cross cow and Calf shown as a pair

2nd Willie Paterson, Carnbo  
3rd Craig Drysdale, Kinnesswood

#### Class 33 Best Cross Heifer Class

1st equal Alan McIntyre / Alan McGre-  
gor, Glenfarg  
3rd Willie Paterson, Carnbo

#### Class 34 Best Cross Male calf

2nd William Cuthbertson, Gateside  
3rd Willie Paterson, Carnbo

#### Class 35 Best Cross Heifer calf

1st Craig Drysdale, Kinnesswood

### Class 36 Best Cross Heifer calf

1st Duncan Carmichael, Kinross

### Best Young Beef Handler

1st Chloe McIntyre  
2nd Julie Brozyna  
3rd Eve Cuthbertson  
4th Georgianna Harley

### DAIRY COWS

#### Class 2 Heifer and Calf

1st A & S Lawrie, Milnathort Cuthill  
Towers Happy Ray

#### Class 5 Junior Cow in Milk

2nd A & S Lawrie, Milnathort  
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#### Class 10 Young Handler

1st Ruth Allison –  
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2nd Hunter Weatherup –  
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## Kinross Show: A Great Success Achieved At Short Notice

MSP Jim Fairlie visited the Kinross Show. Congratulating the organisers, he said:

‘Agricultural shows are still one of the high points of the summer for rural communities and – like so many other things – they have been sorely missed over the course of the global pandemic.

The organisers put on a brilliant day. Normally, a show like this is a whole year in the planning so I want to extend huge congratulations to the Kinross Show committee and the whole team who have made it happen in just six weeks. Talk about pulling out all the stops!

I had a great time speaking to attendees, stall holders and exhibitors, and to get a change to check out the excellent livestock and machinery that was on display. I was absolutely delighted to be able to congratulate my very good friend Dave Murray on winning the highly competitive Blackface champion and interbreed reserve champion with a very impressive gimmer.’



### HORSES

#### Stevenson Cup –

##### Horse In Hand Championship

###### Champion

Morven McKenzie – Atlantic Tiffany

###### Reserve

John Bennet - Brackenbrae Bright Spark

#### Special Rosette To Exhibitor Within 12 Mile Radius Of Kinross

###### Champion

Jennifer Garland – Knight Light

###### Reserve

Hazel McFadzean – Mantle Hill  
Diamond Grey

#### Overall Horse Championship – Hopkinson Cup

###### Champion

Jennifer Garland – Knight Light

###### Reserve

Hazel McFadzean – Mantle Hill Dia-  
mond Grey

#### Working Hunters

##### Working Hunter Championship

###### Champion

Sarah Dawson – Cristantus

###### Reserve

Catherine Cousar – Pls Sibon Q

#### Kinross-Shire Agricultural Society Quaiach

###### Champion

Naomi Archibald – Annandale Maria

###### Reserve

Eilidh Stewart – Dakota Iii

#### Working Hunter Pony Championship – Hever Piers Trophy

###### Champion

Claire Milne – Mayday Lad

###### Reserve

Suzanne Laing – Millparks Shay

#### M & M Championship – Devonshaw Trophy

###### Champion

Aimee Hugill – Waxwing Gloss

#### Reserve

Patricia Rennie – Lomondise Jolene

#### Mountain & Moorland Championships – The Gay Dancer Trophy

###### Champion

Hattie Stuart-Reid – Pipson Georgie Boy

###### Reserve

Emily Talbot – Rushie Fauld Icon

#### Mountain & Moorland – The King Cup

###### Champion

Patricia Rennie – Lomondise Jade

###### Reserve

Emma Shaw – WestAire Tarautella

#### Overall Mountain & Moorland Championship

###### Champion

Aimee Hugill – Waxwing Gloss

###### Reserve

Patricia Rennie – Lomondise Jade

#### Pony Club Championship Izatt Perpetual Trophy

###### Champion

Anna Wallace – Kilcony Buttercup

###### Reserve

Esther Brown – Tootsie

#### Show Hunter Pony Championship

###### Champion

Clara Milne – May Day Lad

###### Reserve

Chloe Mcleod – Prince Harry

#### Mini Championship – Lomond Construction Trophy

###### Champion

Eve McLeod - Wait with Jilly-Anna

#### Overall Show Hunter Championship – The Bannaty Cup

###### Champion

Clara Milne – May Day Lad

###### Reserve

Chloe Mcleod – Prince Harry



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Lauren Hunter – Bogleys Lightning

**Reserve**

Laura Rennie – Craiglea Futastic

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Carol Rollo – Roman Sioux

**Reserve**

A Stewart – Lighting Cloud

**HIGHLAND PONY****ARDEONAIG TROPHY (Champion Ridden)**

Lisa Allison – White Lady of Whitefield

**JAMES CAIRN MEMORIAL****(Overall Champion)**

Wendy Taylor – Charly of Sunnysneuk

**MONKSWELL TROPHY**

Joanna McCormack –

Gieann Diridh of Rynuan

**Reserve Ridden Champion**

Liz Veitch – Strathmore Cooper

**Reserve In Hand**Joanna McCormack & Richard Fraser –  
Woodside Cara**SHETLAND PONIES****Best Gelding**Carolyn Pleass, Transy Shetland Pony  
Stud – Rosehoy Of Transy**Best Foal**Donna Lochtie, Dunning –  
Glendyburne Lady Devine**Junior Champion**

K &amp; F Panton, Almondell Harmony

**Junior Reserve**Tam Stuart, Mawburn Shetlands,  
Stow Braw Lad

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**Miniature Champion**

Lisa M Wilson Lillyrose Bluebell

**Miniature Reserve**

Amy McConville Creamline Matilda

**Standard Champion**

Katy Leavy Harviestoun Perphidia

**Standard Reserve**

Donna Lochtie Hawkdale Dixie

**Overall Breed Champion**

Katy Leavy Harviestoun Perphidia

**Overall Breed Reserve**

Donna Lochtie Hawkdale Dixie

**Male Championship****Champion**

Robert Sibbald - Thorn Union Jack

**Reserve Champion**

Lorna Hume - Fordelhill Marvel

**Mare Championship****Champion**

Ronnie Black – Collessie Alanna

**Reserve Champion**

Allan Craig – West Glen Rambling Rose

**Overall Champion**

Ronnie Black – Collessie Alanna

**Reserve Champion**

Allan Craig – West Glen Rambling Rose

**GOATS****Perpetual Challenge Flower Bowl & Champion Sash****Champion**

Campbell Family – Capitol Euphemia

**The Gordon Webster Tankard****Champion**

Beth Fairley – Ballingall Tasha

**Reserve**

Campbell Family – Capitol Harmonia

**The Benarty Quaich****Champion**

Campbell Family – Lovelglen Sophomax

**Reserve**

Rebekah Fleming – Rock Island Wisp

**The Francois Cup****Champion**

Beth Fairley – Ballingall Tasha

**John Fairley Memorial Shield****Best Milker****Champion**

Campbell Family – Capitol Euphemia

**Reserve**

Campbell Family – Linavon Eidelweiss

**DECORATED TYRE**

- 1st Ellie Murray - Turtle  
 2nd Steven Kaleta –  
 Loch Ness Monster  
 3rd Katie Bell – Dairy Cow

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Originally from Cowdenbeath, I spent the last 10 years living in Dunfermline. I moved to Gallowhill Road, Kinross in August 2016, with my wife Jacqueline and our two year old son, Calum. I'm a time-served joiner with 17 years' experience.



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# LLC Re-Launch From The Boathouse!



**AS AUTUMN FAST APPROACHES**, Loch Leven Church (LLC) will be taking on a new challenge: meeting weekly in The Boathouse. Set in one of the most stunning locations in Scotland, this iconic view will surely inspire thoughts of Jesus calming the storm (Matthew 8:23-27), recruiting His faithful fishermen followers (Matthew 4:18-20) and even cooking a fishy BBQ on the shores of the Sea of Galilee after his resurrection (John 21:9-14). The Boathouse is a perfect location for the church's temporary home not only because of its unparalleled views, but also the large decking area for the option of outdoor services. Not to mention the proximity of Kirkgate Park for the children. The leader of LLC's flourishing youth group, Stephen Jones, said 'We want everyone in the community to feel welcome to come to The Boathouse and be a part of this opportunity'.

Historically, when Christians have been prevented from assembling (because of persecution rather than pandemic) they have always re-invented their worship. During the past 18 months of social restrictions, LLC has done just that. Last Autumn, they hosted Kinross's first ever drive-in service, amassing in the field at Loch Leven's Brewery, as they thought outside of the box (although not outside of their cars)! They also took part in a church-wide challenge to walk, cycle, run and swim the equivalent distance of climbing all of

the Munros, donating £2000 to our very own Rachel House (CHAS). In winter, they tackled the extreme winter conditions and took to streets for delivery of 500 advent calendars and Christmas boxes to local families and spread the good news of Jesus' birth. Members also sang and played instruments in an online multi-church musical montage along with others from churches from all over Perthshire. In the spring, LLC hopped into action to play Easter Bunny and deliver a total of around 250 chocolate eggs, sharing the sweetness of the resurrection message.

The group has certainly overcome the challenges of restrictions admirably, with their practical and personal approach to loving their neighbours (from a socially safe distance, of course!). They have stayed strong throughout the pandemic – and even grown in number – as they have met online weekly to explore the Bible, with local and guest speakers, to be encouraged that there is hope in Jesus despite any challenges we might all face.

During the summer holidays, members have been touring historic villages, fellowshipping in coffee shops, barbecuing and prayer-walking. And, of course, there have been plenty of activities to build the children's faith and friendships at activity centres, locally at Lendrick Muir and at Willowgate in Perth. This new generation of 'Covidnanners' have been cov-pliant all the way and it seems they have survived – nay, thrived – by re-thinking the concept of a church without walls – quite literally! This local reformation has been responsive to the needs not only of the church body but also the wider community. Leader Marc Heath explains, 'This is less about going to church and more about being the church.' All welcome, Sundays at 10.30am from 29 August.

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The church's Finance Convener, Brian Timms, says: 'Throughout the pandemic Tearfund has been working with local churches and organisations in more than 50 countries to identify and support the vulnerable and to equip faith leaders to share accurate information about Covid-19 vaccines.'

We are so privileged to live in the UK with access to the vaccine. These special collections provide the opportunity for our congregation – and anyone else who wants to contribute – to support this life-saving work to help our global neighbours before, during and after vaccines become available.'

Donations may be made at Sunday services or through the Giving page at [www.kinrossparishchurch.org/giving](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org/giving).

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# LOOKING AFTER CREATION

**KINROSS PARISH CHURCH** HAS a new focus for its annual stewardship campaign this year; moving away from the usual three themes of Time, Talents and Money to consider the stewardship of God's Creation by us all.

Over the last two years the church has become part of the Eco-Congregation movement, taking steps to reduce the energy use of the Church and Church Centre, engaging in the commu-

nity allotment and orchard project and organising litter-picking around the town with the help of the wider community.

In September, leading up to the COP26 conference on climate change being held in Glasgow, there will be a focus on the Stewardship of Creation in Kin-nections (the church's magazine), in Sunday Services and in a couple of specific events – a cycle ride exploring the Parish of Kinross and a community litter pick on 11 September. Contact the church office if you wish to help at the litter pick: [office@kinrossparish-church](mailto:office@kinrossparish-church); Tel. 01577 862570.

## Autumn Kin-nections

**THE NEW ISSUE OF KIN-NECTIONS**, the magazine of Kinross Parish Church, is now available. Alice Getley, leader of the church's communications group, says: 'This issue has a focus on the stewardship of creation and our actions and plans as an Eco-congregation.'

'We also have news, prayers and reflections recognising the changes and worries we all feel as we move to a new stage in the Covid-19 pandemic. With the recent changes in guidance this issue will not only be delivered to the congregation but will once again be available to uplift free at the church centre, library and many of the cafes around Kinross.'

'You can also order a copy from our church office (01577 862570).'



The kirk's minister, Rev Alan Reid – who has recently moved to using an electric car himself – says: 'Climate change has a disproportionately bad effect on the world's poorest people. Among our plans for the future is an energy fair in the Church Centre to give advice on reducing your own environmental impact.'

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## Liz Smith, MSP

**AS REGULAR READERS OF** my columns will know very well, environmental issues, particularly illegal waste disposal, is always something I am very keen to address.

Last summer, the cases of fly-tipping increased to devastating levels, likely exacerbated by the continued closure of recycling centres during lockdown. I



campaigned strongly for the recycling centres to reopen as the scale of the environmental damage was escalating. You did not have to look hard in the Kinross-shire countryside to see the hideous damage that was taking place and the subsequent need for those dumping this waste to be brought to justice; again, I strongly supported new legislation to make it easier for local authorities to prosecute the perpetrators of fly-tipping.

My parliamentary colleague, Mid Scotland and Fife MSP Murdo Fraser, is proposing introducing a Member's Bill in the Scottish Parliament to strengthen the current laws surrounding the prosecution of fly-tippers. Murdo has been in contact with a variety of stakeholders to discuss how the legal framework can be improved. I am very eager to get behind this Bill to ensure those who are responsible for the environmental damage are rightfully punished.

Likewise, this year, the period of great weather we have been having through July and August has also brought with it more issues for the Kinross-shire countryside. Dirty camping around Loch Leven, especially at Kirkgate Park and Burleigh Sands have been of particular concern to local residents. The extent of the damage is wide ranging, but includes cars parked and tents pitched on vast amounts of the available grass, scorched remains of BBQs, high levels of littering of both domestic and camping waste, to name just a few.

It is crucial that we find the correct balance between enjoying what Loch Leven has to offer and respecting the local people and environment. I am very aware that the vast majority of campers are respectful and tidy up after themselves, however there is without doubt an observable minority that completely disregard their responsibilities as wild campers. There has been a great amount of local action to tackle this and I am continuing to work closely with Councillor Callum Purves who I know is taking a prominent role in the collective community effort. Callum has contacted the Council's new visitor ranger service – formed to combat the problems associated with wild camping – and requested that Burleigh Sands is monitored closely.

Thankfully it is not all bad news, it is fantastic to see the effect that this rush of tourists is having on businesses in Kinross-shire. We all know of the enormous struggles that businesses have faced

throughout the pandemic, so it is just so satisfying – in addition to the reduction of restrictions from 9 August – to see small local businesses visibly full again.

The easing of restrictions also means a return of the familiar Kinross Show which we all missed last year. This small step towards normality in the usually very busy events schedule is fantastic to see and a reminder that all the events and celebrations that happen each year will return.

*Liz Smith, MSP*

## Councillor Willie Robertson

**Green Park:** I am pleased that the resurfacing of the pavements in Green Park has finally been finished. The work was partly done then due to Covid issues not completed. This was a job that was badly needing to be done.



**Paths Group:** Congratulations to the Milnathort Paths Group who have been established through Milnathort Community Council. They have now received their training from the Council on the use of the grass and scrub clearing machinery. One of their first jobs was to clear the path from Burleigh Castle through to the old railway line. This was a tough task as some of the vegetation was nearly 6 feet high! However the flail machine and strimmers supplied by the Council made short work of even the worst sections. I know the paths group are needing more volunteers so if you would like to get involved please let me know and I will give you the contact details.

**Wild Camping:** The Council's countryside rangers are doing their best to control the wild camping and overnight camper van stays at Burleigh Sands, Kirkgate and Findatie. The agencies involved in policing this issue are currently having discussions with the Scottish government to try and find long term solutions to control the problem. I have asked them to consider a permit system as is operated in the Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park. At least then we will know how many people are camping/staying and can both limit the numbers and identify those creating problems.

**Fly Tipping:** There have been more instances of fly tipping in Kinross-shire. I would ask everyone to be vigilant and note the registration numbers of vehicles seen on country roads carrying garden, building and other waste materials. It could help in the quest to trace those responsible for dumping waste in our countryside. It can cost the Council (therefore us tax payers) and landowners a considerable amount of money to uplift and dispose of fly tipped waste especially if the waste contains dangerous materials such as asbestos. It is important that farmers and land managers keep all field gates locked to deter the fly tippers.

**Pitdownies Site:** Building work has now begun on this contentious site. There have been numerous complaints about noise and disturbance coming from the site as a result of the groundworks taking place. I have contacted the Council and asked them to use all the powers at their disposal to protect local residents from this nuisance. A further problem has been caused by the huge lorries carrying earthmoving machinery onto the site. Westerloan, Manse Road, and even North Street and Ba' Hill have been used by such vehicles to access the site. The concerns expressed by myself and the many, many people who objected to this development have been proved to have been based on fact.

**Overgrown Hedges:** Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about hedges/vegetation overgrowing pavements. As far as I am aware all the locations I have been notified about have now been cut back, so a thanks also needs to go to the householders who when made aware of the problem, have cut their hedges back.

*Councillor Willie Robertson*

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## Councillor Mike Barnacle

**I THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE** to let readers know, particularly those with Fossoway connections, that I have been trying since February of this year to set up a Fossoway Community Development Trust and have a Steering Group, initially of 15 folk now reduced to a dozen, set up to prepare for this from local people with various skills in the community that I know of. We have had five virtual meetings to look at what is required and establish why we think it is a good idea for the area.

We now need to ascertain the level of community support and enthusiasm so the first step is a combined stall with Fossoway CC at the Fossoway Gathering on the afternoon of Saturday 4 September. I hope readers who attend this event, twice previously postponed in May 20 and 21 because of the pandemic, will take the time to look in and find out more.

We hope to have representatives from the CC, Development Trust Association (Scotland), PKC and the Steering Group in attendance on the day. The Gathering, initially my idea many years ago, has been resurrected by a new and enthusiastic team led by Jim and Trudy Duffy and is worthy of support on the day, which I sincerely hope will be blessed with good weather and raise considerable funds for the local community.

*Councillor Michael Barnacle*



## Jim Fairlie, MSP

**WITH THE SCHOOLS NOW** back after the holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our young people, but especially those starting in primary or secondary for the first time, all the very best for the coming year. Let us all hope that it will be far less disrupted than last year.

I am also delighted to welcome a really important investment from the Scottish Government. A £28 million commitment will deliver free school lunches during term time for all P4 children by August 2021 and to P5 children by January 2022 and a further £21.75 million will provide targeted free school meal support during school holidays in 2021-22.

Now, I have issues about the way in which school meals are prepared and provided here in Perth & Kinross – I would far rather see all food prepared fresh onsite in every school rather than shipped out frozen from central kitchens but, nevertheless, the provision of very nearly £50 million in new funding to local authorities demonstrates our support for the health and wellbeing of children and young people and our commitment to reduce the impact of poverty on thousands of families across the country.

Local produce, local production and local sustainability are very important to me. Not just in terms of school meals but in all sorts of ways, so I am also very pleased to note the launch of an important new fund by the Scottish Government last month. The 'Scotland Loves Local' Fund is part of the support being made available to help town centres recover from the impact of the pandemic which has hit local economies very hard indeed.

Match funding of between £5000 and £25,000 will be made available to local projects run by community and charity trusts as well as organisations such as town centre partnerships and chambers of commerce.

The sort of projects they are looking to support could range from things like community shops, local marketing schemes, or even enabling the delivery of larger construction projects.

I know that there has been some fantastic community effort right across the Perthshire South & Kinross-shire constituency



area over the course of the pandemic and I am certain there will be groups out there with plans in mind that can help our town centres out the other side.

We need local community projects designed to stimulate growth and footfall and this funding will enable such plans to come to fruition and so stimulate the local economy and help make our town centres more vibrant places.

Funding projects like this can kickstart a virtuous cycle whereby people shop locally and support local businesses, so boosting the local economy and ensuring that money spent in the local area benefits the local area.

I would urge local projects to consider applying for the 'Scotland Loves Local' Fund and I encourage people to continue to support local businesses at every opportunity.

*Jim Fairlie, MSP*

## John Nicolson, MP

**I USED TO HATE** going to the gym at school. I think it was the shouting that put me off. Our gym teacher had a voice in exact disproportion to his size. "Right, wee men," he'd bellow, whilst staring up at his adolescent charges, 'time for your burpees.'

Burpees, push ups, hanging upside down, and long runs in the rain are my memories of school PE. I'm sure I wasn't alone in finding the wall bars and ropes, leather horses and medicine balls forbidding. It never seemed to be about joy.

It wasn't until my twenties that I discovered the gym could be fun, and that music and a headset were a lot better motivation than puce-faced bellowing. Watching others' exertions from the sofa can be even better fun.

Like so many of you, I've been gripped by the Olympics. Every time I see Tom Daley dive, I think of how proud his Dad would have been. Tom's a powerful role model, speaking out against school bullying and answering homophobic abuse with world-beating performances in the pool – not to mention Olympic speed-knitting caught on camera poolside. And what a result for Scotland with 11 medals coming home, and Alloa boy Duncan Scott becoming the first athlete from the UK to win four medals at a single Olympics. And what a result for the Wee County. Indeed, at one point an independent Clackmannanshire would have been 29th in the medal tables, ahead of Austria, Belgium, Poland, and Turkey. Of course, these athletes' extraordinary results have been years in the making. One factor in their success may well have been the Scottish Government's decision to reverse decades of school sport cutbacks and the selling-off of playing fields by previous administrations.

Twenty years ago, only ten percent of kids were able to enjoy two hours of physical education a week. Today ninety nine percent do. And I suspect they have a lot more fun than I did with much less shouty teachers. For many, the Olympics are about national pride. But for one team, that pride is bittersweet and shared with teammates from across the world. The Refugee Olympic Team competed for the second time in Tokyo, after making its debut in Rio five years ago. In the intervening years, it's tripled in size – a result, tragically, of the refugee crisis which has gripped the world.

The UN estimates that there are more than thirty-five million people displaced from their home countries as a result of conflict or natural disaster – more than one million having fled to Europe from Syria. To have escaped such trauma and yet remain focused on Olympic glory is awe-inspiring. And the Paralympics are only just beginning...

*John Nicolson, MP*





# Police Box

## Vehicle Crime Awareness Campaign

Thefts from sheds, outbuildings and within the garden feature regularly in the list of recent crimes committed across Perth and Kinross. A number of these thefts could be prevented if home owners took some simple steps to secure their garden, shed and garage.

### What can I do to stop thieves stealing from my garden?

- Keep hedges, walls and fences low at the front of the property – to a maximum of 1.2 metres high and in a good state of repair to allow natural surveillance and make it hard for an intruder to work unseen. Prevent easy access to the back and sides by installing locked gates. Rear fences and walls should be a minimum 1.8 to 2 metres in height. Trellis topping or an intruder deterrent strip should also be considered to make climbing difficult.
- Consider nature's own defences – grow aggressive shrubbery which is harder for intruders to climb through. Ideal plants include berberis, blue spruce, common holly, giant rhubarb, golden bamboo, firethorn, shrub rose, pencil Christmas tree, juniper and rubus (bramble).
- Security lighting around your property will act as a deterrent. Dusk to dawn low voltage LED lighting is cost effective to both install and run.
- Make sure bins are located in an area which doesn't allow them to be easily used as a step to climb over fences and walls or access windows.
- Lock away any garden implements, furniture or tools in a secure shed, garage or outside store. They may not only be an attractive target for theft, but also items such as ladders which are useful for breaking into your home.

### What can I do to protect property in my shed and garage?

- Photograph valuable items of garden furniture and / or garden tools. Note and keep a record of make, model, colour and serial numbers and use a UV pen or similar to security mark them with your house number and postcode.
- You may wish to use a chain or other device to lock garden tools and furniture together to the structure which will make them harder to remove.
- Fit a good quality hasp and padlock to the door, fitted with dome headed or non-returnable screws to prevent tampering. Appropriate products that are approved as 'Sold Secure' or 'Secured by Design' should be considered. For more information visit [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)
- Secure windows and don't give intruders the opportunity to see inside. Depending on the type of window, you could consider fitting internal window grills, heavy wire mesh or reinforced glass. You could also use curtains or opaque film. If the window opens, a window lock should be fitted.
- If you have an intruder alarm, consider extending it to cover sheds, garages and outbuildings and ensure that there is a visible external sounder box.
- If you do not have a secure shed then bring items inside – don't leave them lying out.
- If your garage adjoins your home and there is a through door, keep it locked.

## Updates

After the execution of a drugs search warrant at a property in Green Park, Kinross, on Thursday 29 July, a 23 year old woman

and a 39 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

## Recent Incidents

Between 6pm, Monday 9 August and 8.45am, Tuesday 10 August, a quantity of cash was stolen from a black Kia Sportage parked in Sandport, Kinross. (CR/22747/21)

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 Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## Police Scotland – local community

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Community officers for Kinross-shire:

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

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

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# King of the Commons

**THIS YEAR THE 250TH** anniversary of the birth in 1771 of the noted Scottish novelist and poet Sir Walter Scott is being celebrated. One of his most famous romantic works, 'The Lady of the Lake', is all about the struggle between King James V and the powerful clan Douglas, with the king, disguised as a mysterious knight, searching out James Douglas, Earl of Bothwell and his daughter who have taken refuge in a castle on an island in Loch Katrine.

In reality James V (1512-42) was a master of disguises who liked to venture out from the safety of his royal palaces to meet ordinary men and women. By travelling incognito, dressed as the common man, he could find out more about life in Scotland from the perspective of his subjects, rather than just relying on what his nobles and clergy told him. Nicknamed the 'King of the Commons' he would sometimes identify himself as the 'Gudeman of Ballengeich', a gudeman being a Scots word for the owner of a small holding. The Gaelic name Ballengeich is thought to be the name given to a road leading north-westwards into countryside from Stirling Castle.

There are several stories based in and around the Lomond Hills relating to the exploits of the 'King of the Commons' while staying at Falkland Palace, a favourite resort of the Stewart kings. One of these tales recalls a journey on foot to Milnathort where the disguised king was kidnapped by three itinerant vagabonds who were probably eyeing-up the local scene with a

view to breaking into houses and stealing what they could find that was of some value. Did they imagine that someone might be willing to pay a ransom for the gudeman or did they think he might be willing to join their gang?

Of the three men, two were rough characters who forced the gudeman to do menial work such as carrying the heavy panniers that were probably laden with the goods they had stolen. The third man was at least decent enough to provide him with food and water. An opportunity to escape arose, how-



King James V

ever, when the gang of three were enjoying some alcoholic refreshment in a house on the east side of the village. Left on the nearby green to keep company with their donkey, the king wrote a note on a small scrap of paper which he passed to a young lad along with half a crown, telling him to go to Falkland with great speed to let his nobles know that the Gudeman of Ballengeich was in a state of captivity.

In due course help arrived and the three vagabonds were subjected to immediate rough justice. The man who had shown him at least some decency was set free but the oth-



er two, whose treatment had been most severe, were taken immediately to the Gallows Knowe (Gallow Hill), the place of public execution midway between Milnathort and Kinross, where they were hanged.

As a result of this experience, King James is said to have straight away passed a law that whenever three vagabonds were found together, two of them should be hanged and the third given his liberty. Today the Gallow Hill, where the two vagabonds were hung nearly 500 years ago, is remembered in a farm name as well as in Kinross street names such as Gallowhill Road, Gallowhill Gardens and Gallowhill Wynd.

David Munro  
Kinross (Marshall) Museum



The Gudeman of Ballengeich

# Twelve Years In Malaya

*Andy Middlemiss continues his series on post WW2 conflicts, sometimes called the Colonial Wars. This month, he discusses the Malayan insurgency of 1948, that lasted twelve long years.*

## National Liberation War

**THE FIRST SHOTS OF THE** Malayan Emergency were fired at 8.30am on 16 June 1948, in the office of the Elphil Estate, 20 miles from Sungai Siput town, in the northern state of Perak. Three British rubber plantation managers, Arthur Walker, 50, John Allison, 55, and his young assistant, Ian Christian, 24, were shot and killed by three Chinese insurgents in the plantation office. This attack was followed by other attacks, on the same day, on other estates. Horrifically, this sometimes involved the shooting of unarmed people taken prisoner, who they referred to as 'Running Dogs', meaning British supporters. The Malayan National Liberation Army (MNLA) (the armed wing of the Malayan Communist Party, MCP) began attacking rubber plantations, mines and police stations, derauling trains and burning workers' houses. Murders became more frequent, and the plantation owners became alarmed, especially when their calls for armed protection fell on deaf ears. Eventually, protests forced the High Commissioner, Sir Edward Gent, to declare a state of emergency. Police were granted greater powers and quickly armed. The rebels continued to target tin mines and rubber plantations, as, if the Malaya economy collapsed, then the country would soon fall. At first the government was defensive, with small groups protecting mines and plantations, but police recruitment was soon stepped up, with new 'special constables', and by September 1948 there were 24,000. In June 1948 a state of emergency was declared in Malaya (now Malaysia). Bizarrely, the insurgency was described as an 'emergency' because insurers would not have compensated rubber plantation and tin mine owners, if it had been labelled a 'war'.

## Who Were The Enemy?

- The communists of the MNLA – jungle based
- Supported by the impoverished Chinese population
- Many Chinese lived in the cities, others known as 'squatters' lived at the fringes of the jungle and could aid the guerrillas
- The MLNA and its supporters called the campaign the Anti-British National Liberation War.

By 1948 they were ready to go to war. Their leader, Chin Peng, had learned his jungle warfare skills from the British. After Singapore fell to the Japanese in 1942, several British officers harassed the Japanese from the jungle, including the famous Colonel Spencer Chapman and his 'Force 136'. Eventually, supported by the Chinese, the force swelled to over 5000, and was known as The Malayan Peoples Anti-Japanese Army. The British trained them in jungle warfare and modern weapons, knowing they were mainly communists, but figuring 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend'; at least in the short term. This gave the rebels a handy striking force that easily just changed the name to the 'Malayan Peoples Anti-British Army'. Chin Peng had even marched in the London Victory parade, and had been awarded an OBE. The fighters were paid out of money extorted from the local population, following the Leninist principle that a small force, by the infliction of terror, can conquer a nation. They were split into eight regiments, spread across the country. Each would then split down further into small groups, who would carry out traditional Maoist style guerrilla warfare in the rural areas, to keep the element of surprise.

## The Insurgents

Some have argued that the Malayan Emergency was part of a wider communist plan to gain power in South-East Asia. Certainly the Malayan communist party leaders attended various international conferences in Europe and India

during 1947/48. Apart from this, there is little evidence to support the theory it was part of a co-ordinated plan. More likely is the fact that the Malayan communist party was actually on the verge of collapse, having failed in any legal attempts, or to gain widespread popular support, insurrection may have been their last hope, and it was a case of now or never. A former very popular leader of the party, Loi Tek, had disappeared, and his successor Chin Peng was trying to make a name for himself. In fact Loi Tek had fled, taking much of the party's funds with him. Not only this, he was in fact working as a British agent.

## Reinforcements

The initial British reaction to the crisis was to introduce emergency legislation, allowing suspects to be detained without trial. Curfews and movement restrictions were also imposed. Malaya's original military garrison consisted of six Gurkha, three British and two Malay battalions. Reinforcements were sent from August 1948 onwards. Many of these British soldiers were teenage, conscripted National Servicemen.

## Stalemate

The newly arrived troops set up positions near villages, and then sent out patrols. The guerrillas had the benefit of local knowledge, while the British Army was initially hampered by a lack of good intelligence. The authorities were eventually able to prevent the guerrillas from disrupting the economy, overrunning towns







or controlling territory. But they were unable to completely stop their activities.

### Squatters

The communists of the MNLA were jungle based and supported by the impoverished Chinese population. Although many Chinese lived in the cities, others, known as 'squatters', lived at the fringes of the jungle and could aid the guerrillas. The MNLA and its supporters called the campaign the Anti-British National Liberation War.

### New tactics

In 1950 Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Briggs was appointed Director of Operations in Malaya. He realised the importance of isolating the guerrillas from their sources of food and creating a sense of security in populated areas so that people would be more willing to provide information.

He also persuaded the High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, to set up committees containing representatives of all civil and military agencies involved in the campaign, so that a co-ordinated response to the guerrillas could be formulated. The Malayan Police and Special Branch were given the task of gathering information.

### New Villages

In an effort to split the active insurgents from their passive supporters, Chinese squatters were re-housed in purpose built new villages. Clean water, proper housing, education and medical care were provided. By the end of 1951 over 400,000 people had been resettled in 500 new villages: a massive logistical operation. The guerrillas were frequently arrested or killed as they approached them in search of food. Many guerrillas surrendered, but these techniques took time to perfect, and the insurgents were able to continue their campaign. Despite British attempts to cut off the link between the guerrillas and the Chinese community, fighting continued.

### Templer Takes Over

On 6 October 1951 the communists managed to ambush and kill the High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney. General Sir Gerald Templer was appointed both Director of Operations and High Commissioner shortly after. He embraced Briggs' ideas with energy, ensuring that a co-ordinated command structure was established. Templer placed great emphasis on the need to win the 'hearts and minds' of the population. He continued to build new settlements and promised independence

once the guerrillas had been defeated. This won him the support of many nationalists.

*'The answer lies not in pouring more soldiers into the jungle, but in the hearts and minds of the Malayan people. The shooting side of this business is only 25% of the*

*trouble, and the other 75% lies in getting the people of this country behind us.'*

*General Sir Gerald Templer, 1952.*

Templer also involved the local population in the fight against the guerrillas by increasing the number of Malay battalions, and strengthening the Home Guard raised to defend the new villages. These measures helped unite the racially divided Malayan people against the insurrection. When Templer finally left his post in October 1954 most of Malaya was secure. He was promoted to Field Marshal in 1956.

### Who Were The Key Players?

Chin Peng, the insurgent leader. Sir Reg Gurney, ambushed and murdered in his car (British High Commissioner). Gen Templer. The King of Malaya. Gen Briggs, Director of Operations. The fabulous Tungku Abdul Rahman, 'Father of the Nation.'

### Jungle Training

As Templer's new policies began to take effect, the flow of information to the security forces increased. This allowed the British to take the offensive against the MNLA in jungle operations, which called for stealth and a high degree of patience. Newly arrived troops had to be taught how to live and fight in the tropical forests. Training occurred at the Jungle Warfare School, in Kota Tinggi, which also taught the best tactics, based on experience gained in the field. British battalions normally spent three years in Malaya. Military tactics advanced using close air support and helicopters, to force the guerrillas deeper and deeper into the jungles, including constructing jungle forts and deep patrols — some by Special Forces, like the SBS and 22 SAS Regiment. Deep jungle is a hostile environment to live and operate in, regardless of the skill and training of the troops involved, which

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meant the guerrillas were also operating in a very difficult environment.

### Commonwealth At War

From 1954 there were normally 24 infantry battalions in Malaya from a wide variety of Commonwealth countries, including Australia and New Zealand. With a police force of 40,000 men, it was now possible to clear an area of guerrillas. When an area had been swept, it was designated a 'White Area' and restrictions on the local population were lifted, encouraging them to oppose the return of any insurgents.

### Independence

In August 1957 the Federation of Malaya was granted independence – MERDEKA – and the insurrection lost its rationale as a war of colonial liberation. Many guerrillas gave up their fight. In 1960 the Emergency was declared to be over. More than 500 soldiers and 1300 police had been killed during the conflict. Communist insurgent losses are estimated at over 6000 killed and 1200 captured.

### Independence Square, Kuala Lumpur

The campaign was one of the few successful counter-insurgency operations undertaken by the Western powers. It provides many important lessons on how such campaigns should be conducted, most of which were then ignored by the US in the conflict

in Vietnam, shortly afterwards. Malaya managed to repel an organised communist insurrection, mainly due to the authorities getting organised, applying simple military principles, the determination and courage of thousands of UK and Commonwealth servicemen and women, the influence of people like Briggs and Templer, and the communist terrorists mistakenly thinking they could win by military means.

*Selamat Tinggal.* (Malay for) goodbye for now.

Andy Middlemiss  
BEM DL

For anyone wanting to read more, Andy recommends the book *The War of the Running Dogs: How Malaya Defeated the Communist Guerrillas 1948-60* by Noel Barber. Anyone wanting to

know more is welcome to join the talk Andy will be giving to Kinross and District Rotary Club on Monday 4 October at 6.30pm. Email him for the link: [andymid@btinternet.com](mailto:andymid@btinternet.com).

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and like the sun, shines.  
Relaxation fills my bones,  
once winter weary and stiff,  
new flowers in full bloom-  
create a kaleidoscope of colour,  
mixed shapes and sizes,  
gentle breezes waft their sweet perfume  
The birds nesting and hopeful,  
all sing their summer psalms.  
Soothing, to the soul and mind,  
lovers hand in hand  
enjoy cafe culture and scenery,

gazes long and unhurried.  
I marvel at nature,  
a light blue, half shell of a blackbird,  
a knowing creativity and resilience.  
How does the snowdrop know its winter?  
Or tulip know its summer?  
Unfurling in my hideaway,  
away from the hubbub,  
tranquility is shared,  
With ants and birds and bees-  
all busy yet unobtrusive,  
In the distance, a voice, a car, a dog barking.  
I am hidden surrounded by life,  
the final triumphs of summer,  
grateful for the season, nature and the universe.

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## Insomnia

The city never sleeps,  
neither does she,  
not through worry or fear,  
accumulated thinking perhaps?  
Caffeine the antidote in daytime,  
Is never wise at 2am.  
The musty leather seats bring familiarity,  
the coffee machine hisses a lullaby as buses and taxis swish by, nightshifting.

Thinkers- the kind that sit in a late night café, or pretend to read a  
book, contemplating life, past, present and future,  
when really, they long for-here and now, the sunrise of the new dawn.  
Bedtime routines and lavender, works for some,  
Mostly!

Her mind is a landscape capturing every possibility and dreams are worthy ideas.  
A steamy cafe-  
where their restless hands are warmed through ceramics and liquid  
soothers.  
Becomes-wending home, weary, to soft pillows, clean sheets, rest and  
recuperation.

For others the warm breath and tender embrace of another human,  
or the invincible loyalty of a furry companion- a beloved.

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by Jo Middlemiss

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I heard this story recently, and it struck me as a very strong and appropriate metaphor for how we often look at what is going on our lives. We have the keys but do not know it, or the keys are easy to find, but we don't know where to look.

What keys can unlock our understanding of ourselves and of others. The best is AWARENESS.

A new study has uncovered the most dramatic rise in all things spiritual and alternative, including reiki, reflexology, and hypnotherapy. This interest seems to cross the intellectual, class and ethnic differences in society. It seems to me that it is about trying to understand oneself, in order to be less selfish and introspective, but also to feel that solutions come from within, rather than being imposed from the outside. If it is important to mention God – and I believe it is – then it is only important because God has to be within every cell of our body, and therefore within every cell of the bodies of others. That is why the Indian greeting Namaste is so gentle, yet utterly appropriate: 'The God within me greets the God within you.'

Without awareness, change, growth and development are impossible. Without it, we cannot know our strengths and weaknesses. We cannot be sensitive to the needs of others and, as Anthony De Mello says in his



wonderful book, AWARENESS, we stay asleep for most of our waking lives.

## Priorities And Perspective

How many of you have experienced the sudden shock of a car accident, burglary, death of a loved one or partner losing their job? This is but a small list of the many things that can make a dramatic impact on our lives. While you live through the aftermath, you might describe yourself as feeling numb. However, I would venture that you are actually numb to the unimportant things of life. You are probably very much aware of the things that really matter. A sense of priority and perspective comes into everything. You just know that such things as dirty windows, not having everything you want, work, office politics, or whether or not you were invited to this or that event are suddenly not important any more. Your concentration zeroes in on love and pride, consideration and gratitude. You swear that you will not lose this clarity, and sense of perspective, but, life being life, this precious sense often slips out of your grasp without you even noticing.

Deciding to be aware is the starting point of the journey – keeping not only your eyes and ears open, but also your other senses – especially your sixth sense, that part of you which knows what is going on beyond the usual knowing.

Think about:

- A new mother who always seems

*to know when her baby is crying, despite the crying of many other babies.*

- *Stepping into your workplace, and instantly sensing the atmosphere, friendly or otherwise.*
- *Asking yourself, with curiosity rather than criticism, what might have caused a strong reaction either in you or in others.*
- *The sudden instinct to make contact with someone.*

This is a way of walking alongside yourself, as you live your life, and just gently observing your way of being. Don't beat yourself or others up about perceived mistakes, just be an observer – 'the watcher of the thinker'.

The awareness key does not take you out of circulation, but encourages you to be fully present in every moment. You will find your awareness grows simply because of your intention to be aware. From the position of awareness, understanding follows, and you learn to go with the flow of life, rather than being rigidly fixed to one point.

**Jo Middlemiss MBE**

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# Community Council News

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

## Kinross Community Council

### News from the July Meeting

**Present at the meeting** on 27 July were Cllr Richard Watters, Cllr Richard Purves, CCllr David Colliar, CCllr Lynne McKay, CCllr Hannah Phillips, CCllr Bill Freeman, David, Sgt Mark Craig

**Apologies:** Cllr W Robertson, Mrs Caron Aird

#### Police Report

Sgt M Craig gave the Police Report. There had been about 100 calls to the Police last month. Offences ranged from careless driving, assaults, theft of a vehicle, shoplifting, possession of drugs to a dog bite. Speeders had been caught at Gairneybank and Crook of Devon. Pop up cops (speeding deterrents) are coming soon, hopefully to be stored at Kinross.

There had been a fatal motorbike accident in Scotlandwell. Camping/litter at Burleigh Sands was discussed and the Police notified about unacceptable parking in Kirkgate Park on the beach. It was suggested that the cadets could be used to raise awareness around camping issues and water safety at the loch. An open day for the Fire Station takes place on 7 August at Todd and Duncan car park from 12-4pm.

#### Matters Arising

**Swansacre parking issues:** R Watters will email an update.

**Provost's Lamp:** Signage to be looked at and text made to fit. Sign should be vandal proof.

**Hayfield Wildlife Garden:** PKC took over care and maintenance of this 15-20 years ago. Hayfield Wildlife Group had handed it over to PKC but it seems to have been handed to Education dept. Used to have bird boxes but appears to be abandoned. CC keen to see it restored to community usage. Was left in trust for the community. DC to contact Campbell Watson re legal documentation.

**Website:** No update, Malcolm to report back after meeting with the Partnership. KNL meeting to be arranged (HP).

**High Street:** CP continuing to chase (there have been job changes in PKC).

**Loch Safety:** Currently no lifebelts and no notices about swimming safety or algae. Could PKC put something up to warn people of dangers, and fast? LM to contact RLSS. Suggestion of stall at Kinross Show but not enough time to organise. It was felt that speed was of the essence as tragedy waiting to happen.

**Burleigh Sands /Campers:** CP has asked the P&K visitor rangers to visit our area and patrol at weekends.

**Suggestions:** Bigger bins. Rubbish often bagged but left. Or more frequent emptying in summer months.

**Primary School:** Review of nurture provision. CP reassured CC that change to model but no loss of service.

**Gallowhill Road:** Update on discussions around crossing. Majority of respondents to the poll were against any crossing. Set amount from Persimmon £60,000 which will only cover one crossing (£50-55K per toucan crossing). This could be used for Lethangie crossing on the Muirs instead (more time pressure for this one).

Phase 2 residents could be surveyed on their opinions and use of crossing and location decided after their input. Concern that if we don't spend the money from the £60,000 it will be lost – it was suggested that any left over money could be spent on build outs (as in Kinnesswood) to slow traffic or other slowing measures. R Watters to speak to P&K roads about this.

Speed limits could also be reduced by 10mph to help with speeding on Muirs and turn into Springfield Road. A roundabout could work here at the junction. RW to investigate. This is an accident blackspot. 20mph possible but not easily achievable. What happened to speed activation signs on Springfield Road? CP to investigate.

#### Roads

**Pothole at Kirkgate:** Reported and scheduled.

Learning Centre sign to come down – to be chased.

**Swansacre parking:** One way up school wynd. *No Left Turn* sign here would be useful.

#### Town Centre

Loch Leven Garage Area at far end of High Street needing tidied up. Becoming an eyesore. Discuss walkabout next month.

#### CC Presence in Community

Gazebo to be purchased for use to promote CC involvement in community – MM.

#### Planning Applications

21/01126/FLL Erection of Garage 7 Wilson Court, Kinross

21/01234/AML Erection of 2 dwelling houses and garages at land 20 metres south west of 16 Curate Wynd Kinross (approval of matters specified in conditions of 18/01807/IPL)

21/00372/FLL Alterations and extension to Dwelling house (in part retrospect) at Hawthorn Cottage Gairney Bank, Kinross

#### Planning Decisions

21/00650/FLL Land 70 metres South of Gallowhill Cottage Kinross Change of use of Agriculture Building to Workshop (class5), refused.

21/00807/FLL 16 High Street Kinross, alterations to building erection of replacement boundary wall and formation of vehicular access, approved.

21/00885/FLL 9 Muirhead Crescent Kinross, Extension to dwelling house, approved.

#### Reports from Councillors

##### R Watters

##### Flooding Resilience Group

Meeting held with council officers to chat about insurance issues. Council hesitant to move forward with model that allows resilience groups to be covered under council scheme and prefer insurance through CC model (excess would be £100 that way, rather than £100,000). So far no claims by resilience groups known of. P&K officers happy to chat to CC about this in a meeting (to be arranged). Group is not constituted or a charity and so cannot access any funding. CC feel that P&K Council ultimately responsible for flood defence and that a representative could have been invited to this meeting.

#### Correspondence

**Fairtrade poster:** for bus stop noticeboard.

**Zero Waste Scotland:** email updates.

#### PKS Community Transport update

**Glenfarg Stronger Together meeting:** HP will attend

#### AOB

**Preservation of golf ball at Balado:** DC will approach Civic Trust and Historical Society. Cadets may also be interested.

**Kinross-shire Fund:** deadline 6 August – to be shared widely KIB – LM and DC to arrange a meeting to discuss planters with KIB



Thank you card from BnB received for *Kinross Newsletter*

**Kirkgate Park:** apply for exercise equipment. LM to speak to MP from Glenfarg CC to discuss how Wallace Park did this.

Thanks extended to Kinross Kindness, now closing their doors. *The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be on 28 September, 2021.*

## Fossoway and District Community Council

### News from the August Meeting

As it is still not possible to hold physical meetings of the CC we are continuing to publish this description of what was discussed in our Virtual meeting, 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](mailto: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 7 September 2021.

**Present at the meeting** on 3 August were: CCLRs S Bruce-Jones, A Cheape, T Duffy, C Farquhar, C Haigh, M Haigh, N Marchant and G Pye; Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters.

**Apologies:** PC A Mitchinson.

We were sad to hear that Rob Young, who served on the Community Council until recently, passed away on 16 June. He was a good colleague; we wish his family all the best in this difficult time.

### Police Report

There were two incidents to note in our area since the last CC Meeting: Overnight on Wednesday 26 May, an orange Stihl saw was stolen from a white Ford Transit parked in Gartwhinzean Feus, Powmill; Between 3am and 4.30am on Friday 4 June, Fossoway Stores and Post Office was broken in to.

### Matters Arising

**A977 Mitigation:** Cllr Barnacle contacted Darren McKeown, PKC on 16 July about why the gateway signs into villages were not 20mph, and also what was happening about the junction works. Cllrs Purves and Robertson had also asked about the 20mph signs and had been assured that they would be changed to 20mph when the speed limit is introduced. CCLr Bruce-Jones has been contacted by Drum residents who are asking about getting additional traffic calming measures – speed bumps, rumble strips, chicanes, model policemen, etc. Cllr Bruce-Jones asked Cllr Purves if there was going to be a pilot scheme of such measures; Cllr Purves has been talking to the Road Safety Team and they want indication of local support. Cllr Robertson said that 'Police Models' are available from the council for about £50 and the council wouldn't object to them being installed as long as they don't block the pavement, etc. CCLr Bruce-Jones asked who would be responsible for the models, do they need to be taken in at night. All agreed that they needed to be moved to different places for maximum effect. Cllr Barnacle made the point that it was important to try the currently planned measures before installing speed bumps, which are not universally popular. CCLr Marchant asked if there was going to be countdown markers before the 30mph limit at Powmill – Cllr Purves had previously asked for this.

**Bank of Scotland Closure:** Cllr Purves and CCLr Marchant are continuing to have discussions with Bank of Scotland regarding providing additional community banking support. Cllr Purves visited the banking hub pilot in Cambuslang which focuses on providing access to cash and basic banking to the community – a different bank is present on each day of the week. BoS will trial a banking hub for one day a week for three months, once a suitable location has been identified. The UK Government's

HMRC has an 'Access to Cash' paper out for consultation and Cllr Purves and CCLr Marchant will continue to pursue this.

**Community Development Trust:** Cllr Barnacle reported that three members of the original steering group have had to leave. The CDT will share a stall at the Fossoway Gathering with the Community Council. The event will be used to engage with the community and assess the interest in taking out a membership of the CDT.

**Fossoway Gathering:** CCLr Duffy said it is increasingly likely that the Fossoway Gathering will go ahead on 4 September unless the Covid-19 regulations change dramatically. CCLr Duffy proposed that the CC should take a Stall at the Gathering, which was unanimously supported. The fee for a stall is £25. CCLr Duffy will prepare a draft of a handout describing the CC's activities to be given to members of the public at the Gathering.

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

**Fossoway Area Transport/DRT:** CCLr M Haigh reported from the Transport Group as follows: It seems that currently only one bus is being used for the present X53 service between Stirling and Kinross, whereas another would be required in order to provide an extension of the itinerary to Halbeath and this was not possible within existing resources. There was anecdotal evidence that the current timetable was somewhat tight, notwithstanding the low usage of the bus away from the Hillfoot towns, and that this might encourage speeding by the drivers.

The existence of the DRT service seemed to be little recognised within the community but in any event there was only one driver offering this service at present, despite efforts to recruit others.



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The group concurred with Cllr Barnacle's view that there was not much the group could achieve, given the existing constraints, but felt it was important to keep it in existence, if only because it might be difficult to re-establish once decommissioned. On that basis the group agreed that it should aim to hold a further meeting towards the end of September.

**Crook Moss Travellers Site:** Cllr Farquhar reported that the paddock area has been cleared and she was delighted to see that the whole area has been tidied up. Cllr Barnacle stated that the improvements are partly as a result of pressure from the planning department. There is no movement on the turning circle at the end of the site. Cllr Barnacle suggested that the CC should continue to press for landscaping of the whole site, and any future planning applications should include such conditions.

**Aldie Road Vegetation:** Whilst the vegetation has been cut back the ditches are still full of mud and debris. An email has been received from the owners of Hilton of Aldie regarding three blocked drains on Aldie Road which when it rains causes flooding in their garden. This has been repeatedly reported to PKC in the past, Cllr Robertson said that the drains have now been cleared. Cllr Barnacle has been told that the ditches will be cleared once the vegetation has died back, and machinery is available.

**Drummond Park Fire Hydrant:** Cllr C Haigh has discovered that responsibility for the Fire Service in our area comes from Dundee and she has contacted them.

**Crook & Drum Growing Together:** Powmill and Crook of Devon came jointly second in the Well Kept Village Competition. Most improved village was Powmill. Drum came jointly second with Maryburgh in the hamlet category. The CC wishes to congratulate both Powmill in Bloom as well as Crook and Drum Growing Together for their efforts, especially the work of Amanda James in driving this effort. The improvements in our environment since these groups came into existence are very noticeable.

**Return to Physical CC Meetings:** The CC has been advised by PKC that it is still not possible for meetings to be held inside school premises, and there has been no updated guidance about holding meetings. Cllr Bruce-Jones has contacted the various Community Halls, but currently it is only possible to make bookings if the CC takes full responsibility for all COVID precautions. Cllr Robertson's view is that the CC should continue with virtual meetings as it's unreasonable for the CC members to expend effort meeting COVID Rules. Cllr Watters suggested that things may change after August 9 when the Scottish Government updates the rules.

**Devonshaw Whinstone Quarry:** The CC has been contacted by a potential new owner of the quarry, and has put them in touch with the current owners, with their permission.

## Community Council Business

**Minutes Secretary:** Cllr Duffy will write to PKC with a budget request.

Cllr Marchant attended a meeting of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg Stronger Communities on 28 July where there were presentations from Tayside Hearing Voices and the Kinross Centre. The Kinross Centre is actively looking for volunteers especially anyone who could play some music for the visitors to the Centre. If anyone is interested please contact them at [kinrossdaycentre@outlook.com](mailto:kinrossdaycentre@outlook.com)

## P&K Councillors' Reports

**Cllr Barnacle:** Portmoak CC recently appealed for affordable housing at a local site – it appears that in rural areas developers are being allowed by the Planning Department to make a financial contribution instead of building houses, but this money is spent centrally and not in rural areas. Cllr Watters noted that there could be some sign of this changing

as there has recently been an application that has been asked for justification for not including affordable housing in their plans.

Refurbishment of the Blairingone Playpark is acceptable to the land owner; which means that Dave Stubbs of PKC Greenspace can go ahead with this project.

Cllr Barnacle had written to David Littlejohn about the lack of enforcement of planning conditions at Dollar Equestrian, but did not receive a reply – he sent a further reminder today.

Could Drum be designated a potentially vulnerable area for flooding with SEPA then there would be finance available to implement flooding measures – could the current flooding consultation produce this? Cllr Bruce-Jones was concerned that such designation might increase house insurance costs for residents. On the other hand, there is a substantial problem with inadequate drains and ditch clearing and residents want something to be done.

**Richard Watters:** The Community Investment Fund has £53k to distribute to local organisations. The CC need to nominate a member to take part in the application assessments.

**Willie Robertson and Callum Purves:** Nothing not already mentioned.

## Planning

As there was no meeting in July, the first seven items below were discussed amongst the CC Members by email in order to reach a decision before the closing date for comments.

### New Applications

**21/00718/FLL** Erection of a replacement shed at Easter Downiesdrum, Blairingone, Dollar. No CC comment.

**21/00947/FLL** Siting of four holiday accommodation units, formation of parking area, landscaping, and associated works at Land 70 metres south east of Coup Steps, Powmill. No CC comment.

**21/00969/FLL** Part change of use and alterations to stables to form events venue and installation of air source heat pump at Fossoway Stables, Fossoway, Kinross. No CC Comment.

**21/01025/IPL** Land 30 metres north west of Sunnyside, Drum. No CC Comment.

**21/01012/FLL** Change of use from agricultural land to form extension to garden ground at Meadow View, Fossoway, Kinross KY13 OUP. No CC Comment

**21/01110/FLL** Alterations and replacement extension to dwelling house and extension to raised decking at Calvay, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross. No CC Comment

**21/01120/FLL** Internal alterations at Solsgirth House, Solsgirth, Dollar. No CC Comment.

**21/01146/FLL** Erection of a dwelling house and garage with home office at land 30 metres east of Vine House, Solsgirth. The CC will make a Neutral Comment requesting that existing conditions be carried over.

**21/01168/FLL** Erection of garage/workshop/garden machinery store at Craigend House, Powmill, Kinross. No CC Comment.

**21/01177/IPL** Residential development (in principle) at Land 40 metres north west of Ladieshall, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. CC will object as contrary to LDP2.

**21/01153/FLL** Extension to dwelling house at Duanbrig, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross. No CC Comment.

**21/01164/FLL** Erection of three dwelling houses, three garages and associated works at Land 30 metres north east of Rantrie Knowe, Drum. The CC will object due to the absence of a flood assessment, and concern that the ground has not been fully decontaminated after previous accident.

**21/01188/FLL** Extension to dwelling house and formation of raised terrace at Quarrylea, 10 Gartwhinzean Loan, Powmill, Dollar. No CC Comment.

**21/01190/FLL** Alterations to vehicular access and formation

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of track at Dam Wood, Blairingone. CC will make a Neutral Comment as previous (withdrawn) application 21/00453/FLL and note that extraction is already taking place.

### Appeals

21/00001/FLL S42 application to delete condition 6 (access upgrade) of permission 20/01319/FLL at land 180 metres south west of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. The CC Objected to this application and will make no further comment to the LRB.

### Decided Applications

21/00290/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to garden ground at Land 20 metres north of Drumgarland, Crook of Devon. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

21/00374/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 7 Moubray, Crook of Devon. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

21/00719/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Newhall Farm, Solsgirth, Dollar. The application was refused, the CC had not commented.

21/00747/FLL Change of use from agricultural land to form extension to garden ground at Craighlawhill, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

21/00718/FLL Erection of a replacement shed at Easter Downiesdrum, Blairingone, Dollar. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

21/00969/FLL Part change of use and alterations to stables to form events venue and installation of air source heat pump at Fossoway Stables, Fossoway, Kinross KY13 0UP. The application was refused, the CC had not commented.

### Withdrawn Applications:

21/00453/FLL Formation of an access track at Dam Wood, Blairingone. The CC made a neutral comment regarding logging traffic.

### Enforcement Issues

20/00809/FLL Craigton Farm Lane The Planning Enforcement Officer has visited the site and is seeking information from the agent for the planning application as to why a static caravan has been sited on the land, but has not yet received a response. CCllr Marchant reported that there is now furniture in the caravan, although it doesn't currently appear to be occupied overnight. However there does not seem to be any building work taking place at the moment, which would be a condition for the caravan to remain without planning consent.

### Consultation Responses

Responses made by this CC to Government documents were broadly in line with comments made by other groups.

### Correspondence

The Scottish Government has launched a consultation

on Fireworks regulations, which closes on 15 August 15. Comments can be made at: <https://consult.gov.scot/justice/use-and-sale-of-fireworks-in-scotland>

PKC has just launched a Public Toilet Survey, #Penny4YourThoughts, as part of the wider Public Toilet Review. The survey is primarily online, via [www.pkc.gov.uk/penny4yourthoughts](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/penny4yourthoughts)

If the correspondence list is not attached to this document, it can be found on the CC's FB Page.

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

*The next meeting of Fossoway Community Council will be held on Tuesday 7 September 2021 (Crook of Devon Village Hall or Virtual). Members of public wishing to join virtually please email the CC at [fossoway.cc@gmail.com](mailto:fossoway.cc@gmail.com).*

## Portmoak Community Council

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

## Milnathort And Orwell CC

There was no August meeting for the Milnathort CC.

*The next meeting will be on 9 September at 7pm by Zoom.*

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## Portmoak Film Society

### Back with a bang!

Welcome back. The long wait is over as we reconvene for the first half of the 2021/22 season with a diverse selection of popular films.

All films are shown on the second Saturday of the month. We start on 11 September with 2019 US film 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood'. It stars Tom Hanks and has been described by one critic as perhaps the most healing movie of recent times. A good one to start with after the difficult one and a half years we've just been through.

This is followed on 9 October by Gurinder Chadhar's 'Blinded by the Light'; another feel-good film about a Pakistani teenager in Luton dealing with various demons. Springsteen fans, this is one for you!

On 13 November we show the critically acclaimed and controversial 'JoJo Rabbit' and finish up the year on 11 December with multiple award-winner 'Nomadland' featuring the wonderful Frances McDormand.

All films are shown at Portmoak Hall in Scotlandwell. A season's membership costs £40; available from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood (phone 01592 840638) or pay £6 on the door. Films start promptly at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming back our regulars and meeting some newcomers too!

Find us on Facebook.

## Kinross Garden Group

As it is some months since we met, the committee would like to announce the winter programme of talks in plenty of time for the first meeting. This will take place in Kinross Parish Church on 14 October at 2pm. The committee will be following all Covid-19 restrictions in force at the time to allow the meetings to take place safely. An email relating to the winter session will be sent out to all current and former members.

### 2021

- 14 Oct** *Nancy Stephens, Bearsden*  
*Delightful, delovely, deranged*
- 11 Nov** *Sandra Goodswen, Haddington*  
*A bee friendly garden*
- 19 Dec** *Patricia Keppie, Commonwealth War Graves*  
*Commision, Horticulture around the world*

### 2022

- 13 Jan** *Festive Lunch*
- 10 Feb** *Kate White, Bannockburn House*  
*Restoration of Bannockburn House*
- 10 Mar** *Ian Christie, Angus*  
*Snowdrops*
- 14 Apr** *Dr Greg Kenicer, RBGE*  
*Ecology in the Garden*

Membership fees for next year have not yet been determined but will be announced as soon as possible. If you live in or around Kinross-shire and are interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts you will be made very welcome.

For more details contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589 or by email at [acaroline1000@gmail.com](mailto:acaroline1000@gmail.com)



## Kinross Guide Dogs

Here is my last dog that qualified as a Guide dog this month and is now with his new owner. It makes it all worth it.

Our stall at Kinross Show was a wonderful success, with lots of support from the Kinross and wider area. My present Guide dog pup, who is now 15 months old, was there for a while and our fabulous support dog came to help out later in the day.

On 19 September we start our British Sign language taster session course which is fully booked, but we hope to have another for the people who didn't get on the first one or hadn't managed to book. Watch this space for more details next month.

At the end of the month, we will be at the farmers' market again.

I will be starting to do speaking events, where I can come to do talks to groups in the area. These could be groups of youngsters, through to the not-so-young, who would like to learn about the challenges someone with visual impairment has in their day-to-day life and how dogs can help. If you are planning a programme for the next year, I would be happy to talk to you and arrange a date to suit.

Feel free to email me about talks, BSL taster sessions or fundraising and about volunteering with our group.

You can email me at [She61@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:She61@hotmail.co.uk).

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and for the support the community of Kinross-shire gives us.

*As aye, Sheila Marshall*



## Common Grounds

[www.spanglefish.com/](http://www.spanglefish.com/)  
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With restrictions easing, we have been welcoming in many friends and supporters once again. Our café has enjoyed a real buzz, albeit ever mindful of safety guidelines, and it's been so good to catch up with absent friends.

Among the first through our doors were Mr and Mrs George Crawford with another generous 'loose change' donation, amounting to £105.85. This brings their running total to the magnificent sum of £1623.12. Their generosity and continued support is so appreciated. Thanks also go to those who top up our penny jar as 'pennies do indeed make the pounds'. Despite lockdown restrictions, we are continuing to give £1000 to each monthly project. This is all due to our loyal, generous supporters whom we cannot thank enough.

On a sadder note, we are missing the valued services of our secretary, Linda Freeman, who had an unfortunate accident on her stairs and who will have a long period of recovery. We send her our best wishes and hope progress will come sooner than anticipated.

### September Project

Inter-Care offers long term support to health units in six of the poorest countries in sub-Saharan African; Cameroon, Ghana, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zambia. A change in law means Inter-Care now has to access medicines from licensed pharmaceutical companies and medical manufacturers. However, fifty per cent of household goods (dressings, bandages etc) are supplied by the NHS. A big success story was their Shipping Container project, which saved them sixty per cent on transport costs. A third container of one hundred per cent donated medical goods recently arrived in Sierra-Leone, following two earlier ones sent to Malawi. Smaller boxes of medical aid are still being sent to the other four countries.

The charity's aim for 2021 has been to focus on sending potentially life-saving and diagnostic equipment.

For more information, visit our website.

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

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

# 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.



## Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

[www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk)



### Kinross Summer Concert

Sunday 5 September, 3pm

A wonderful concert of local musicians playing light classics, jazz and rock. Entry is free but there is a collection for donations in aid of 'Help Musicians Scotland'. Book your tickets following the Eventbrite link on our website.

### Book your stalls/stall spaces for this year's Festive Street Market!

Saturday 27 November, 10am-3pm

Like last year, the 2021 event will take place at Market Park again and we are doing our best to make the market as safe as possible. We hope to bring it back to the town centre in 2022.

A farmers' market stall or stall in a marquee is £45. Fee for a stall space but bringing your own gazebo stall is £35 and £20 for community groups and charities. If you would like to book a stall space at this market please send an email to [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)

### Kinross Farmers' Markets

The 25 September and 23 October markets will be back on the High Street again from 10am to 2pm.

### Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

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

### Leven Voices

Community Choir Leven Voices will hopefully start again from September onwards. Venue and time to be confirmed.

*For more info about KLEO and any future events in 2021 please visit [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk)*

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## Kinnesswood in Bloom



July and August have been a busy time for us and the various judges who have been touring locally and nationally. Our first visit was on 27 July when we were judged in the local Best Kept Village competition. They congratulated us on winning the Best Kept Village and paid tribute to the well-organised team working together.

The judges were very impressed with our project at the cart on Gamekeepers Road. Rory was able to tell them how the cart was stripped and refurbished and how the interpretation board about carts was installed.

They thought the school was outstanding and a great project with parents, pupils, the school and the KIB group coming together to help with the raised beds, polytunnel and flower beds, all of which we keep watered in the school holidays.

Our online entry to RHS Britain in Bloom was sent off on 25 July and we will hear the results in September. The videos showing our entries can be seen using these links: [k-i-b.org/rhs1](http://k-i-b.org/rhs1) (General community involvement category) and [k-i-b.org/rhs2](http://k-i-b.org/rhs2) (Nourishing the community category).

The village was really looking its best when our two Beautiful Scotland judges arrived on 4 August. It was a bit different from usual as we were not allowed to meet them indoors or provide refreshments. There were only two folk allowed to go round with them with individuals positioned at different focal points around the village. Carol and John did a great job of showing them around and the judges were not in a hurry to finish the tour. They liked the art work around the village centre, particularly the woven fish. They were very impressed with our roses and enjoyed talking to Millie about her work with us through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Monica really did a great job of telling the story behind the lockdown garden. The judges admired the lavender at Benarty View and thought the bench was a wonderful tribute. There were so many bees everywhere in the village which gave a good impression. We were so lucky with the weather.

At the entrance to the school the judges were extremely impressed by John's garden then enjoyed a tour of the school grounds with Norma, meeting Paula, the head teacher and giving good advice about compost. They were impressed by the polytunnel, the vegetables and incredible views. They were then treated to a visit to the Michael Bruce garden to hear from Shelagh about the plans for refurbishment, met Henrike at Gamekeepers and finally saw the cart area. Thank you everyone who has contributed to the effort to show off our lovely village. We will have to wait until later in September to hear the results.

Some of the vegetables grown by the children of Portmoak Primary School have grown so well that they are ready to harvest. Mostly they were grown in the new raised beds at the school, but some were grown in the new polycrub (polytunnel) as part of their Climate Action Project. We have been picking some of the vegetables that won't keep and have left them in the bus shelter. Now the pupils will be distributing vegetables themselves.

We were allowed one week off to relax but are back to our weekly work parties. We always welcome new members at our Saturday morning sessions.

## Recipe

Supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom



### Joan's Summer Pudding

#### Ingredients

##### *For the pudding:*

800g mixed berries, including strawberries  
100g caster sugar  
120ml cassis or fruit cordial  
Butter to grease  
400g brioche loaf (pre-sliced if possible)

##### *For the elderflower cream:*

100ml double cream  
40g icing sugar  
20ml elderflower cordial  
120g crème fraîche

#### Method

Hull and chop strawberries and set aside. Put all the other fruit in a pan with the sugar and 70ml water. Cook over a medium heat for 5 minutes. Add the strawberries and simmer for 3 more minutes. Empty the mixture into a sieve set over a large bowl and allow to drip for 5 minutes. If juice is tart add a little more sugar. Add the cassis or cordial.

Lightly grease a 20cm cake tin and line with baking parchment. Dip the slices in the juice then lay in an even layer over the base of the tin. Tear slices to fit. Spoon over half the fruit in an even layer. Repeat with second layer of soaked brioche and fruit. Cover and chill overnight.

Whip the cream, icing sugar and cordial in a bowl till firm then fold in crème fraîche. Cover and chill.

To serve invert the pudding on to a serving plate and remove parchment. Spoon on the cream and decorate with the extra berries.

This recipe is recommended as a summer treat.



First 'Face-to-Face' KADAC Committee Meeting 'Now smile for the camera, everyone!'

## Kinross and District Art Club

[www.kadac.co.uk](http://www.kadac.co.uk)



It is thrilling to report that we have now reopened after an 18-month suspension period due to Covid-19 restrictions.

On Tuesday 10 August, six members of the KADAC committee met in the Millbridge Hall to plan the way forward for the club. The committee planned a short Special General Meeting for Tuesday 17 August, to take place before normal painting sessions got underway. Details of the SGM will be published in the October *Kinross Newsletter*.

Although it was an exciting time to meet up after so long, folks were understandably apprehensive. However, the safety measures that the hall committee had put in place went a long way to making members feel safe and comfortable back in the art club environment. Kinross and District Art Club would like to express its thanks and appreciation to the hall committee for the meticulous way in which they reopened Millbridge Hall to keep all hall users safe.

We will not be holding their annual exhibition in September this year. In normal times, it is part of the turquoise route within Perthshire Open Studios. However, this year, we anticipate that an exhibition will take place in November. Planning has already started and members are greatly enthused to create artworks to exhibit. Watch this space!

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays each week (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.

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## KYTHE

Project revisited



In the March edition, KYTHE's new project with Kinross Wooden Products was just about to start. The aim of the project was to remanufacture old office furniture and turn them into something else to avoid as much waste as possible going to landfill, whilst providing opportunities for young people.

Almost six months later, we caught up with project lead, Katy-Beth King, to find out how the project was progressing; 'It's been better than I imagined. Although only two young people have been involved, it worked well both timewise and from the point of view of availability of staff. J and M both engaged well in the projects and with the staff involved from KYTHE and KWP. John, Kirsteen and Gavin from KWP were fantastic and with them, they learnt how to use some basic tools, a wide variety of machines and systems within the workshop to achieve their goal and finish their projects, and how to look at the bigger picture of a circular economy to reuse what we have and make it into something else. J made a spectacular bird hotel (three birdhouses of different sizes joined together) and M made a beautiful trinket box made to look like an old grimoire book'.

M was referred to KYTHE, as she had not been engaging with school, but was interested in art. She met Katy-Beth at one of her art classes, and agreed to do the woodworking project in the hopes of expanding







M's wooden Box

her portfolio and one day attending an art college. She has enjoyed the course so much more than she ever expected and really wants to continue. Therefore she was asked to attend Katy-Beth's next art group as a young volunteer, which she did, and she did a wonderful job too. Following that, she has also volunteered at one of our mobile events, attends Friday drop-in and is completing her youth achievement award.

KYTHE's mission is to transform young lives by ensuring every young person in Kinross-shire is given the opportunities they need to reach their potential. With a personalised approach to youth work, every young person coming through our door is valued as an individual.

M said to Katy-Beth, 'Thank you so much. I feel being involved more in all the arty projects you do has helped me a lot to be more confident with who I am. I feel because we both love art and are weird in the best way possible, you have definitely helped me be more confident, so thank you so much and I'm really grateful for your help. You are amazing at your job!'

To find out more how KYTHE is transforming young lives, contact us by email at [office@kythe.org.uk](mailto:office@kythe.org.uk) or our youth workers at [barry@kythe.org.uk](mailto:barry@kythe.org.uk), [gillian@kythe.org.uk](mailto:gillian@kythe.org.uk) or [katy-beth@kythe.org.uk](mailto:katy-beth@kythe.org.uk).

## Kinross & District Rotary Club

[www.ribi.org](http://www.ribi.org)



### Celebrating Kinross Kindness

Many readers will have benefited from the fabulous work of this group and still more will be aware of them. Kerry Drummond and Wendy McDonald

joined us on Zoom on 19 July and told us the astonishing story of how a small group of volunteers responded promptly and purposefully when the virus struck, identified pressing community needs and got on with the job! The service evolved according to needs and the phases of the pandemic. Thankfully, it is now able to wind down as the situation eases although they are ready to reconvene if the need should arise. We were bowled over by the energy, efficiency, smart organisation and effectiveness of the work of Kinross Kindness. One of our Rotarians who benefited from the service described it as 'courteous, efficient; the right people in the right place at the right time'. Thank you and very well done to all the volunteers; you really made a difference in such difficult times!

### A Travel Through History

We always know we're in for an enthralling evening when Rotarian George Sutherland is our speaker. George has led an interesting life and has travelled widely, pursuing his interest in history and military history in particular. He led us on a whistle stop tour of sites of interest in eight different countries; Syria, Crimea, South Africa's Zululand, the Dardanelles, the Philippines, Western Russia, Thailand and the South Atlantic, accompanied by maps, diagrams and archive photographs, juxtaposed by contemporary images. If you have a chance to hear George speak then take it! We asked him to speak again soon and share more of his fascinating knowledge.

Here George explains 'Why I Became a Rotarian':

'In 1968 I qualified as a Chartered Accountant. The following year I joined Shell International Petroleum Company 'to see the world' but was initially posted to Cheshire! I knew no one in the area, so joined the local Round Table and soon discovered the pleasure and satisfaction to be had from taking part in fundraising events and contributing to good causes.

A posting overseas duly came in 1971, and I spent the next 20 plus years living in seven different countries before returning to Scotland to take up a post at Edinburgh University. There, I initially joined the 41 Club (for former 'Round Tablers') but

## LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES WANTED FROM MID-OCTOBER

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Kinross in Bloom at Springfield Corner

was soon invited to join Edinburgh Rotary Club and did so in 1997. After I retired, I found that I was spending more time at our Kinross home than in Edinburgh so transferred to the Rotary Club of Kinross & District; a much smaller club than Edinburgh but one which, it seems to me, has a much closer involvement in the community.

Here in Kinross the fun, companionship and satisfaction are even greater than I recall from my Round Table days all those years ago!

We're getting out and about at last! We held our first meeting together since March 2020 on 16 August when we took the opportunity to hold a barbeque. We are so looking forward to being present at community events. Come and speak to us when we help out at the Fossoway Gathering on 4 September to find out more about what we do and how we do it. We've all got a chance now for a fresh start; why not join us and help to continue that community spirit that we've cherished recently. You can also contact us by email at [secretary.kdrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com) for details.

## Kinross in Bloom



In terms of workload, the summer months are very quiet for Kinross in Bloom. We rely on our wonderful volunteers to help us water the hanging baskets and planters throughout the summer months. Some of the planters are plagued with the dreaded chickweed and you may often see one of us removing the weed from the planters! We are due to take collection of 1750 winter plug pansies in the middle of September so they all need planting up.

Members of Kinross in Bloom met with CCLr David Colliar and CCLr Lynne McKay at the War Memorial to discuss a way forward to limit the damage to the planters and the War Memorial from parked cars.



We also met with Brian D'Arcy from Kinross Raingardens Project. We met at Springfield corner and also at the Park and Ride where Brian talked through the plans to install raingardens in these areas which are often badly flooded.

## Get Involved

Now that restrictions have been lifted, it will be good to get back to having our regular meetings in the Church Centre on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. If you would like to join us, please come along. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 1 September.

*If you would like to support Kinross in Bloom in our 200 Club, please contact [aileen.sorbie@lineone.net](mailto:aileen.sorbie@lineone.net). If you would like to help in any way (formally or informally) please contact [susan.mitchell50@gmail.com](mailto:susan.mitchell50@gmail.com).*





This month's photograph.

'Evening Meal' by Doug Carrie

## Kinross Camera Club

[kinrosscameraclub.org.uk/wp/](http://kinrosscameraclub.org.uk/wp/)  
[www.facebook.com/KinrossCCLub](https://www.facebook.com/KinrossCCLub)



During the last few weeks, our summer evening meet-ups have provided opportunities for some fantastic photography. We enjoyed a visit to the Falkirk Wheel to photograph the rotating boat lift connecting the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal. This is a dramatic landmark as it is the only rotating boat lift of its kind in the world and on our doorstep.

The following week we met up at Alva Glen for more water course photography but of a more natural and rugged kind. The beautiful steep sided gorge and fast flowing water with its dramatic waterfalls is the perfect setting for some natural landscape shots and to practise long exposure techniques. A steep ascent to the upper part leads to a viewpoint overlooking Smuggler's Cave in the floor of the gorge.

A visit to the picturesque village of Falkland lying at the foot of the Lomond Hills provided members with countless photographic opportunities. Falkland is Scotland's first conservation village and is rich with historic and listed buildings providing fantastic opportunities for architectural photography. It is best known as the location of Falkland Palace which provides the best example of French influenced Renaissance architecture in Scotland. The village also has

examples of Neo-gothic buildings such as the Bruce fountain in the centre of the village. Many of the buildings have fascinating date and marriage stones or wedding lintels above the doorways which also provide great historical subjects to photograph.

To bring members all together to share our images from the last few weeks we enjoyed another Zoom evening where our photographs are shown as a slideshow. As well as images from our recent meet ups we were given two themes to work with; macro flower shots and minimalism. Our Zoom meetings are very popular and well attended giving us a chance to chat about our favourite shots and keep up to date with club news.

*If you would like to learn more about our camera club and how to become a member, please get in touch by emailing our secretary at [secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk).*

## Portmoak Community Woodland Group

[www.portmoakcw.org.uk](http://www.portmoakcw.org.uk)



Bad news for Himalayan balsam: Portmoak Community Woodland Group are back in action and it's not going to sneak past us. Good news for nature: now that restrictions are easing and we can run some activities we're starting to hold events, to learn more about what's growing, flying and crawling in.

Portmoak Moss and Kilmagad Wood. The more we find, the more we value it, apart from the Himalayan balsam.

In the middle of July members returned to the balsam's previous hotspots, in the ditches around Portmoak Moss. It's an invasive species that we're very keen to root out. Once it takes a hold it tends to smother everything else.

On the plus side, if you start tackling it before it produces seed, you're in with a chance. The advice is to hit it hard for two years in a row. That's what we've done and we're pleased to say that this summer there's very little left.

## Kinross In Bloom 200 Club

### August Draw

1st	No 81	Pauline Watson
2nd	No 55	George Mitchell
3rd	No 41	Alison McDonald
4th	No 38	Alison Lockhart



Of course, what remains has been mostly in the hardest places to access; the deepest, wettest parts of the ditches where you also have to contend with nettles and brambles, not to mention clegs and wasps. We did a risk assessment and our equipment even included climbing rope, in case we struggled to get out of the water and thick mud.

By contrast, on a sunny afternoon in the middle of August, we had a lovely, guided walk in and around the community orchard in Kilmagad Wood, to check out our apple crop and to try to identify all the different species of native woodland trees planted by the Woodland Trust Scotland and many volunteers.

Marje Smith from Kinnesswood led the walk and opened our eyes to all the different trees; not only the familiar holly and rowan

but aspen, field maple and sessile oak, which is quite different to English oak. We identified at least a dozen tree species. Our next event will be 'walking with birds'; a stroll round Portmoak Moss, talking about the different species we have there and trying to spot some of them. Meet at 11am on Tuesday 7 September at the main gate at the Scotlandwell entrance.

The news on apples is that we have enough to hold our annual apple day on 3 October at 2pm. We had to cancel last year when new restrictions were introduced but, all being well, we can hold our usual celebration of all things appley, from making juice to offering apple-themed baking. Andrew Lear, *aka* apple tree man, will be with us to help identify any apples you bring from your gardens. Look out for more details on posters and social media.

In other news, the Woodland Trust Scotland are planning some extra bog restoration work in Portmoak Moss. If you see marked trees at the western end of the peat dome they're going to be felled, as part of the Trust's effort to reduce seeding onto the bog. Trees dry out the bog, which is why PCWG have been pulling out birch saplings and intend to do a lot more of this in the autumn and winter.

Our regular meetings, take place at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month. We have now returned to the Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell, and anyone is welcome to attend.



## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### August Draw

1st	No 47	Anna Mills	Kinnesswood
2nd	No ?	Maggie Buford	Scotlandwell
3rd	No 3	Jane Marshall	Kinnesswood





## Boys Brigade and Girls Association

We are back with a clear message. We're open! New session, new programme, new badges!



Kinross BB celebrates over 100 years of working with local youngsters from around the county and Glenfarg area, providing varied, structured opportunities for children and young people to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment. There are opportunities to develop skills, build confidence, make friends, work towards awards, make a difference in the local community and, of course, have fun.

A new badgework programme, focusing on six distinct areas, has been devised nationally for members of the Company and Senior sections of the BB. The six key areas (see sample badge armband above) focus on: activity and wellbeing; faith and attitudes; creativity (art, craft, music, dance, media, baking/cooking); life skills and learning; adventure and the outdoors; global issues and citizenship. Our work is based on a vision of children and young people living life to the full.

The group, which meets at Kinross Church Centre, offers activities for boys and girls from ages 5 to 18. Enquiries about membership should be directed to secretary, David Munro, on 01577 862126.

The Kinross Company opens its doors for the new session on Friday 10 September. Session times are:-

Anchors age 5-8	6-7.15pm
Juniors age 8-11	7-9pm
Company age 11- 14	7-10pm
Seniors age 14-18	7-10pm

## Kinross Centre

How the weather has changed! It's still quite warm, but you must always carry an umbrella as heavy showers can come at anytime.

As we said last month we are gradually getting back to some normality and things are definitely looking better for everyone.

In the announcement on 9 August Nicola (I think I can call her by her first name) said we no longer needed to socially distance from each other. However, at the moment, we think we will continue with this and keep the protective screens at the centre; just to be on the safe side for at least another month. We will also continue to wear masks.

We have started to introduce trips out again; seeing a bit of our beautiful countryside, taking a flask with us and the all-important cake! We all enjoy getting out and about.

Our coffee bar has been quite busy and it's great to see our friends again. Protective screens are still 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.

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

## Kinross-shire Climate Café

With summer ending we are resuming monthly meetings.

Covid-19 restrictions are easing off and we are starting face to face sessions in September. The meetings will take place on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

It is a special time as the UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) is due to start on 31 October in Glasgow. Our group is participating in a few events under the umbrella of Climate Fringe Week (18-26 September) alongside many events all around Scotland (details below).

The first climate café meeting will take place on Monday 6 September with focus on plastic and food waste. Back in April during the Eco Survey organised by KLEO at Kinross Farmer's Market many questions were raised in connection with waste management at PKC. Climate café group have now invited PKC Waste Team to present a talk about their recycling strategy. Eco Survey respondents were wondering what types of plastic are actually recyclable, where the recycling





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## Club & Community Group News

processes take place and how we could minimise the waste. I hope we will find answers to those and other questions at the meeting.

In June Jeff Gunnell from Portmoak Community Woodland Group (PCWG) presented a very interesting talk about wetland conservation on Portmoak Moss and how their group have been involved. It was a very informative and inspiring presentation, which is now to be followed by a guided walk on the moss. The excursion will take place on Sunday 12 September in the morning (exact time and place to be confirmed on the KLEO website and Climate Café Facebook page). The guided walk is free although donations to support PCWG conservation work are very welcome. To attend the walk, please email Climate Café Coordinator (contact details below) to book a place.

As part of the Climate Fringe Week in September our group is working to produce a series of documentaries called 'Voices from Loch Leven' in collaboration with Oakford Media Company. The films will feature local people expressing their thoughts on climate change, what it means to them and whether they think it's preventable. The online screening is starting with a premiere on 20 September followed by successive parts screened daily during the Climate Fringe. As the COP26 summit approaches we would like this production to be our chance to voice local reaction to the climate change emergency and, through that, contribute to a wider debate on social media. The series will be published on YouTube and available to watch on our Facebook page and Twitter.

At the end of Climate Fringe Week we are also holding a stall at the Kinross Farmer's Market on 25 September with a pop-in friendly chat and a raffle of zero waste, homemade products to raise funds for future events.

Upcoming climate café events include a screening of Damon Gameau's film '2040' in November and, in 2022, a mindfulness session to encourage positive adaptation to climate change, sessions on upcycling textiles, green transport in Kinross-shire and growing your own food.

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

## Kinross-Shire Networking Breakfast



Kinross-shire Partnership are keen to tell you about their next Networking Breakfast meeting, taking place on Wednesday 1 September 2021. Fix the date in your diary to make sure you enjoy the relaxed networking and excellent breakfast on offer. Cost of the networking and full Scottish breakfast is £12.50. Our inspirational speakers give their time for nothing!

In September, we are delighted to introduce entrepreneur and businessman Drew Drummond. Drew is Managing Director of Drummond International, an Edinburgh-based leadership consultancy business which helps individuals and organisations worldwide deal with change, culture and conflict. Working with individuals and teams, irrespective of background and sector, he works closely with major clients to design bespoke leadership development programmes aimed at adding value to diverse organisations, ranging from the voluntary sector to FTSE 100 companies. Drew has a national and international reputation in the field of conflict resolution. As an accredited mediator, he is highly regarded for enabling ownership and belief through the power of inspirational story-telling and lived experiences across all sectors.



*Our stand at the Kinross Farmers Market*

A graduate of St Andrew's University, he has a post graduate diploma in Human Resource Management and Organisational Development. His professional career and experience to date ranges from a multi-national shipping company to setting up a specialised residential care home for young people. He is also the Patron of the Scottish Centre for Conflict Resolution which helps prevent and resolve conflict for young people, professionals and parents across Scotland. A committed family man his core values are courage and kindness, exemplified by his setting up and continued involvement with Project Present Fife, supporting Fife Kinship Carers.

**Different Venue, Same Format.** Our regular venue, Loch Leven's Larder, are unable to accommodate us on this date so our Networking meeting will be held at Kinross Church Centre, 64 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AJ from 7.15am to 8.45am and we welcome local businesses, individuals and groups to come and network, find out about each other's organisations and get to know one another. Whether you're new to Kinross-shire and looking to find out what services or businesses are in the Shire, or you'd like to make new contacts in the area, we'd love to meet you. We'd love you to tell your friends, colleagues and fellow Kinross-shire dwellers how good these meetings are, and encourage them to come along with you on Wednesday 1 September 2021.

To book your place, please email us at [mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk](mailto:mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk). Booking MUST be made in advance and payment can be made in cash or by card on the day. The meeting cost, including a full cooked breakfast, is £12.50 per person.

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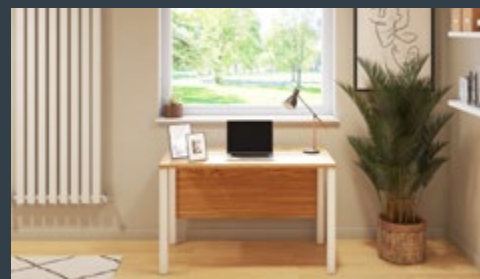
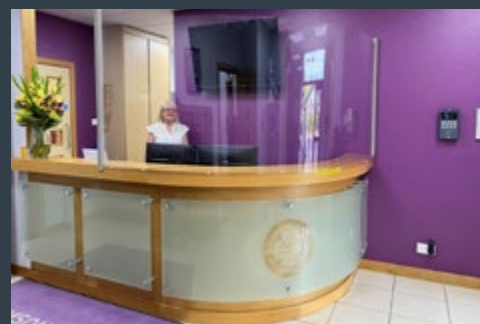
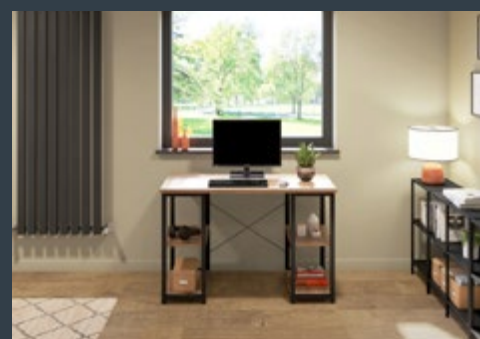
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### Well Kept County Competition 2021

Judging for the Well Kept County Competition this year took place at the end of July, over two glorious sunny days, with blue skies, warm, no wind and the threatened rain never appeared.

This is the 55th year of the competition, started by Sir Robert Stewart to foster good community spirit in the Kinross-shire. That was in abundant evidence in this year's competition. Three Villages took part: Kinnesswood, Crook of Devon and Powmill; and three Hamlets: Glenlomond, Maryburgh and Drum.

Despite the pandemic and lockdown, all the communities returned to the competition with their usual enthusiasm and energy, with the result that turnout was tremendous and the judges were immensely impressed. All the communities are to be congratulated for all their efforts.

Each community has different interests, priorities and time that they can put their efforts into and we all agreed that the different approaches made for interesting and varied communities throughout the county. This made meeting representatives of each village particularly important and

interesting in coming to our decisions.

The results are:

Winner of the Best Kept Village Award: Kinnesswood and joint second: Crook of Devon and Powmill

Winner of the Best Kept Hamlet Award: Glenlomond and joint second: Drum and Maryburgh

Winner of the Most Improved Village: Powmill.

A presentation to all the communities will take place, regulations permitting, towards the end of September.

### Annual General Meeting

The Trust is holding a 'virtual' AGM again this year. Reports were sent to members by email in early August and can also be viewed on our website.

### Raingardens Challenge

Now that opportunities for meetings have returned (hopefully for a while but we are not making any assumptions), provisional plans are being made for indoor presentations and dialogue with local groups – and soon with officials, too, we hope.

We had an excellent meeting on site in August with some of the hard-working enthusiasts from the Kinross in Bloom group, looking at the scope to try to resolve the regular flooding problems at Springfield Road junction with Muirs.

The restorative actions there will probably be beyond the resource and remit of the two groups, although that will depend on the views of PKC.



Glenlomond was winner of the Best Kept Hamlet Award  
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A planted cart and wildflower garden in Gamekeepers Road, Kinnesswood, winner of the Best Kept Village Award  
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On site with Kinross in Bloom representatives at the Park and Ride

The Council have, however, been able to encourage us to seek support for creating modest but new raingarden features at the Park and Ride, aimed at enhancing biodiversity as well as improving the landscape and appearance of the damaged grass strips there. We hope to co-develop ideas now, for action in the coming months and completion by March 2022.

## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

It is appropriate that the statue in the photo opposite, currently on display outside Balhousie Castle Museum, commemorates a significant piece of our historical links to Normandy in France and our Kinross-Gacé twinning link.



The statue shows a sculpture of Lieutenant Herbert Brotheridge, thought to be the first allied soldier to lose his life on D-Day. The 4413 bullet shells represent the lives of those fallen comrades who died in the first 24 hours of battle. Instead of a hand grenade, the sculptor has used a dove as a symbol of peace. The statue was commissioned by the D-Day Story Museum.

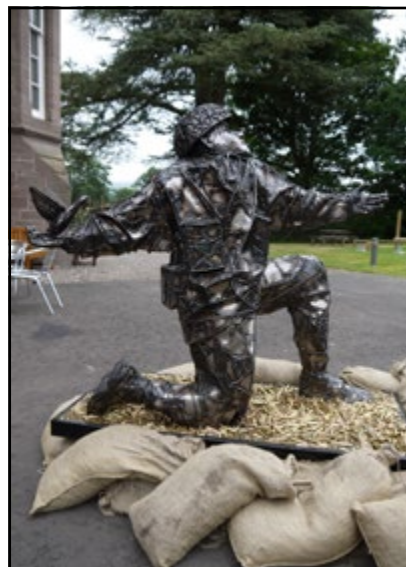
Now that Covid-19 restrictions have eased, we look forward to planning with our twinning hosts, a programme for our official twinning visit to Gacé, due to take place at the end of July through to the beginning of August 2022. Final dates and travel arrangements have not yet been concluded and we will be working with our Gacé twinning committee to firm these up once we know our travel numbers in more detail.

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association initially hosted a group from Gacé back in 1975, when the Gacéans performed traditional Norman dances, in full costume, at Kinross Show. Since then there have been numerous trips back and forth across the channel to consolidate our own version

of the 'auld alliance'.

Initially there were visits back and forth every summer but, more recently, the visits have been two in every three years with a one-year break. Our visit was originally meant to have taken place in the summer of 2020 but both parties agreed that this should be postponed until such time as Covid-19 was more under control.

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



## Kinross (Marshall) Museum

[www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk](http://www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk)



Since we reopened in May we have had a steadily increasing number of visitors to the museum, several with interesting research enquiries. Amongst those who dropped by in August was Betty Walker (née Falconer) who was born in Milnathort 100 years ago. Now living in Cheshire, she has been a regular visitor when in Scotland with her daughter.

We have welcomed two new volunteers who are beginning to get to know the treasures we have in our historic collections and we continue to receive gifts of items to add to our expanding numbers of images, documents and artefacts.

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been eased we have continued once more our churchyard memorial stone surveys, making a start in August with Sunday afternoon visits to Orwell Parish Churchyard in Milnathort. We now have on our computer in the Museum Study Room completed surveys of the memorial stones in the Kirkgate, Kinross Parish Church and Old Orwell kirkyards. Illustrated with photographs, these surveys are now available to be viewed.

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# Sports News

## Kinross Badminton Club

Now that we are moving beyond level zero Covid-19 restrictions, we plan to resume playing from Tuesday 31 August, having been closed since March 2020. Hopefully all our old members will return and potential new members will start to come along to try out this friendly club.

Before coming along, please check our Facebook page for news on any new restrictions which apply. Hopefully there will be no restrictions and no need to pre-book attendance.

Kinross Badminton club nights are on Tuesdays from 8-9.45pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. The badminton season runs from August through to April. The first night is free for new members so you can try out the club and see if you enjoy it.

We expect the Perth and District badminton league to start in September or October so we will have to get back in shape if we are to do well in that!

## Kinross Tennis Club

It was the turn of Kinross Tennis Club to host Judy Murray this month for a Women and Girls Fun day!



The Judy Murray Foundation came to Kinross TC to celebrate what has already been achieved at the club in getting huge numbers of women & girls involved in the game and to also encourage even more to play. There were over 180 players on court taking part from ages 6 to 74!

Judy Murray, her Foundation Ambassadors, Kinross TC coach Siobhan MacLeod and the Clubs tennis leaders led three sessions across the afternoon – one for girls and their parents, one for the older girls, and a cardio session for women.

Despite the rain the day was a huge success and enjoyed by all!



Coaching classes started back at the club on Saturday 21 Aug. Details are on our Facebook page @kinrosstennisclub.

For info on membership please see our website <http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KinrossTennisClub> or email [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com)

*Photos by Vicki MacLean*

## Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>



Last month was a busy at the club training sessions. As we moved to level 0, numbers permitted to attend each session also increased so there was more opportunity to get out and run. Each week included a trail run and a speed or interval session. Trail runs covered such great routes as the West Lomond trail run, Glen Vale, Commonedge Hill and Seamab, Crook of Devon and Pitmedden trail run. Training sessions included speedwork, a pyramid reps session, four minute intervals session, the famous two mile time trial, and a great hill reps session.

It was also a busy month for results from races for club members, and some of the club even attended parkrun down south to get their fix. Some great news also that parkrun starts back in Scotland with our local Loch Leven parkrun confirming their restart. Well done to all who organise and volunteer to support that great event.

On 31 July we enjoyed the annual club awards and hare and tortoise race. This was a long-delayed event which took place under modest surroundings at the cricket ground at Loch Leven's Larder under dark skies. The hare and tortoise was won by Scott Strachan and Susan McLean, following a hard fought race. Our awards covered a variety of categories and, although we can't list every prize that was awarded on the day, a special mention goes to the following award winners:



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- In the age category awards, a special mention for our V80 category winner, Norman Smith.
  - Team of the Year went to Ann Malcolm, Gillian Lopez, Val Findlay and Wendy Grieve.
  - Virtual Club Championship Champions were Jillian Gordon and David Scott.
  - Athlete of the year. This is an award voted for by club members rather than based on results and this year there were 3 joint winners. All have gone above and beyond in their support of the club over the last year. The award went to (drumroll) Caroline Jones, Ann Malcom and Scott Strachan.
  - Finally, a special award for outstanding contribution to the club over many years went to Bill Noullan and Roger Stark.
- Well done to all those who received awards. It was great to

see everyone; even the weather was kind to us for the event. The Milnathort Dash is on Sunday 19 September. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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

## Kinross Rugby Club

### Mini and Midi Sections

We took a break from rugby over the last few weeks. This gave everyone involved a rest so we can return stronger and ready for the new season. We have a new U13 and U14 boys' teams consisting of just under 20 boys; a piece to continue developing for the coming season.

Both teams will be playing within Caledonia Boys Regional under 13's-16's fixture league, comprising of three home and three away games, three Midlands based festivals and one Caledonia festival all before the end of the year. Include that with our mini's moving up a year and the progression of our girls' rugby and it shows that we have a very busy rugby calendar ahead.

As a new season begins why not give rugby a try? Come along to one of our training sessions for free. No experience is necessary, just bring a water bottle and clothes fit for running around in. We offer a safe, fun environment where everyone can join in and get involved. We have spaces available at every age group so, if you are interested, please get in touch! You can contact our youth convenor, Robert Allan by phone on 07831099315 or by email at [kinrossrugby.juniors@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossrugby.juniors@gmail.com). Training is on:

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There was a good turnout for the charity game on Sunday 20 June held in aid of the Blind Bowlers. £181 was raised and this will be added to the monies raised at the closing of the green game in aid of the RNLI and then split between the two charities.

The gents have played in both the County Balfour Competition and the Top 10 this year. They won their first game in the Balfour at Tulliallan versus Cambus on Thursday 8 July. Unfortunately they lost out to Menstrie the following week at Sauchie. They were knocked out of the first round in the Top 10 on Monday 2 August by Alloa East End. The only county competition available for the ladies this year was the charity pairs played on 11 August at Cambus. Sandra Fullerton and Jean Menzies represented the club and £470 was raised for Strathcarron Hospice.

*Apologies from the Newsletter for missing the August report.*

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## Kinross Otters

Recent weeks have successfully highlighted the community and competitive sides of Kinross Otters, the elements that – in our opinion – make it such a special wee club.

The wonderful camaraderie was clear when members, family and friends came together earlier this month for a charity swim to celebrate the life of Eilidh Neave and to help raise money for Meningitis Now. Eilidh tragically passed away two years ago aged eight after contracting meningitis but will never be forgotten by all those whose lives she touched.

Originally planned as a challenge to get 100 people swimming 100 metres, in fact 107 swimmers covered a combined 45,000 metres across the course of a few hours and raised over £4500 for the charity.

Otters chairperson Nigel Martin said: 'Two years on, Eilidh's fun-loving, vibrant personality could not be closer to the club's heart. Every single swim helped us raise an amazing amount of money for Meningitis Now and helped celebrate Eilidh. Thank you to all that took part, donated or helped out.'

The community spirit was clearly on display again when the youngsters got together for a fun day at Willowgate Activity Centre in Perth during the school holidays. Water was still involved, of course, but this time it was for paddle boarding, both individually and in teams, kayaking and loads more. After a long few months following strict rules to get into the water at Live Active Loch Leven, this was a welcome chance to mix together socially – and the kids loved it!

At the time of writing, the coaches are planning an assessment day to find the next Otters and, who knows, maybe the next Duncan Scott or Kathleen Dawson?

Speaking of which, the club was thrilled to learn of the unbelievable success of Otter Struan Bennett, who recently received the amazing news of his first call-up to represent Great Britain. He has been selected as one of only three male junior athletes from across the UK to compete at the 2021 Europe Triathlon Youth Championships Festival in Alanya, Turkey, at the end of September this year. Massive congratulations to Struan!

Also on the competition side, well done to the Otters who took part in the Festival of Swimming at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh in July. Eight swimmers took part in 38 swims across six sessions – and all set personal bests, which was fantastic.

With restrictions easing in the pool and out, plans are afoot for more meets that will allow swimmers right across the club to experience competitive swimming – some for their first time because of the lay-off due to Covid-19. There should be more news on that front next month.

## Kinross Volleyball

On Monday 6 September (8.15-9.45pm) indoor training and coaching resumes. Sessions will take place in the large games' hall at the campus. It will be good to get back indoors again after a year and a half of no or 'outside only' volleyball. Grass volleyball has continued throughout the summer on Sunday afternoons so everyone is used to playing outdoors on a grass surface.



The Kinross club has entered two teams in this year's one-day Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament; one team in men's division three and one mixed team in mixed division three. The teams will consist of a combination of adults and juniors. The Scottish Open will take place on Perth's North Inch on Saturday 11 September.

A number of local juniors have been regular attendees at Perth Beach Volleyball Club's junior development sessions. They will continue to run throughout September at the Darnhall Beach Centre on Sundays from 10am-1pm.

Three former Kinross Club members have been prominent on the national beach scene over the summer. Connor Boyle has racked up over 4,000 miles travelling around the UK to attend high profile beach volleyball tournaments and has accumulated a number of gold and bronze medals on his travels. Jack McKelvey, although now living and working in the Newcastle area, has also been a beach tournament regular, hovering on the edge of a podium place on a few occasions. Ruaridh Souter moved from the Kinross area to Tyneside, where he was first attracted to beach volleyball. Now back living in Edinburgh, he plays most of his beach volleyball at Portobello but has entered a number of UK beach events.

Our indoor Monday sessions are open to juniors and adults alike and will be ideal preparation for the Perth District League when it resumes. We would hope to enter teams in both the premier and recreational leagues so new members will be made welcome.



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### Greyhound Rescue Fife

Greyhound Rescue Fife at Baltree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, needs volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at [www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.kleo.org.uk). If interested, please contact Bouwien Bennet at [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call 01577 863107.

### RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

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

### Kinross (Marshall) Museum

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

### Kinross Heart Start

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

### Light Up Kinross

Light Up Kinross is a small local charity with responsibility for Kinross Christmas lights and decorations. We require additional volunteers to assist with fundraising and administration of the lights. If you are interested, please contact David Colliar, email [davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk) or Bill Freeman, email [billywhizkid78@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com).

### Volunteering with Aberlour!

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to support Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. If you have a genuine interest in the wellbeing of children and families and live in Perth and Kinross we would love to hear from you. To find out more, visit [www.aberlour.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.aberlour.org.uk/volunteer), or contact Shonagh (Volunteer Coordinator) on 07864 625069/[shonagh.ferguson@aberlour.org.uk](mailto:shonagh.ferguson@aberlour.org.uk).

### SPARKS

SPARKS are a group allowing adults of all ages who have support needs or disabilities to meet together with their carers to improve their health and wellbeing. Volunteers will be supported by workers Roseanne Gray – P&K Community Learning & Development Worker and Shona Fowler – NHS Project Worker. For more information please call 01577 867216 / 867218 or 07769 243282 / 07896 280843.

### Scotland's Gardens

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

### Duke of Edinburgh

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

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### The Potager Garden

The Potager Garden is a small community garden in Bowton Road, Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, a main aim being to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or [amandajames1577@gmail.com](mailto:amandajames1577@gmail.com)

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


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Firstly, the pink-footed geese; my absolute favourite. Nothing says autumn like their joyous 'wink-wink' call echoing from the skies. Last year, my first skein was on 10 September and the year before it was 2 September – so keep your eyes and ears peeled! Depending on the winds, it can take the geese 12 to 22 hours to fly over the North Sea from Iceland to Scotland. They will spend the winter here, roosting on the loch and feeding in the surrounding fields.

September is the often the last month we see osprey fishing on the loch. The final stragglers will be feeding up for their mammoth journey down to West Africa. This journey of 3000 miles can be done in 14 days of continuous flying – truly remarkable! The female typically starts her migration first, leaving the nest once the chicks have hatched. The male then does the rest of the work, feeding and teaching the youngsters how to fish. He then departs and leaves the youngsters to fend for themselves. No one really understands how the young ospreys know where to fly, but they always begin their journey flying off in a south-westerly direction.

September is the start of autumn, and that means fungi season! Look out for amazing named specimens like; dog-sick slime mould, scarlet elfcup, chicken-of-the-woods, giant puffball, penny bun, shaggy inkcap, jelly ear and everyone's favourite red mushroom; fly agaric.

Numbers of wintering wildfowl are now increasing; mute swan, tufted duck, coot are now all well into the thousands. We are starting to welcome back our winter visitors; pochard, teal, wigeon, goldeneye and pintail numbers are starting to build up and the loch will be transformed into a wintering/migration hot-spot! In autumn, we can see peaks of up to 60,000 birds on the loch!



Speaking of which; a reminder that from 1 September, we ask that there is no water borne access (kayaking, paddle boarding, canoeing, swimming etc) at Loch Leven NNR through to 31 March. This is because huge numbers of wintering birds use this internationally important loch as a refuge and these birds are easily disturbed. Let's ensure that we safeguard these wintering populations for the future! Thank you for your co-operation.

Recent wildlife highlights at Loch Leven NNR include; purple hairstreaks (a new colony at Levenmouth – see p15 for more details), hobby, arctic tern, marsh harrier, 2117 tufted duck, osprey and small copper butterflies.

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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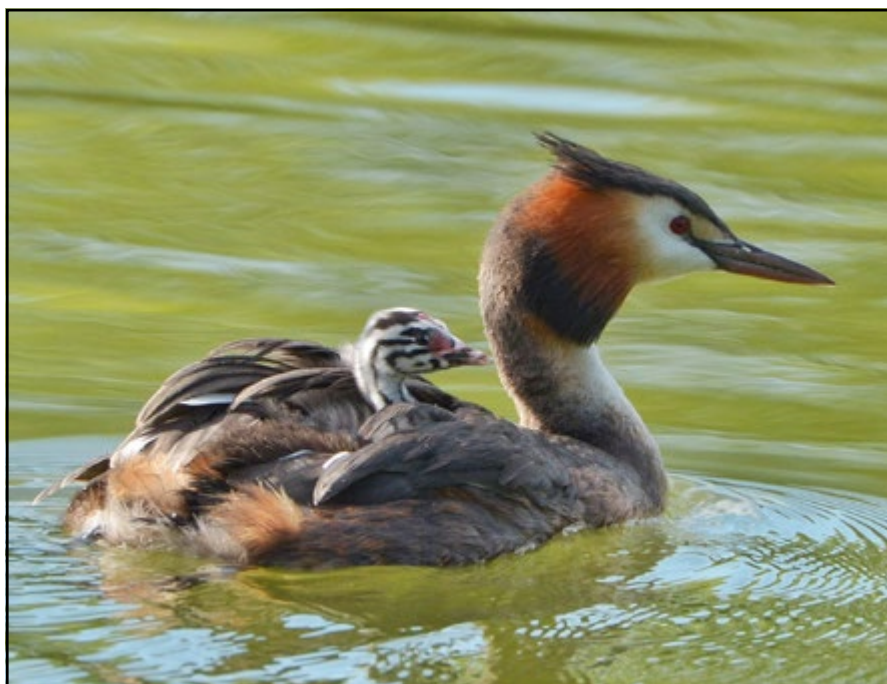
**WE HAVE HAD SOME** lovely wildlife sightings reported this month at RSPB Loch Leven. Our infamous ospreys have gathered once more, spotted along the fence posts along the edge of Main Bay. In previous years we have had up to 12 of these birds seen altogether in one day. They use the loch as an opportunity to stock up on fish and refuel before their long migration south. Marsh harrier activity has also been good around the reserve, so keep your eyes peeled for birds of prey when you are visiting.

With the breeding season ended the lapwing have now dispersed away from the reserve into new areas, and a regular flock of curlew has emerged. With most of the gull population now fledged, an unusual calm has settled over the wetlands. The wind whispers over the fields almost to sigh a relief that all the hard work is over. Just a few families of great crested and little grebe chicks can be seen gliding elegantly over the water. As the lazy late summer settles, the constant hum of grasshoppers and dragonflies can be heard in amongst the wildflowers at our bumblebee meadow. Lots of different species of bumblebee can be seen here, and you can use our easy wildlife board guides to help you identify them as you walk through the field.

Our reserve team have been hard at work managing vegetation along the footpaths to keep them nice and clear for visitors. They have also undertaken several insect surveys which will help to monitor our butterfly and bumblebee populations. This information is then shared with other organisations such as the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, to help develop a co-ordinated approach for informed management decisions for conservation.

We have some exciting events running this month including a trail for Big Green Week that will run from 18-26 September 10am-4pm. Big Green Week is a nation-wide week of events to celebrate action for nature on climate change. Drop in anytime during this week to take part in our climate themed family trail.

On 25 September 10am, Awaken your body, mind and senses in the beautiful surroundings of Loch Leven with a mindful movement and meditation ses-



*Great Crested Grebe and chicks*

sion. Offered by local yoga teacher, Orla Beaton, these monthly sessions will include gentle yoga and qigong, seated and walking meditation, and poetry to help us destress, connect and find balance. To book please visit [rspblochleven.eventbrite.com](http://rspblochleven.eventbrite.com). Work is progressing on the redevelopment project and some tricky construction tasks have now been completed on the visitor centre which should allow things to move along more smoothly. As with most old buildings we hit a few unexpected snags and challenges along the way, and this has resulted in some frustrating delays! We are now hoping to be able to reopen again at the beginning of October. During this time, we are incredibly excited to have commissioned Edinburgh based artist Chris Rutterford to create a mural at the reserve.

The artwork, on the steps leading from the underpass to the visitor centre will showcase some of the amazing wildlife that can be seen on the nature reserve.

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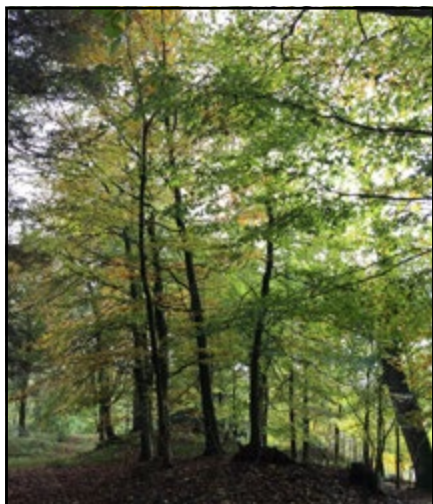


# Gardens to Visit

## FEATURED GARDEN

### Pond Garden, Milnathort

**OPENING FOR AUTUMN COLOUR** in September, we are looking forward to welcoming visitors for the first time as part of Scotland's Garden Scheme. Pond Cottage, just a mile north of Milnathort, was derelict when we arrived 28 years ago, the pond

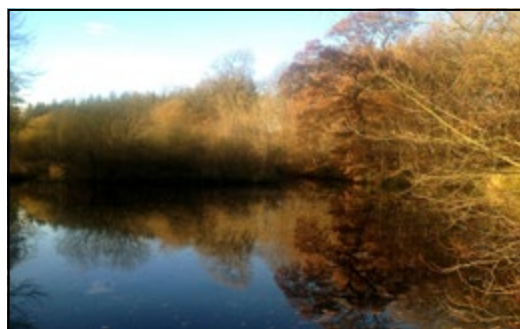


was silted up and a neighbouring dump filled the old quarry.

With Nature in charge, a wild woodland garden is growing and the pond attracts many different visitors – you won't always see them but through the seasons there are swans, ducks, moorhens, herons, red squirrels, deer and others among the trees, sedges, reeds and butterbur. There's a waterbank full of frogs, bees and butterflies. And the old quarry is a grassy glade.

All trees have a story to tell so we are experimenting with a 'plant-hunters' trail for visitors of all ages to explore paths leading through mixed woodland plantations of conifers, beeches, oaks and rowans. Your task will be to find key trees along the trail, ending with afternoon tea with home baking and a chance to share discoveries. Nature is always full of surprises!

Pond Garden is raising funds for Perth



Autism Support and will be open to small groups by arrangement on Sundays. You can find more details on our blog <https://fayyoung.org/category/pond-cottage/> and via Scotland's Garden Scheme. We will be delighted to hear from you.

**The Pond, Milnathort KY13 0SA**

Fay Young & Ray Perman

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**Admission £5, children free**

Perth Autism Support SCIO 60%.

For further info on these gardens, and others opening all over Scotland for charity this summer, please visit the Scotland's Gardens website [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org)

## GARDENS OPEN IN SEPTEMBER

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**Greenhead of Arnot, Leslie KY6 3JQ**  
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**Admission £5 children free**  
James Lumsden, [pclumsden@me.com](mailto:pclumsden@me.com)

### Open Daily

**Braco Castle, Braco FK15 9LA**  
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### By Arrangement

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## Weather



### Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

#### July 2021

Total Rainfall	<b>72.1mm/2.88in</b>
Heaviest Fall	<b>24.7ml/0.98in</b>
Total Sunshine	<b>164.8 hrs</b>
Sunniest Day	<b>10.8 hrs (17 July)</b>
Max Temp Average	<b>21.42c</b>
Highest Temp	<b>26.6c (21 July)</b>
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## Gardening

# September Song

**BY THE TIME YOU** read this, it will be officially autumn and we'll be counting down to winter, but for now, those late-flowering plants are really coming into their own aren't they? And, having seen hardly any bees so far this year, my flowers are absolutely covered in them!

You should know by now that there's always stuff to do in the garden and September is no exception. Now's the time to dig up, divide, re-plant and generally tidy up your borders ready for next year.

It's not too late to sow some hardy annuals, such as calendulas, outside for next year as the ground is still quite warm. As I said before, I don't usually bother, preferring to sow in the spring undercover so I can keep an eye on them.

September into October is the time to plant out flowers for next spring. I'm eagerly awaiting my delivery of tulip bulbs and polyanthus for flowering next spring. The tulips can go straight into pots to overwinter but the polyanthus will need to bulk out a bit before planting – I'm anticipating very small plug plants. So, I'll pot them on into cells (15-cell trays) and grow them on outside for a few weeks before planting into their final places. I

might leave some until the spring to plant out to fill any gaps.

Towards the end of the month, I'll also be clearing out my hanging baskets and pots of annuals a) because they'll be looking really messy by then and b) it will make room for spring-flowering plants. Hanging baskets have been great this year – I think because I bought bigger (more mature) plants for them than

in previous years. Of course, this isn't very cost effective (and I'm all about doing things cheaply) so next year I'm going to try and grow all basket plants from seed – I will let you know how that goes, I have high hopes!

Any plants in baskets or pots that can be saved for next year will be getting removed before there's any frost. Fuchsias will be going into buckets of compost in the greenhouse. Begonias will be getting lifted, dried out a little, flowers and leaves stripped, the corms wrapped in paper and going into my cool back bedroom, ready to emerge in the spring for another year of flowering.

Now's the time to lift and divide any overgrown perennials. This gives them a new lease of life... and free plants! I've got a few hostas and some lupins that could do with a bit of a makeover, so I'll be out with a shovel dividing them in the next few weeks.

This is also a great time to cut back anything that has finished flowering and has died back, unless you want to leave the seed heads for the birds. Once borders have been tidied and plants divided it's usually a good idea to chuck some manure or similar on. This breaks down over the winter and feeds the soil ready to start again next year.

I'll leave you this month with what's 'floating my boat' in the garden just now... echinops, dahlias and rudbeckia – beautiful displays and very attractive to bees! Have a great September and remember to stop gardening for copious cups of tea!

*Theresa Stirling*



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## Farming

# Reaping The Rewards

**HARVEST FEVER IS ALREADY** spreading through *Newsletter* country, and by the time you are reading this (weather permitting, of course) the combine harvesters should have a good chunk of their year's work completed. Even our own barley here at backward farm is ripening relatively quickly and should be ready to be cut in the first week of September, although one field looks like it could even be earlier.

The long, sunny days of July seemed to come at the right time for our crops as it suddenly transformed them from looking mediocre to looking very well by our standards. As ever, it is very dangerous to make predictions so we will wait and see until it is safely gathered into the grain store. When the torrential thunderstorms were sweeping the country I was very concerned that the crop would be flattened and ruined, but fortunately we missed the worst of the downpours and only a few pockets have brackled over. Hopefully Andrew will have worked his magic with his pre-harvest maintenance on the faithful old Dominator and it will soon be marching up and down the fields with the stoor fleein'.

This is the largest acreage of barley we have grown for a number of years and it will all be eaten on farm both by the pigs and also the bulls we rear for beef and the straw will be used for bedding, which is then returned to the land in the form of 'magic dung'. This follows the age old principle of returning as much organic matter to the land as possible to help encourage a healthy soil environment which grows healthy crops and



in turn stores carbon within its structure which helps in the climate change battle. The benefits of healthy soils are indeed wide and varied; it is a basic principle which has suddenly become very fashionable, although many farmers have been doing it for years.

The pigs have had quite a quiet time recently, so they must be saving up for a major event. Their digging has been slowed down by the hard, dry ground conditions, although the recent rain has softened the top slightly. They needed quite a lot of water carted out to them for wallows through July but they aren't needing so much at the moment as it has been cooler and damper.

The new approach to fencing them in seems to be quite successful, although it does need regular attention to keep it working properly.

The cows have been calving and I am pleased with how the calves are looking. They are to a new bull we got last autumn and he has certainly hit the ground running, or should that be jumping? This isn't such a common time to have cows calving (spring-time tends to be more popular), but it looks like it could fit quite well for us, and there will be ones calving at other times, both in the commercial herd and the Dexters. Roll on harvest.

John

## ROAD TRAFFIC INFORMATION

### TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, LOADING & PARKING

### BURNS-BEGG STREET/SANDPORT - KINROSS

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The alternative route for vehicles is – HIGH STREET - SANDPORT - PIER ROAD. Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

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## Kinross Parish Church

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E-mail: [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)

Office Tel: (01577) 862570

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:** contact the Church Office to be included in our weekly email of events.

### Regular Services and Events:

**CHANGES:** Note that Sunday services and some other events below now meet in person in the church or church centre, as shown. Some of the meetings listed below on Zoom, may also be in person by September. Check with the weekly email, website or church office.

**Daily Prayer:** Listen to a reflection and prayer: 01577 528270

### Sundays

**10.00am: Wake Up, Warm Up, Worship:** an informal time of fellowship and praise in the church before the morning service.

**10.30am: Morning Service in the church.** Booking advised for attendance, through the church office by Friday at 10.30am. However, you can also just turn up.

**The theme of September's services is the Stewardship of Creation, leading up to Harvest Thanksgiving.**

**Sunday morning services are also available as a live stream** on the church website, YouTube and Facebook, and on Zoom\*. Thereafter available to view on YouTube, Facebook and the church's website; from around 1pm, listen by phone on 01577 528270 and press 1; or request a CD or copy of the sermon from the church office.

**6pm: Sunday Evening Prayer,** on Zoom\*

### Mondays

**8pm: House Group** – Bible study and fellowship

### Tuesdays

**1.45pm: House Group**

### Wednesdays

**12 noon: Mid-week prayers, in the church.**

**1.30pm: Craft Group** meet in the church.

**7.45pm: Men's House Group.**

**8.00pm: Women's House Group.**

### Thursdays

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

### Fridays

**Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association in the church centre.** Anchors 6pm; Juniors 7pm; Company and Seniors 7pm

### Other Services and Events:

#### August

**Sat 28 2-5pm: 'Bike the Bounds'** – a leisurely cycle around the parish of Kinross leaving the church at 2pm. Register with the church office in advance.



Weather dependent. An Eco-congregation event

**Tue 31 7.15pm: Guild restarts, in the church centre.**

### September

**Sat 4 2pm: 'Bike the Bounds'** – reserve date if 28 Aug cancelled

**Sun 5 10.30am: Morning Service, with Communion** – Stewardship of Creation. Special collection for Tearfund: Recover Together.

**Mon 6 8am: Silent Meditation in the church**

**Sat 11 Community Litter Pick** in association with Tearfund's 'A Prayer Pick in your Neighbourhood'. An Eco-congregation event. Contact church office to register.

**11am: All Friends Together on Zoom\***

**Tue 14 7.15pm: Guild, in the church centre**

**Thu 16 9pm: late evening service of Compline in the church** and probably livestreamed on Facebook (check weekly email)

**Sun 26 10.30am Morning Service - Harvest Thanksgiving.** Special collection for Tearfund: Recover Together

**Tue 28 7.15pm: Guild, in the church centre**

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

## Cleish Parish Church

**Church of Scotland**

(Charity No: SC003168)

**Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse** BD (Hons)

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**Session Clerk: Neil Maclure**

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Please visit our website: [www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk](http://www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk)



### September 2021

We are very pleased to announce that our church building is open and we look forward to welcoming you to worship with us once again in Cleish Church.

#### Sunday, 5 Sept

**11am:** Morning Worship in Cleish Church

**12.15pm:** Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches Morning Worship by Zoom

#### Sunday, 12 Sept

**11am:** Morning Worship in Cleish Church

**12.15pm:** Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches Morning Worship by Zoom

#### Sunday, 19 Sept

**11am:** Morning Worship in Cleish Church

**12.15pm:** Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches Morning Worship by Zoom

#### Sunday, 26 Sept

**11am:** Morning Worship in Cleish Church

**12.15pm:** Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches Morning Worship by Zoom

#### Thursday 30 Sept

**7pm:** Celebration of Holy Communion by Zoom

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



## Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

### Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC013157)

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### September 2021

We are very pleased to announce that our church building is open and we look forward to welcoming you to Fossoway Church.

#### Sunday, 5 Sept

**9.45am:** Morning Worship in Fossoway Church  
**12.15pm:** Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches  
Morning Worship by Zoom

#### Sunday, 12 Sept

**9.45am:** Morning Worship in Fossoway Church  
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#### Sunday, 19 Sept

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#### Sunday, 26 Sept

**9.45am:** Morning Worship in Fossoway Church  
**12.15pm:** Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches  
Morning Worship by Zoom

#### Thursday 30 Sept

**7pm:** Joint Celebration of Holy Communion for  
Fossoway and Cleish by Zoom

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

## Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

### Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister – Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

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Website: [www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk](http://www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk)

**Sunday services continue in Portmoak Church at 10am** each Sunday with all current Covid-19 safety procedures in place. With the reduction in social distancing requirements, more people can be accommodated within the church but masks must still be worn. It is no longer necessary that seats be reserved in advance each week, but contact tracing information is still required for those attending. The situation will continue to be monitored, and further changes will be made as the regulations change.

Uncertainty continues as to when the renovations at Orwell Church will be completed, and church services able to resume. It is hoped that the church will be available for Angus's final service before retirement, on Sunday 26 September. Please check the church website or Facebook page for further information.

**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](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com)

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

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You can also find us on Facebook

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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 safely attend in person, as well as online. 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 our Facebook page. 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.

*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 September

#### Sunday 5: Pentecost 16 (Proper 23)

10am Sung Eucharist and introduction to a season of Creationtide and the coming weeks of open discussion concerning climate change.

#### Sunday 12: Faith in a Changing Climate 1

10am Adapted Eucharist with led discussion concerning climate change *Sharing our experiences that have helped or hindered our conversations and actions.*

#### Sunday 19: Faith in a Changing Climate 2

10am Adapted Eucharist with led discussion concerning Climate change *Discovering and sharing what each of us can do that can begin to make a difference*

#### Sunday 26: Faith in a Changing Climate 3

10am Adapted Eucharist with led discussion concerning Climate change *Agreeing a list of priorities for our church premises that may help combat the effects of Climate change*

#### Sunday 3 Oct: HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Service times to be confirmed in the next edition of the Newsletter.**

*The Scottish Episcopal Church has committed itself to becoming carbon neutral by 2030. There is much to consider in the next 8½ years regarding climate change, and how our choices affect the lives of millions of our neighbours across the world.*

**As the schedule of services shows, our Sunday worship this month will focus on 'Faith in a Changing Climate' (USPG). Every week, the sermon slot will take on the form of open, respectful discussion in which we might learn from one another.**

**If you are interested in joining us either in person or online via 'Zoom', please contact Fr David.**



## Church Information

### St James' Catholic Church

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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*.

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

### Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross

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

[www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

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### Loch Leven Church

**(Charity No: SC049050)**



**Loch Leven Church is temporarily meeting in The Boathouse, Kinross every Sunday morning from 10.30–11.30 am.**

Our sermon series from the end of August to October is called *Who Is Jesus ... And Does It Matter?* and we'll be hosting the following services in August and September:

**29 Aug:** Jesus – Why Bother?

**5 Sept:** *I Am The Light Of The World* Hopeless?

**19 Sept:** *I Am The Door* Lost?

**26 Sept:** Loch Leven Church 3-Year Anniversary!

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](http://www.lochlevenchurch.com), or email us at [info@lochlevenchurch.com](mailto:info@lochlevenchurch.com)**

## Obituary

### Peter Flounders, Pastor of Kinross Christian Fellowship

Born: 25 February 1939 Died: 22 July 2021



**WE ALL HAVE MARKERS** in our lives. Those mounds of stones that, when we look back, say that something significant happened in our lives. One such moment for me was when my family moved from Saline to Kinross. This was 27 years ago.

It was a very significant moment because this was when Peter and Sheila came into our lives. They immediately struck us as a couple that were passionate about their Christian faith but more than that this was a deep personal faith that was very much a driving force in their lives.

Peter was the eldest of five siblings. He was born in Bridgend, South Wales. On leaving school he completed an electrical engineering apprenticeship. He met Sheila in Maidstone, Kent in 1958 and they were married in 1962. Their daughter, Jacque, was born in 1963, and their two sons Andrew (in 1965) and Owen (in 1967) were both born in Liberia, where Peter worked in open-cast iron ore mining from 1965 for five years. On returning to the UK, Peter worked in open-cast coal mining which eventually brought him to Kinross. At this time, he was responsible for the running of coal disposal in sites all over the UK.

Whilst living in Northumberland, Peter was an elder and then became pastor of Crossroads Church, Ashington. He was inspired by reading the Bible and wrote the words to two musicals. He

always spent time in God's presence and knew that God was telling him, on moving to Kinross, to change the course of his life and so he retired from his working life in open-cast mining.

They trusted that God had a plan for their lives. They always had time to listen to the worries and concerns of others. They were good listeners; they prayed, and they offered practical support. Nothing ever seemed to be too much effort; nothing ever seemed to be more important than the people they knew. Kinross Christian Fellowship came into being 21 years ago and it was born out of a compelling need to reach people who were struggling with their lives. Peter responded to God's calling and became the pastor of the fellowship.

You will have noticed that it is very difficult for me to talk about Peter without mentioning Sheila. They were a dynamic team. They believed in action every bit as much as their faith was grounded in the words of Jesus Christ. The Word of God energised them to action – they believed that if we can't make time for people and help people then what on earth is the point of being a Christian. But this was not just nice people doing good things. No – they gave the glory to God because they believed that the only way to find lasting happiness on this planet was to find Jesus Christ.

Out of the burning passion to follow Christ came community outreach in all sorts of ways – the Christmas musical *O Come Let Us Adore Him* at Kinross Parish Church; the drop-in centre for 'T in the Park' festival goes at Kinross Church Centre; the Friday night youth club at the Millbridge Hall; the Talking Donkey café at the Millbridge Hall; the summer outreach in the Kirkgate Park and most recently the response to God's call that a Bible be distributed to every home in Kinross. What a dynamo for Christ! There is no more fitting way to conclude my appreciation of Peter's life than to quote Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians ...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. *Duncan MacLachlan*



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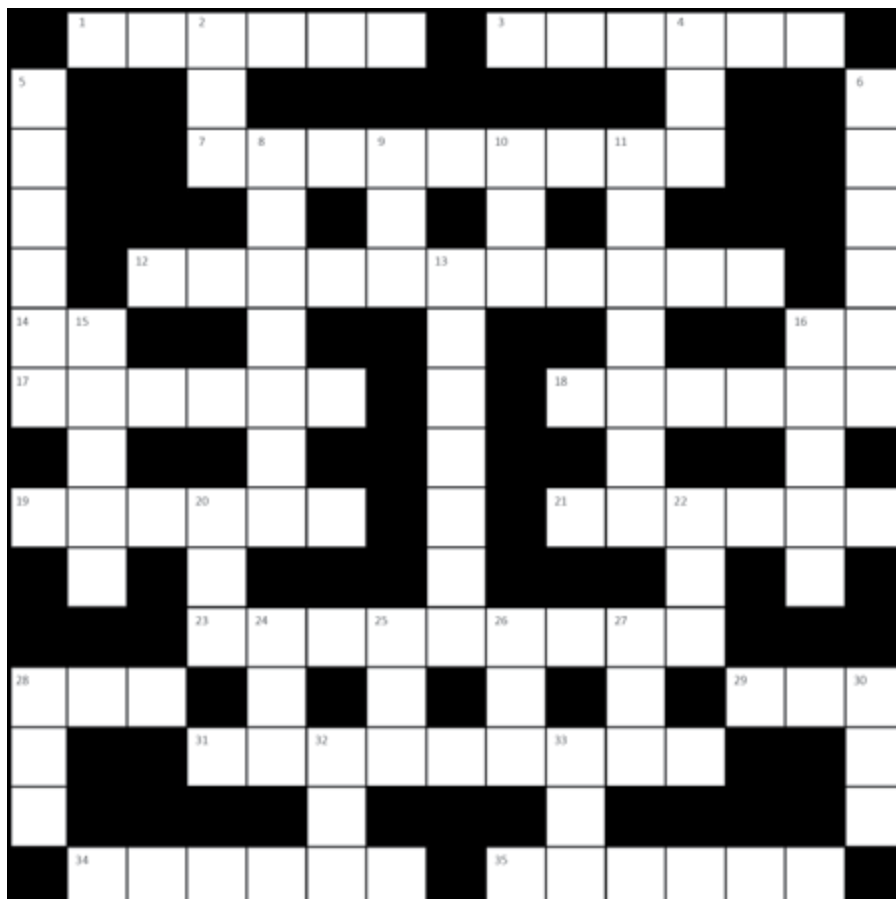


# Puzzles

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

## KINROSSWORD

Test your local knowledge with our crossword, where a number of the clues relate to Kinross and the surrounding area. No prizes – just bragging rights for getting it right. Answers on page 57.



### ACROSS

- 1 For the Kinross Show Champion (6)
- 3 A drinking vessel for winners (6)
- 7 Studied by new high school pupils (9)
- 12 Scottish horses (11)
- 14 Unique badge (2)
- 16 Us (2)
- 17 Kinross landmark (6)
- 18 We wish flytippers were this (6)
- 19 There isn't one left in Kinross, that you can bank on (6)
- 21 The grammatical arrangement of words in sentence (6)
- 23 Honey gatherer (9)
- 28 How many in a pair (3)
- 29 Female swan (3)
- 31 Fossoway annual event (9)
- 34 Prize winning sheep at Kinross Show (6)
- 35 Silver agricultural award (6)

### DOWN

- 2 Kinross Show Crop (3)
- 4 Frozen water (3)
- 5 Sold in Crook of Devon for the County (6)
- 6 Young swan (6)
- 8 Tranquil and beautiful (7)
- 9 The night before (3)
- 10 Simple maths task (3)
- 11 Soothing song (7)
- 13 Sold in a roll at the Farmers' Market (7)
- 15 A variety of Young Handlers at the Show (5)
- 16 Award winning crop (5)
- 20 Pen point (3)
- 22 Only in German (3)
- 24 Guess when? (3)
- 25 Kilometres per hour (3)
- 26 Part of the corn cereal (3)
- 27 Indefinitely long period of time (3)
- 28 Lavender hill (3)
- 30 Type of potato (3)
- 32 School clothing (3)
- 33 German female name (3)

## SUDOKU

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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 (NOT 1, 15 or 29 Sept)	11.15am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes	1.30pm
	Tai Chi (NOT 1, 15 or 29 Sept)	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  
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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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<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8-10am and 4-7pm</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8-10am</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>8am-12pm</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

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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:-

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**Summer Market at the Market Park**  
**28 August from 10am to 3pm**  
A special market to celebrate summer with a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls.

**Festive Market at the Market Park**  
**27 November from 10am to 3pm**  
This year's Festive Market will be at the Market Park again as we are doing our best to make the market as safe as possible. We hope to bring it back to the town centre in 2022.

KLEO will possibly put a small programme together for **Winter Festival** events. If your local group or business has a festive event planned during November and December please email details to [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) and we will try to include it.

**Please note!** Covid guidelines will be in place at the markets and if necessary the number of customers at any one time will be limited. These guidelines may change or relax depending on government guidelines.

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**Community Investment Fund 2021/22**

**£600,000 Community Fund Open for Applications**

Perth & Kinross Council's Community Investment Fund (CIF) is open to new applications. Community groups can apply for funding for projects that tackle local inequalities and improve quality of life. The deadline for the fund is 3 September 2021.

Information on how to apply can be found on the Council's website at [www.pkrc.gov.uk/cif](http://www.pkrc.gov.uk/cif)

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This table below sets out how much funding is available in each of the multi-member Wards. Whilst there is no minimum or maximum amount that you can apply for, you should bear these amounts in mind. In the two previous years of CIF the average funding award was around £6,000.

Ward	Total 2021/22	Ward	Total 2021/22
Ward 1: Cairn of Gowrie	£45,000	Ward 8: Kinross-shire	£53,000
Ward 2: Strathmore	£56,000	Ward 9: Almond & Earn	£43,500
Ward 3: Blairgowrie & Glens	£47,000	Ward 10: Perth City South	
Ward 4: Highland	£43,500	Ward 11: Perth City North	£167,000
Ward 5: Strathley	£50,000	Ward 12: Perth City Centre	
Ward 6: Strathearn	£47,000		
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Community Investment Fund - Perth & Kinross Council 2021/22 [www.pkrc.gov.uk/cif](http://www.pkrc.gov.uk/cif)

## Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

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Sadly, we are not able to hold our annual show this year due to continuing restrictions

**However....**

We are planning to hold a **Mini Show at the Fossoway Gathering on**

**Saturday 4 September at the Crook of Devon, Waulkmill Park.**

So please have a look at the various categories open for adults and children on our Facebook page: Fossoway & District Horticultural Society or email [fossowayflowershow@outlook.com](mailto:fossowayflowershow@outlook.com)

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- Music previews of our concert artists for the coming season
- Home baked cake stall
- Raffle and quiz
- An opportunity to buy your season ticket / membership for the winter concert season.

Saturday 25 September 2021, Burnside Hall, Dollar 10am-12, cost £2.50.

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The 2021/22 Community Investment Fund  
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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](http://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.

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| Issue    | Deadline            | Publication Date         |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| October  | Friday 17 September | Saturday 2 October 2021  |
| November | Friday 15 October   | Saturday 30 October 2021 |

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| Wednesday | Atholl Street Car Park, Dunkeld  |
| Thursday  | Davie Park, Blairgowrie          |
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| Saturday  | Kinross Fire Station             |
| Sunday    | Perth Community Fire Station     |

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Hourly rate: £11.88

Must be part of the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or willing to become part of the scheme.

Closing Date: When sufficient suitable applicants have been received. Date advertised: 12.08.21

Apply in writing with CV quoting job reference number SN1208M to: **Self Directed Support Team, Perth & Kinross Council, Housing & Community Care, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, PERTH PH1 5GD**

Or by email with CV to: [SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk)



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The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** ([www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) and it will automatically be published in the next available *Newsletter*, subject to space.

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07415581426

[jd.mcarthur@gmail.com](mailto:jd.mcarthur@gmail.com)

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*Seller Details*

Stephen Cairns

0784236349

## KINROSS CARERS DROP IN

### Exciting New Venture For CARERS

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PKHSCP is happy to announce that, working with PKAVS, we have made arrangements to re-instate what was previously The Kinross Carers Cafe to a Carers Drop In KINROSS CENTRE. The safety of our communities remains a priority and we will comply with current COVID-19 guidelines.

Drop in for information, advice and signposting, peer support and a cuppa.



**KINROSS CENTRE (Garden Room)**  
**High Street Kinross**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH**  
**10:00 – 12:00**

Contact Gail Boath

Tel. 07760 363 800

Or PKAVS  
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**Would you like someone to talk to?**

**Someone to have a coffee with?**  
**Help to feel less socially isolated?**

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**ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com      t: 07747 018 550**





## Kinross-shire Fund



The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the area a better place to live, by making grants to a wide range of local charities, organisations and projects which make a positive difference to the community.

To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly. The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:  
[www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund)

## Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times:

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Mon - Fri</b> | <b>9am - 7pm</b> |
| <b>Sat - Sun</b> | <b>9am - 5pm</b> |

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.

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Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

### Kinross Kindness

Community information and support      01577 212036

### Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre      01577 862112

Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours      01577 865252

NHS 24      111

Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard      01382 660111

Perth Royal Infirmary  
(Admissions and Enquiries Desk)      01738 473734

Ninewells Hospital, Dundee      01382 660111

Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy      01592 643355

Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline      01383 623623

Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross      01577 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort      01577 862219

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**Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emergencies**      999

**Gas** (worried about gas safety)      0800 111 999

**Water** (loss of supply, foul water emergency)      0845 600 8855

**Floods** SEPA Floodline recorded messages      0345 988 1188

### Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)

Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm)      01738 475000

Reporting non-emergency Road and  
Lighting faults (CLARENCE)      0800 232323

### PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

Adult care services      0345 301 11 20

Anti-social behaviour helpline      01738 476173\*42\*  
(\*42\* telephone and leave a voicemail)

Child protection      01738 476768

Council housing emergency repairs      01738 476000

Dangerous buildings      01738 476476

Environmental Health      01738 476476

Flooding      01738 476476

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Mental health services      0345 301 11 20

Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)      01738 476476

**Traveline Scotland**      0871 200 22 33

**Loch Leven Community Campus**      01577 867200

**Kinross High School**      01577 867100



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| Hannah Phillips     |                          | 07591 228884 |
| Malcolm Wood        | The Woodlands, Hatchbank |              |

## Portmoak Community Councillors

|             |             |              |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|
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| A Davidson  | (Treasurer) |              |
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Have a look at our website: [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

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## Mobile Library Service

Mobile Library services have now resumed. See panel on p102 for details. For more information, see: [www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries) and click on 'Services in the Community'

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| <b>Giacopazzis</b>             | Lathro, Kinross           | <b>Fossoway Garage</b>       | Crook of Devon           |
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| <b>Giacopazzis</b>             | New Road, Milnathort      | <b>Powmill Stores</b>        | Powmill                  |
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