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Editorial

It looks as if drivers in Kinross-shire will be frustrated for some time to come. Before the Kinross High Street regeneration works are complete, major works will begin in Milnathort to upgrade the sewer system. The worst month will be September: Kinross High Street will still be closed and phase 2 of the Scottish Water works in Milnathort will begin, bringing road closures in the centre of Milnathort.

We have two pages on the Kinross High Street situation (pages 10-11) and detailed information from Scottish Water (page 15) on the Milnathort waste water upgrade.

Back to the Kinross works, it must be asked why Scottish Gas was permitted to engage in major works in Bowton Road when this part of Kinross is required for diversions during the High Street regeneration works.

If the road works are getting you down, why not have a day out in the country seeing lots of splendid animals, meeting old friends and enjoying spectacular views? Yes, it's **Kinross Show** time again! Find out more on page 16. If you're thinking of entering the Flower Show or Dog Show, we have the schedules for these.

Another fun outdoor event in August is the Mary Queen of Scots **Great Escape** boat race on **Saturday 15 August** – fun to take part, or fun to watch, perhaps with a picnic. See page 5.

About the Kinross Newsletter

The Newsletter has been informing and supporting the community for 38 years.

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

Readers use the Newsletter to find local trades and services, and our loyal advertisers support the community by enabling us to publish local clubs' reports and essential community information free of charge. Readers, when answering an advertisement, please say you saw it in the Newsletter. Thank you.

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George V fields – another plea to dog owners

Having written to the Newsletter on this subject on many occasions, it is very disappointing to have to write again and remind the residents of Kinross that the rugby pitches at the King George V playing fields are actually sports pitches and used for sport – not a place to let your dog poo wherever suits. From mid-August, children from age 5 will be back training and playing on the pitches weekly. Secondary school children and adults use them throughout the summer also. There are four bins around the pitches at various points, but the amount of dog waste that is left in the middle of the pitches is terrible. This is a health hazard for both adults and children.

It would be appreciated if all dog walkers use the bins provided (the vast majority do).

Martin Scott
RFC Youth Convenor

Kinross developments

I write to congratulate those involved – both in local government and private companies – for the very impressive development of the County Buildings and the stabilising of the condition of the Kinross Town Hall. I do hope that the County Buildings are a commercial success for the new tenants and that Carnegie Apartments find buyers quickly. Incidentally, as a layman, I think that the plastic-framed windows in the conversion of Town Hall look first-class, despite negative comments from PKC. Also well done for getting rid of the Social Work building and creating additional car parking.

So, it is now time to concentrate efforts on getting Persimmon Homes back into planning mode for the old Kinross High School site. It is now nearly six years since the site was vacated when the school moved to the Community Campus – a very long time indeed. Planning for the new Campus apparently started in 2003, so you could argue that there has been a 12-year delay in finding a new use for this site. The latest entry on the PKC planning website is December 2013, so nothing brewing for 6 months?

The former public toilet building (opposite the Green Hotel) has been vacant for approximately 10 years. Would it not be better to rent it to someone who had a plan to use it, for a peppercorn rent, rather than leave it empty and unloved?

The Health Centre at Lathro Park (empty for over five years) is on target to become a major eyesore. As far as I can see, an excellent planning application for a nursery, flats and shops was withdrawn in March 2015 following objections from Kinross Community Council and Kinross-shire Civic Trust. It would be good to get this developer back interested in doing something here.

So some very good work, but still a lot to be done.

Alan Thomson
Easter Dunochil
High Street, Kinross

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Family history: Coventry, Milnathort

My ancestor was William Coventry whose wife was Isabel, surname not known. They had a son also named William, born c. 1784 in Milnathort, married to Janet Mailler, daughter of David Mailler and Helen Thompson and thought to have been born in Milnathort c. 1784. William and Janet were cloth makers in Milnathort. Janet died between 1841 and 1851, as on the 1851 census William is a widower living in Stirling with his son Andrew (born in Milnathort 1818). In 1852 William and Andrew emigrated to Australia.

If possible I would like to find if anybody is researching these families and I would like to find more about William and Isabel, probably born c. 1740-60, in or near Milnathort.

Thank you for your help.

Lynne Hyde
New Zealand
Email: kevyne@xtra.co.nz

There is parking in the town centre!

Despite the closure of a section of Kinross High Street for the regeneration works, there is still access to several car parks in the town and I do hope Newsletter readers will come and shop in the town centre.

I am also happy to deliver goods locally, which may be of particular interest to those requiring heavy items such as large bags of pet food or litter. Please call (01577) 863063 or mobile 07814 830547.

Thanks to everyone who has supported me so far.

Barbara Willey
The Dog House
118 High Street, Kinross

(For more on the regeneration works and where to park, see the articles on pages 10 and 11.)

Can you help us so we can help the elderly?

We are a small company with a base in Kinross. We are developing technologies to increase the time elderly people can stay in their own homes. We want to make things simpler, so people no longer need to worry about panic buttons and other devices.

We are looking for people of all ages to aid us in investigating the physical disturbance made as they move around in buildings. In the long term we want to detect when people are safely going about their daily lives, and when someone has fallen or has left the building et cetera. To make this a reality, we have to generate a database of the effects of everyday actions collected in houses; to prevent false alarms, but also to make sure we don't miss catastrophic events.

We need to collect data from as wide a range of properties as possible. We've collected all the data we can in our own homes, and are now looking for able-bodied volunteers to help us take measurements in their homes. A Physics student from Heriot Watt University will be working for us over the summer, collecting this data.

If you have a spare half hour and are willing to help, the process is quite simple. Please contact us using the information below, and we will make an appointment for our student, to visit your home. You will be asked a short list of basic questions and then to walk around your home, opening and shutting doors et cetera as environmental readings taken. It should take no more than half an hour.

If you are interested in the study and would like to arrange an appointment then give our student a call on (01577) 862356 or email indi.living@buddi.co.uk

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Milnathort

Mary, Queen of Scots 'The Great Escape' - Boat Race

Saturday 15 August – 12pm

Register your team now and come and join the fun at Kirkgate Park!

Teams cost just £30 to enter with all proceeds going to charity. Teams consist of 5 adults (over 16 yrs) and one of the team **must be dressed as Mary!** There is a prize for the best Mary! The race is a timed out and back competition - races start at 12pm. The more teams the better! Prizes to be won. Food and drink available. Entertainment for the whole family. Bring a picnic, bring a BBQ – Make a day of it!



For more information and to register your team contact:

Brian Timms – brian.timms230@btinternet.com – 07880 503 288

Sean Bolton – sean_bolton@hotmail.com – 07808 473 283

Team registrations will also be available on the day!



News & Articles



Review of Local Development Plan Presentations by

Councillors Barnacle and Cuthbert

Your Independent Councillors have liaised with the Kinross-shire Community Councils (CCs) regarding short presentations on the Review of the Local Development Plan (LDP) and the Pre Main Issues Report (MIR) submissions, briefly outlined in Councillor Barnacle's Report in the July 2015 Newsletter. Local members have since met with Planning Officers to discuss these, but our constituents' views need to be ascertained. So, in order to facilitate this, we have agreed to make the following presentations:

Thursday 13 August, prior to the monthly meeting of **Milnathort CC**, focussing on submissions in the Report for **Milnathort**. 7.00pm at **Orwell Church Hall**.

Tuesday 1st September, prior to the monthly meeting of **Fossway CC**, focussing on submissions in the Report for **Blairingone, Crook of Devon, Powmill and Rumbling Bridge**. 7.00pm at **Fossway Primary School**, Crook of Devon.

Wednesday 2 September, prior to the monthly meeting of **Kinross CC**, focussing on submissions in the Report for **Balado and Kinross**. 7.00pm at **Masonic Hall**, Muirs, Kinross.

Monday 7 September at a special meeting of **Cleish and Bairadam CC**, focussing on submissions in the Report for **Cleish, Greenacres, Keltybridge, Maryburgh and Blairforge**. 7.30pm at **Cleish Village Hall**.

Tuesday 8 September at the monthly meeting of **Portmoak CC**, focussing on submissions in the Report for **Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell and Kilmagadwood**. 7.00pm at **Portmoak Primary School**, Kinnesswood.

This is your chance to have your say on the proposed developments for Kinross-shire to 2028.

For further information, contact:

Councillor Mike Barnacle (01577) 840516
Councillor Dave Cuthbert (01577) 861681

CC elections to be held

Have you ever thought about joining your local community council? An opportunity will be coming up soon as all CCs in the Perth & Kinross area will be seeking nominations.

CC elections are due in November this year and ballots will take place for any CCs where the number of nominations is greater than the number of seats for the CC concerned.

The notice of election will be published on 17 August, when posters and leaflets giving more information will be available. Nominations close at 4pm on **Thursday 24 September**. More information will appear in the September issue of the Kinross Newsletter.

Community Website

For contact details of community groups, hall bookings, job vacancies, leisure and visitor information and much more, visit www.kinross.cc

Local firm sponsors wood awards

Kinross-shire company Caledonia Play supported this year's Scotland's Finest Woods Awards, which highlight all that is best in the management of Scotland's woods and forests.

Awards for Community Woodland, New Native Woods, Quality Timber and Schools categories were presented at a ceremony at the Royal Highland Show in June.

Caledonia Play design, manufacture and install modular and standalone wooden play equipment for the garden, school and playground.



Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change & Land Reform presenting some of the awards at the Royal Highland Show. This year's Schools Award winners are Evanton Wood Community Company and Dingwall Academy.

Voter registration annual check

Households will soon be receiving a form asking residents to check whether the information that appears on the electoral register for those living at their address is correct as part of the annual voter registration canvass.

The aim of the form is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

With Scottish Parliament elections taking place in May 2016, this is an opportunity for residents to make sure that when the elections take place they will be able to take part.

Furthermore, with those who are aged 16 or over on 5 May 2016 now able to vote at this election, the Electoral Registration Officer is also encouraging those eligible to vote for the first time to register to vote.

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Councillor Cuthbert

Recess for the Council

Before I became a Councillor, I hadn't appreciated that the Council goes into recess during school holidays, which is like a holiday from Council meetings. However it hasn't made much difference to me, as I appear to be getting as many emails as usual and I have Council meetings every day next week...

I thought I would update you on some of what's been going on since my last update in June.

Perth City Hall

This is an ongoing saga. Recently, the Council met to decide on which of two bids to accept for the City Hall. As it happened a decision was deferred to the next Council meeting as flaws appeared during debate on both business plans. My view is that these flaws should have been ironed out before the meeting and a decision should have been made at the meeting.

Planning

I spend a lot of my time as an elected member dealing with planning issues (which don't stop during recess). Below are two examples.

Boreland Steading Development

A development in Cleish was given consent in 2011 to convert a steading and to build five additional houses adjacent to it. This followed two previous refused applications to demolish the steading and to just build new houses.

In 2008, the Government reporter who heard the appeal on a previous application stated: *"During my inspection of the site I found that the building to the front of the site in particular contributed greatly to the character of the area."* This was referring to the steading.

On or about 18 May, the developer demolished the steading and took the stone off site.

Enquiries as to whether the developer would be prosecuted for doing this have indicated that, as the building was not listed, the Council currently appears to be unable to do this.

Instead, the current position is that the developer is being asked to "normalise" the situation by putting in a new application, which includes the demolition of the building. So it currently looks like he might get what he wanted. I intend to pursue this with MSPs as the law appears to be deficient in cases like this.

Crook Moss Gypsy Traveller site

In October 2013 an application to create a Gypsy Traveller site at Crook Moss, adjacent to Crook of Devon, was given consent with 17 conditions set.

By February 2015, many of these conditions remained unfulfilled, so Cllr Barnacle and I requested that the matter be brought to the Development Management Committee. This happened at the March meeting and the minute of the meeting records that: *"The Development Quality Manager is requested to prepare an updated report on the enforcement of the conditions imposed on the planning application for the Formation of five permanent gypsy/traveller pitches (partly in retrospect) on land at Crook Moss, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, to be submitted to the Development Management Committee on 16 September 2015."*

We shall see what happens!

I have suggested a review by the Scrutiny Committee of the planning enforcement activity at the Council and have asked the Council's Internal Audit team to look at planning generally, as I think both areas need more resources.



Local Development Plan

I always swore before being elected that I wouldn't get involved in the planning committee as a Councillor as it is something of a poisoned chalice. The applications which come before Councillors are the difficult ones, which either have six households objecting to them or the Planning Manager thinks are controversial and require Councillors to decide on them. If you give consent, the objectors get upset. If you refuse, then the developer gets upset. The caveat to this is that the developer has a right of appeal, whereas objectors don't.

However I am now a member of the Development Management Committee (DMC) and also the Local Review Body, which decides on applications which have been turned down by officers. I joined both of these as Kinross-shire has a disproportionate number of the difficult planning applications and accounts for more than a third of the business which comes before DMC and I think local representation is important.

The main principle of planning appears to be to consent planning applications; this comes from the Government who want development to go ahead, as it is perceived to have a positive impact economically.

The principle is enshrined in a plethora of legislation and almost every report of handling is prefaced with: *"This report recommends approval of the application for XYZ as the development is considered to comply with the relevant provisions of the Development Plan and there are no material considerations apparent which outweigh the Development Plan."*

This means that the Local Development Plan (LDP) is very important in deciding what development is permitted.

With this in mind, Cllr Barnacle and I are arranging a series of briefing sessions on the next version of the LDP. [See page 6.] I would recommend attending your local one, so you know what is planned for your area. If you don't, something might be in there that you object to. If you don't speak up now, it will be too late.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

Cllr Giacobazzi has submitted a piece on behalf of all the local members in respect of the Town Centre Regeneration work which is ongoing in Kinross. Suffice to say that I am pleased to see the major part of the work starting and am looking forward to seeing it finished (the sooner the better).

Many of the local businesses are experiencing a drop in business, so I would repeat my request that everyone uses them as much as possible. This includes the businesses at the pier, and the car wash at the bottom of the High Street.

Kinross-shire Time Exchange

The Time Exchange is getting to grips with its online software and some of the first exchanges are taking place and being logged. I am pleased to be able to log the hours I volunteer for Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation. So I have some hours to spend! I can do various things with these. I can give them to someone I know who is less able to accumulate hours, so they make requests for offerings they may need. I can deposit them in a community pot so that anyone less able can access offerings. Or I can hope there is someone out there who will offer to help me read through copious Council papers which I find more difficult as I am dyslexic. People who do not operate online can also use the system and should get in touch via the phone numbers 07469758984 or 07510380603. I look forward to seeing how this project develops.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

'Ghost town' Kinross

Roadworks have massive impact on trade

by the Newsletter Editor

Businesses in the centre of Kinross experienced a severe downturn in trade following the complete closure of a section of Kinross High Street from 8 July onwards as part of the High Street regeneration works.

A meeting to discuss the situation was hastily convened by Julie McGrattan, proprietor of The Boathouse restaurant, and was attended by representatives of a range of businesses, from vegetable wholesalers to operators of tourist attractions, as well as High Street shops. All four local Councillors were at the meeting, and two Council officers: Ross Fletcher, Senior Engineer, who is responsible for the implementation of the regeneration project, and Jillian Ferguson, Roads Infrastructure Manager.

Less than a week after the road closure, various business people reported the effect on their trade.

Simon Lennox, Historic Scotland's monument manager for Lochleven Castle said the first week of the complete closure had been "a nightmare" with a "massive impact" on the numbers of visitors taking the ferry to the castle, which he estimated to be down by as much as 70%.

Ryan McAndrew, proprietor of Showroom Shine, the car wash at the southern end of the High Street, had had only six customers that day, instead of a more typical forty.

Barbara Willey of pet supplies shop the Dog House reported takings down 60%.

Staff from Sands the Ironmongers said, "It had been a lot quieter," and was "like working in a ghost town."

One business had had to let a member of staff go and another had reduced the hours of workers.

There was a wide-ranging discussion during the one and a half hour meeting.

Asked why a suspension of works had not been arranged for the summer months when residents and visitors are trying to access the loch, Council officers replied that the contract could not have been awarded on that basis. In addition there were "sound engineering reasons" for carrying out the work at this time of year. Ross Fletcher said as much as possible had been done by traffic management, but they had come to a critical part of the project and complete closure of part of the street was required.

Councillors agreed to investigate if the project could be speeded up by getting the contractor to work longer hours, though this would have cost implications for the Council.

They also agreed to investigate if PKC could provide any financial support to businesses at risk of having to shed staff. Improved signage would be produced as soon as possible.

A week after the meeting, some businesses were reporting some upturn in trade. Others felt there was little or no improvement. Julie McGrattan of the Boathouse said the restaurant was still down 20% compared to June.

Mr McAndrew of Showroom Shine said, "I'm concerned that people will change their habits. I just want to say: we are open and people can get to us."

A second section of the High Street (from the Co-op down to the Salutation Hotel) closed on 23 July and will remain so until 24 August. Access to the High Street is now only from the south end. Drivers can get there using the relief road past the Park & Ride. Swansacre is not a through road. There is pedestrian access to all parts of the High Street.

From the Councillors:

Kinross Town Centre Improvements

Submitted on behalf of Councillors Giacomazzi, Cuthbert, Robertson and Barnacle

Given the level of disruption and angst currently experienced by traders and residents in Kinross, the use of the word 'Improvements' may raise a few eyebrows, but the expenditure of £1 million on the town centre will result in a greatly improved environment. The decision to proceed in principle was taken years ago in consultation with, and with the approval of, the community.

Phase one, the installation of granite kerbs, walling, trees and lighting from the junction of Station Road to the Salutation, has proceeded at a snail's pace, a point which has been made repeatedly to Council officers by Ward 8 Councillors. Various reasons have been proffered, but we are where we are; the contractors are committed to completing this phase by 24 July. When work began in earnest on the phase of work in the area of the Town Hall, greater resources were deployed with a resultant pick up in the pace of progress. While the schedule of works allows for an October finish, the contractors are confident that September will see the completion of the works. Sadly, none of this will bring joy to the traders of the town who, at a meeting at The Boathouse restaurant on Tuesday 14 July, attended by most businesses, Ward 8 Councillors and Council officials, told of their substantial losses resulting from the High Street closure. Even allowing for the loss of T in the Park from Kinross and the appalling summer weather, the greatest reason for the downturn in trade is the road works. On the previous morning, at a meeting between the Ward 8 Councillors and the Depute Director of The Environment Service at Perth, the obvious deficiencies in the 'diversion' signage which had been erected around the town was discussed, as a result of which improvements began to be instituted the very next day. The problem caused by Scottish Gas' works opposite Montgomery Road was raised; larger vehicles were unable to use the diversion because of the restricted carriageway width. With the removal of the road works, that problem has been relieved.

Following the meeting at the Boathouse, measures were agreed to improve the situation, in so far as possible:

1. A Leaflet is to be produced, showing the phasing of the work, giving access routes and parking areas and identifying traders and how to reach them;
2. Road signage will continue to be improved to assist motorists in reaching their chosen destinations;
3. The Co-op has been asked, as a gesture to the community, to allow the use of their car park for up to two hours;
4. The possibility of a brown tourist sign on the M90 motorway being installed, indicating 'Loch Leven Attractions', will be explored;
5. The Council will be asked to accelerate the pace of works.

While the possibility of some form of relief from Commercial Rates was discussed, this was thought to be of limited value in that many small businesses do not pay this levy. Moreover, Commercial Rates are collected on behalf of the Scottish Government by the Council.

There is one action which you, the residents of Kinross, could take to alleviate matters; that is to continue to patronise the businesses of Kinross as you always have, even if it means a couple of extra minutes on foot.

Kinross High Street – open for business

by Perth & Kinross Council

Keeping Kinross moving during street improvement works

Work is currently taking place in Kinross High Street to make high quality improvements to the streetscape and also to make it safer for all users. While this work is taking place, Perth and Kinross Council would like to highlight that Kinross High Street remains **open for business**. The scale of the work means that there will be some disruption and inconvenience due to temporary road closures and diversions. This means these local businesses need your support even more throughout this time.

Shop Local

Kinross High Street offers a range of independent and national businesses to cater for the needs of this residential town and tourist location. The support of residents and visitors is extremely important to the town's retail and leisure attractions.

While the works are ongoing you may have to approach the shops in a different way, park in a neighbouring car park or follow a short diversion along side streets, but you will reach your destination. There is signposting around the High Street to assist you. Much of the on-street parking remains in place, and off-street car parks are a short walk from the retail hub in the High Street. *See map for details.*

Future for Kinross

Once works are completed in Autumn 2015 the new look Kinross High Street will bring benefits to residents, businesses and visitors.

The old narrow pavements will be wider, which will make access for pedestrians, prams and wheelchair users far easier. Key spaces, such as the areas in front of the raised shops, are being reclaimed for pedestrian use incorporating benches and other new street furniture. The focal point of

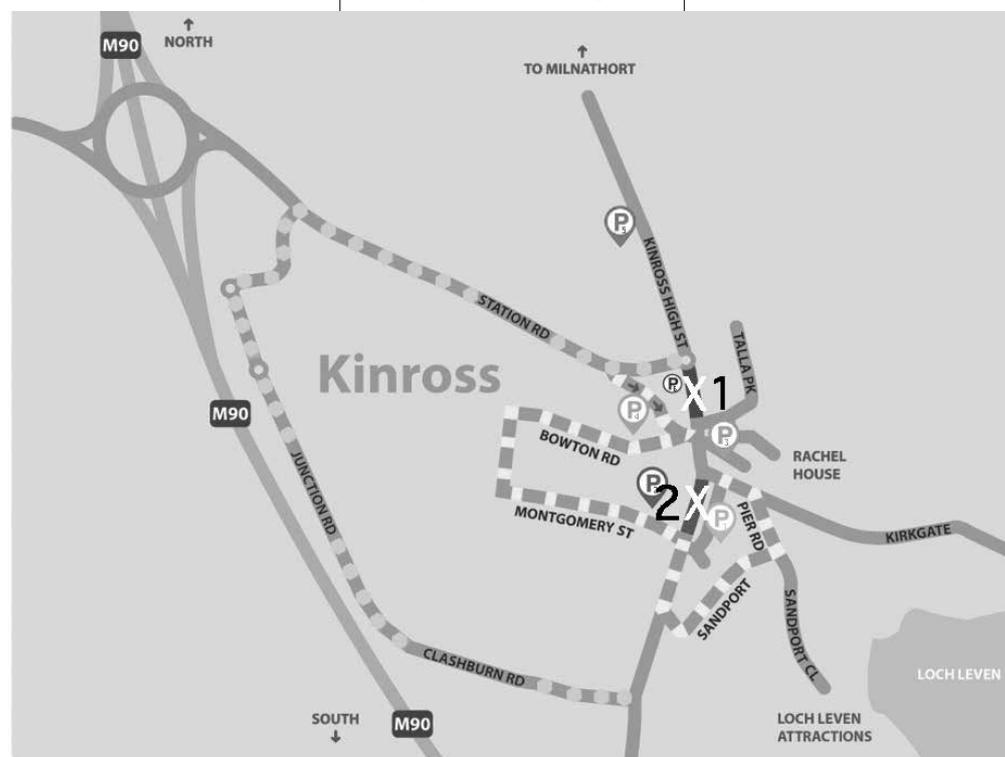
the improvements will be the creation of a new shared space in front of the old Town Hall building. This will be constructed entirely with natural stone paving and will provide a flexible space to accommodate events in the High Street in the future.

There is lots of evidence to show that high quality public areas and a welcoming environment for pedestrians leads to increased time spent in town centres browsing and buying. The newly improved

Kinross High Street will benefit greatly from these changes.

Please bear with us during this disruption and support your local shops because the result will be worth the wait!

To see a colour version of the street map and colour copy of the artist's impression of the shared space that was published in the July issue of Kinross Newsletter, please visit the community website kinross.cc



- X1** Section of High Street closed from 23/7/15 - 24/8/15
- 2X** Section of High Street closed from 8/7/15 - late September 2015
- Main diversion avoiding High St for through traffic and HGVs.
 - Local diversions suitable for cars and Light Goods Vehicles only to maintain access for residents and to shops and parking.

- P Old Causeway Car Park
- P School Wynd Car Park
- P Curate Wynd Car Park
- P Old High School Car Park
- P Mill Street Car Park
- P Co-op Car Park (for customers only)

Public transport during works

During the environmental improvement works, local bus services are unable to stop in the High Street. This has been the case since 8 July and will continue until 21 September. During this time:

Service 56 will operate via Clashburn Road, Junction Road and Station Road. Passengers can board or alight their bus at or opposite Kirklands Hotel.

Service 201 will operate via Clashburn Road, Junction Road and Station Road. Passengers can board or alight their bus at the temporary bus stop at Montgomery Street road end.

Service 622 will operate via Clashburn Road, Junction Road and Station Road. Passengers can board or alight their bus at or opposite Kirklands Hotel.

Councillor Giacopazzi

First, the Good News

After what feels like forever, the ambitious refurbishment of Milnathort Town Hall has begun. The work has been placed in the capable hands of MMR Construction, a highly reputable Gateside firm. It was only a couple of weeks ago that I received, and immediately banked, a cheque for £150,000 from the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust, a charity established for the benefit of the people of Kinross, Milnathort and immediate environs. Arthur Thomson owned the Bridgend Hotel in Kinross and the Royal in Milnathort, both now gone. I remember walking from Kinross homeward with my mother when I was 5 or 6 years old and being given a lift by Arthur Thomson in his Rolls Royce; and that was the last time I got a lift in a Rolls!

Now the Bad News

Well, bad in the short term, but good when Milnathort gets torrential rain, because the fact is that the Victorian sewage system is badly in need of an upgrade. Scottish Water has announced, out of the blue, that the works aimed at preventing flooding from surface water, which has been a problem in the last couple of years, is to begin next month. Two huge underground chambers are to be built to take the water; one at The Cross and the other under my drive just off New Road! The water will then be piped from the chambers down to the Back Burn, through the Donkey Field.

Phase 1, beginning in August, will last four to six weeks, creating two new outfalls on the Back Burn (sometimes also known as the 'Green Burn' or the 'Fochy Burn'). This has to be done under SEPA regulations before the salmon start to spawn. Eh, salmon? Really? That's what SEPA said, so it must be true! I've been in Milnathort for over 60 years and I haven't seen the salmon leaping over the Town hall. Yet.

Phase 2, which begins on 7 September, is when the serious disruption to the life of the village can be expected, with the construction of the underground chamber at The Cross. New



manholes are to be constructed at New Road and South Street, necessitating the closure of each street for up to three weeks (not both simultaneously, though). This will be as toxic for businesses in Milnathort as the works in Kinross have been for traders there.

Scottish Water, which is spending over £1 million on the upgrade, held a public information event in Milnathort Tuesday 28 July. Scottish Water have a customer helpline; 0800 0778 778 for any enquiries.

[For more details, see information provided by Scottish Water on page 15.]

Full Council Meeting of PKC on 1 July

The controversial proposal to proceed with the creation of an indoor market in the ever more embarrassing Perth City Hall was voted down by 23 votes to 12, if memory serves. It did, however, provide an opportunity for members of a small (and ever shrinking) party on the Council to grandstand abominably; it's what they do best!

On a serious note, the Council's Head of Finance gave an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial plan on the basis of the latest projections. It made for sober reading. On 8 June the Chancellor of the Exchequer reduced the Scottish budget by £108 million and PKC will likely have to take its share of the cut. Worse still, from next year the Council will have to fund an extra £3.5 million in National Insurance contributions following a change in the way rebates on pension contributions are done. Meanwhile, over the next 25 years the population of Perth and Kinross is estimated to rise by 24% with ever more schoolchildren and pensioners. Both of these groups require higher levels of expenditure by the Council than working adults and it may have to find economies of £53 million over 5 years to live within its means. Every effort will be made to balance the books by finding better ways of working, while safeguarding essential services wherever possible. We live in interesting times.

Councillor Joe Giacopazzi



FAMILY WEEK

Monday 3 August - Friday 7 August

At Kinross Parish Church, 9.45am - 12 noon daily

Songs, games, activities, Bible stories, crafts, drama and more!

Everyone welcome, from pre-school (born by 29/2/2012) to age 16

Other events

- Tue 4th Seniors trip to Dundee Ice Rink**
1.45pm from old High School, £5
- Wed 5th P6/7 Trip to ten pin bowling**
2.30pm from old High School, £5
- Thu 6th Family Film Afternoon**
2pm in Church
- Senior and P7 Film Night**
7pm in Church
- Fri 7th Final Celebration and Barbecue**
7pm in Church

Family week is a fun event attracting around 150 children and staffed by a large group of volunteers from various churches in Kinross who are all PVG checked. With so many volunteers, we have never had to turn a child away. Family Week is for everyone. There are many families who don't normally attend a church who join us every year.

No need to pre-book. It's fine to register children on the first day you attend. However, to save yourself time, especially on Monday, you can register by email. Registration forms (and further information) are available at www.kinrossparishchurch.org or phone 01577 862570. Free (apart from the trips), but donations welcome. Scottish Charity No. SC 012555.

Councillor Robertson

Review of cemeteries

There is only one lair left at Portmoak cemetery and I wrote to the Council asking for this situation to be addressed. The answer came back that there are no plans at present to expand Portmoak cemetery. Indeed the Council's Forward Planning section have only been told to allocate more land to increase the size of Kinross cemetery. When I queried the lack of forward provision for Portmoak, I was told that there is a proposal being considered that, in future, as local Kinross-shire parish cemeteries reach capacity, all burials will be concentrated at Kinross.

I, for one, am not happy with this.

I have written to the Council's convenor of Environment Services asking that a report be brought to committee so that this matter can be discussed fully. I am of the firm view that the Council should continue to provide cemeteries in all our parishes.

Brown-lidded bins

Although many of us enjoy the convenience of using our brown-lidded green waste bins, there are still many residents of Kinross-shire who are not included in the service. The reasons for their exclusion, I am told by Council officers, are ones of capacity and cost. This means these householders have to take all their garden waste to recycling centres to dispose of it, even though in many cases the green waste collection lorry runs past their front door.



I don't think this is fair and have written to the Council asking for this matter to be resolved. If there are cost implications in giving everyone the same level of Council service, then we as councillors need to know what they are so they can be addressed.

Heritage Trail blocked

I was cycling around the Loch Leven Heritage Trail last week and came on a major blockage. A swan family had decided to sit on the path. They point blank refused to move. Eventually I decided to try and slowly cycle round them. They still didn't move but let me pass, although they hissed their displeasure at me for disturbing them.

Councillor Willie Robertson



A blockage on the Heritage Trail!

Scottish Water starts Milnathort sewer flooding prevention project

Scottish Water will soon start a £1.6m project to reduce flooding in Milnathort as it continues to work with key partners to reduce the impact of flooding across Scotland.

Scottish Water identified the need to carry out essential upgrades to the sewer network in New Road and South Street to help alleviate local flooding issues.

Andy Ducat, Project Manager, Scottish Water, said: "We need to increase the capacity of our sewer network so it can hold more water during times of heavy rainfall. This will benefit our customers by helping prevent long-term sewer flooding issues in Milnathort.

"To do this we will build two new underground chambers and two new overflow outfalls to the Fochy Burn. One chamber will be next to the Cross roundabout and the second in land behind New Road. The two new overflow outfalls will be within the private land close to the new chambers.

"Our alliance partner amey Black & Veatch will be carrying out this work on our behalf. The main construction work will take place in the village from the beginning of August until mid-December. Lesser Electrical and Mechanical installation will be

completed by the end of February 2016." The work will be carried out in three phases.

Phase one commences week beginning 3 August and is expected to take approximately four to six weeks. This involves the construction of the two new outfalls to the Fochy Burn before the spawning season for fish starts to ensure their environment is not affected. The spawning season is between September and March.

Phase two commences the week beginning 7 September and is expected to take approximately 14 weeks. This second section of work involves the construction of new underground chambers at the south east corner of the Cross Roundabout and in New Road. Two new manholes will be constructed in New Road and South Street to connect the chambers into the sewer network.

A combination of temporary traffic lights and road closures are required to control the traffic while the work is underway on South Street and New Road.

New Road needs to be closed for three weeks to construct a new manhole onto the existing sewer. A separate closure is also required on South Street for three weeks to construct a new manhole onto

the existing sewer. Diversions will be in place during the road closures.

Phase three will see the installation of electrical and mechanical equipment and will be carried out following the Christmas holiday break.

These dates may be subject to change depending on progress.

Steve Scott, Regional Community Manager, Scottish Water, said: "We would like to thank local residents for their patience and understanding in advance while we carry out this essential work.

"There may be some short term road traffic disruption in the area to deliver long term benefits of preventing sewer flooding issues in Milnathort.

"The main focus on waste water investment for Scottish Water is environmental work, such as improving the performance of its storm overflow network and reducing internal and external flooding."

Scottish Water has invested heavily in Perth & Kinross since forming in 2002. £111million has been spent to improve water and waste water services across the region, and in the 2010-2015 investment period there is still a further £8.5million to be invested.

Family fun at Kinross Show

Saturday 8 August, RSPB Loch Leven



Kinross Show returns to its spectacular setting at RSPB Loch Leven on Saturday 8 August with a day of family fun and animal antics.

This year's main ring entertainment will include Terrier Racing, Kinross & District Pipe Band, a Vintage Tractor Display and the very popular Children's Fancy Dress Parade, which is open to all youngsters. (Entrants can be with or without a pony.)

The Flower Show includes an exciting range of children's classes including "Model Farm in a Seed Tray" and the ever-popular "Decorated Welly Boot Classes" along with the Flower, Fruit, Vegetable and Floral Art sections. Entries are accepted at the Flower Show Tent in the Show Field until 9pm on Friday 7 August and between 8am and 9.30am on the Show day itself.

For dog lovers, the Companion Dog Show has nine classes, ranging from pedigree dogs to cross breeds and classes for the "Waggiest Tail" and "Most Appealing Eyes". So there really is a class for every type of pooch! Entries are taken on the day of the show between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Following the very successful poultry exhibition last year, this year there is a poultry section with many classes.

Visitors can also expect to see dairy and beef cattle, sheep, goats, Clydesdale horses and ponies, as well as the various trade stands, SWRI and craft tents.

This year the show will host a new "Champion of Champions" competition from the winners of Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Horse and Goats, which will take

place in the Main Ring at approximately 1.45pm, followed by the Grand Parade.

The Kinross Show is a perfect day out for all the family!

FREE BUSES (Earnside Coaches) will be running again this year. They will be every 30 minutes (approx) from Milnathort and Kinross, starting at 10am, with the last bus leaving the show ground at 7.15pm sharp. Due to the road works in Kinross High Street, the route will differ from that used in previous years. The buses will start at South Street, Milnathort, then travel down the Muirs and High Street in Kinross only as far as the roundabout at the junction with Station Road. The buses will then go along Station Road and Junction Road (where the Park and Ride is), round the relief road and then to Todd & Duncan and on to RSPB Loch Leven. The buses will stop at any normal bus stops on the route but please note that at the Park and Ride the buses will pick up passengers from the side of the road *opposite* the bus stop on the way to the Show.

There will also be a free bus service running from Loch Leven's Larder every 30 minutes (approx) from 10.30am to 6.30pm, picking up at the Loch Leven's Larder farm car park only. Please note that the drop off and pick up point for the free buses will be at RSPB Loch Leven.

Show Ground Entry: Adult tickets £10, concession £7 and children under 16 FREE. Parking £2, entry through Gate 3.

For the latest Kinross Show news, please log on to:

www.facebook.com/KinrossShow or

www.kinross-show.co.uk

Don't miss out on a great day on Saturday 8 August!

Kinross Group SWRI Show Preview

Christmas is coming early to the SWRI marquee at the Kinross Show! Our Community theme this year is "Christmas", which should make for a very festive display on either side of the tent.

The ladies of Kinross Group SWRI are once again busy preparing their entries for both the community and individual competitions. There will, as always, be a wonderful display from our members of Crafts, Needlework, Baking, Produce and Floral Arrangements. There will also be entries from husbands and partners in the Gents' Section, and entries from children and grandchildren of members in the Children's Section. Judges this year are from Kincardineshire Federation. Prizes in several classes are again being sponsored by local firms this year. In the Handcrafts Section, McTaggart's of Aberdour is sponsoring a "Knitted Hat and Scarf", Robert and

Gillian Bell are sponsoring an "Article in Freestyle Embroidery" and Robert Craig Joinery of Cleish is sponsoring "a Toy in any craft". In the Baking Section, Roddy Baird is sponsoring "2 Chelsea Buns" and Jimmy Smith of the Kilted Christmas Tree Company is sponsoring "Chocolate Brownies" as well as the "Small Box

of Marzipan Fruits" in the Produce Section. Loch Leven's Larder is sponsoring the "Jar of Strawberry Jam". Williamson Design Florists Ltd is again awarding its prize in the Floral Arrangement Section for "A Christmas Exhibit". In the Gents' Section, The Famous Grouse Experience is donating a voucher for free entry for two.

There will a fundraising event in the tent during the day with the opportunity to win one of four quilted advent calendars. This was so successful last year that we are repeating it again. So if you missed out in 2014, try your luck again! Buy a pocket for £1.

There will, as usual, be a Sales Table selling Baking, Produce and Craft goods.

To round off the day, the trophies and prize monies will be presented by Iain Campbell, this year's KAS President. Finally, the raffle will be drawn. First Prize is £50 with many other fabulous prizes. Make sure you get your tickets! They will be on sale in the tent during the day.

There is no entry charge to the marquee, but silver coin donations will be welcome at the door. So please come along and view the wonderful work of the SWRI. Open from 10am until 4pm on the day of the Show.





Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Show

Saturday 8 August 2015 RSPB Loch Leven

Flower Show



Convenor: Mrs Claire Paton, Lethangie, Kinross. Committee: Margaret Kilpatrick, Alice Getley, Dr Julie Savin and Kirsty Gray.
Floral Art, Flower, Vegetables & Children's Section Judges: Mr Alan Weepers, Leven, and Mrs Shona Leckie, Monifeith.

ENTRIES: £1 per Adult Exhibit and 50p per Child Exhibit. Entries accepted on Show Field until 9pm on Friday 7 August and from 8am until 9.30am on Saturday 8 August. Boards available on request.

Judging commences at 10am. Trophies will be presented at 3.30pm. Entries can be uplifted at 4pm.

Prize Money in all classes (1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1) to be collected at the Secretary's Tent by 4.30pm.

Flower Section

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| 1 Pot Plant – Flowering, any type | 9 Vase of Three Dahlias – Ball/Pompom |
| 2 Pot Plant – Begonia | 10 Four marigolds (any variety) to be shown on a board |
| 3 Pot Plant – Fuchsia | 11 Four Pansies (any variety) to be shown on a board |
| 4 One Vase mixed Herbaceous | 12 Vase of Three Roses, same variety |
| 5 Vase displaying three stems of annuals (same variety) | 13 Best Single Rose |
| 6 Vase of three stem perennials (same variety) | 14 Vase of Five Sweet Peas, one colour only |
| 7 Vase of Three Dahlias – Decorative | 15 One Gladioli, any variety |
| 8 Vase of Three Dahlias – Cacti | |

Floral Art Section

This year's theme is SCOTTISH. Please note that the space allowed is the space which will be marked out. You do not have to fill the entire space. NAFAS rules need not be adhered to. Simply read the schedule carefully and pay attention to size and materials. Space allowed: width 76cms by 60cms depth. All exhibits to be composed of natural plant material, i.e. fresh, dried or preserved, unless otherwise stated. All fresh plant material to be in water or water retaining substances. All flowers and foliage to be in good condition.

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| 16 'Mairi's Wedding' – An exhibit using fresh flowers and foliage incorporating some tartan. Space allowed: 76cms width by 60cms depth. Accessories allowed. | 19 'Ye Banks and Braes' – An exhibit featuring foliage only. Space allowed: 76cms width by 60cms depth. |
| 17 'My Love is like a Red Red Rose' – An exhibit using red roses. Space allowed: 76cms width by 60cms depth. Accessories allowed. | 20 'Highland Cathedral' – An exhibit featuring Gladioli. Space allowed: 76cms width by 60cms depth. Accessories allowed. |
| 18 'A Bowl of Bonnie Floorers' – An exhibit in a bowl using flowers and foliage from your own garden. | 21 'Ae Fond Kiss' – A petite arrangement not exceeding 25cms in width, height and depth. |

Children's Classes

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| 22 Bowl of floating flowers (any size of bowl, any number of flowers) for 8 years and under. Glass bowls will be provided if required. | 29 A model of any animal made from recyclable materials. Age 9 – 14 years. |
| 23 Bowl of floating flowers (any size of bowl, any number of flowers) for 14 years and under. Glass bowls will be provided if required. | 30 Garden in a Seed Tray, not exceeding 40cms x 25cm, using natural material only. Age 8 and under. |
| 24 Drawing of your favourite farm tractor (can be done by computer). Age 5 and under. | 31 Garden in a Seed Tray, not exceeding 40cms x 25cms, using natural material only. Age 9-14 years. |
| 25 Drawing of President Iain Campbell with his flock of sheep . Age 6 – 8 years. | 32 Model Farm in a Seed Tray. Models allowed. Age 8 and under. |
| 26 Two decorated Digestive/Water/Tea Biscuits. Aged 5 and under. Plates will be provided. | 33 Model Farm in a Seed Tray. Models allowed. Age 9-14 years. |
| 27 Model of any Animal using Fruit and Vegetables. Age 6 – 8 years. | 34 A decorated Wellington boot. Age 8 and under. |
| 28 Arrangement of Garden Flowers in a Jam Jar. Age 8 and under. | 35 A decorated Wellington boot. Age 9 – 14 years. |
| Pick Up And Bring | |
| 36 Pick up and bring Your Favourite Farm Toy . Age 5 years and under. | 37 Pick up and bring Your Favourite Farm Toy . Age 7 years and under. |

Fruit Section

All fruit to be presented washed and in good condition.

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| 51 Plate of blackcurrants. | 52 Plate of any other seasonal fruit(s). |
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Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Show continued...



Vegetable Section

All vegetables to be presented washed and in good condition. Paper plates will be provided.

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| 38 Three courgettes, any size. | 45 Six tomatoes on a plate (any variety). |
| 39 Three onions, white. | 46 Six pods of peas. |
| 40 Three onions, red. | 47 Four French Beans. |
| 41 Four potatoes, white. | 48 Six Runner Beans. |
| 42 Four potatoes, coloured. | 49 Three leeks. |
| 43 One lettuce (any variety). | 50 Vegetable marrow or overgrown courgette to be judged on size |
| 44 One cucumber. | |

Trophies

The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 15 and 16 to 21 inclusive, will be assessed 3, 2, and 1 for the first three prizes.

CAIRNS CUP for the most points overall + Rosette

BALADO SALVER for the most outstanding entry in Classes 1 to 15 + Rosette

FISHER BOWL for most points in Dahlias

CAESAR TROPHY for Sweet Peas

THE KIRKNESS TROPHY for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 16 to 21 inclusive)

THE RENTON TROPHY for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 16 to 21)

THE GAVINE LINDORES TROPHY for the Best Single Rose (Class 13)

THE SCOTT-DAVIDSON CUP presented by the late W Scott-Davidson for the winner of Children's Class 29

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (small) winner of Children's class 34

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (large) winner of Children's class 35

THE MAISIE PIRIE CUP also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child under 8 years

THE CATH PIRIE CUP also Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child age 9 to 14 years

PATON PRODUCE TROPHY for best exhibit in the produce classes

MAWCARSE SALVER for best exhibit overall in the show

SPECIAL PRIZES Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places will be presented in Children's Classes 22 to 35

Kinross Show

Companion Dog Show

Sponsored by Cameron & Greig, Vets, Milnathort

To be held at RSPB Loch Leven on Saturday 8 August under Kennel Club regulations.

Show Secretary: Mrs M Morgan, Belmonte, 70 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, Kinross, KY13 9JN. Tel: 01592 840030. Email: kinrossshow@aol.com.

Convenor: Mr Alasdair Cox.

Judge: Mr Duncan McNiven, Glenfarg.

Entries are taken at Dog Marquee from 10.30am until 12.30pm. No late entries. Judging is at 1pm prompt in the Dog Ring.

Entry fees: £1 per class.

Children (under 15 years) 50p per class.

Dogs need not be registered to compete in this Show.

Dogs which have won any of the following awards are not eligible for entry at companion shows:

1. Challenge Certificate (or any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club)
2. Reserve Challenge Certificate (Pedigree classes only)
3. Junior Warranty (Pedigree classes only)
4. Obedience Certificate (Obedience classes only)

Only dogs/bitches of six calendar months of age and over on the day of the Show are eligible for entry.

Trophies

The Walls Cup

Kinnesswood Quaich

Balkello Quaich

Farmer Trophy

The Cairns Cup

Best in Show

Best Pup in Show

Best Sporting

Best Non-Sporting

Best Dog/Bitch in Kinross-shire



Prizes

Firsts: £3.00. Seconds: £2.00. Thirds: £1.00. Special prize (Best in Show): £10.00. Prize tickets will be given after each class and monies can be collected within the Secretary's Marquee until 4.30pm.

Important Information

Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may enter for exhibition at this show.

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog.

If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.



www.kinross.cc – a mouse’s view of Kinross-shire



Whether you have recently moved to Kinross-shire or are lucky enough to have been born and bred in this stunning area of Scotland, there is almost certain to come a time (probably numerous times, in fact) when you find yourself suddenly seeking a contact number for a local tradesman, dentist, shop, business or sports club.

Fortunately, the very contact details that you seek are to be found – at the convenient click of a mouse – on the unrivalled online repository of local knowledge that is **kinross.cc** website.

Essential telephone contacts, a business directory, opening hours for Kinross-shire’s visitor attractions, details of tourist accommodation and new houses coming on to the market – this is just a flavour of the useful information available on the site in an easy-to-access format.

Set up 16 years ago as a joint initiative between Kinross Community Council and the Kinross-shire Partnership, **kinross.cc** punches well above its virtual weight, attracting around 550 online visitors every day.

Better still, if you’re a local organisation, you are automatically eligible for a listing on the site – which means you can publicise contact details for your shop, business, village hall, WRI, club, society or association to the computerate public (both here in Kinross-shire and indeed worldwide!) for free.

Website administrator Pauline Watson, who – along with local Councillor and database wizard Dave Cuthbert – has been a driving force in the development of the website, is rightly proud of the successful online collaboration between the two organisations, citing several

kinross.cc facilities that have proved particularly popular.

“The free ‘Situations Vacant’ page is used regularly by local employers seeking to recruit. For example, recently an advert for staff to work at the newly refurbished Boathouse restaurant attracted 60 applications!”

She adds, “Another much-appreciated facility on the site is the photo library, which offers free use of hundreds of attractive stock photographs of the Loch Leven area (taken by locals and visitors) for non-commercial purposes. In other words, the photos can be used – free

of the Kinross Newsletter, making them accessible to a wider audience.

A handy diary of local activities provides a welcome overview of what’s going on in the area in the coming weeks, and any local group is welcome to publicise its forthcoming events free of charge.

Naturally, newcomers to Kinross-shire are only too happy to discover this treasure trove of local information. Pauline has recently been updating the business directory and would

The home page of www.kinross.cc - everything you need at the click of a mouse!

of copyright, but preferably with an acknowledgement to the photographer – on local leaflets and business cards, but not directly to make money.”

Other popular features include the option for locals to place free classified adverts for items of up to £750 in value. Any ads placed on the website also appear automatically in the current copy

be delighted to hear from any local organisation that has not yet taken advantage of their free listing on the **kinross.cc** website. If you’d like to be included, please email your information now to admin@kinross.cc. After all, a little bit of free publicity can’t be bad!

Karen Elwis

Change to PKC 0845 numbers

Perth & Kinross Council is changing all of its 0845 telephone numbers from 3 August 2015 in recognition of the charges levied by different phone providers.

The alternative 0345 numbers will come into effect for information lines currently using 0845 numbers, such as the Community Care Access Team and Out of Hours Social Work, the Public Transport Line and Telephone Payments.

The Housing Repairs Service, which currently has an 0845 number, will instead switch to a new single number for all housing services: 01738 476000.

The 0845 numbers were introduced to some of the main Council information lines several years ago, because they offered a flat-rate charge from a BT landline regardless of where in the region people are calling from. However, with the increased use of mobile phones and a range of landline operators who all set their own rates for callers, the Council is now moving away from 0845 numbers.

PKC does not receive any income from calls to 0845 numbers and this will remain the case with the transfer to 0345. The benefit will be to customers as the cost of a call to an 0345 number is the same amount as it would be when calling a landline 01 or 02 number.

0345 numbers are non-geographic numbers assigned by communications regulator Ofcom to replace existing 0845 numbers.

Council contact numbers from 3 August 2015:

Customer Service Centre <i>(remains unchanged)</i>	01738 475000
Housing Repairs Service <i>(outwith office hours this number will divert to the emergency repairs service)</i>	01738 476000
Community Care Access Team/ Out of Hours Social Work	0345 30 11120
PKC Information Line	0345 30 11100
Grants helpline	0345 60 52000
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World famous Clanranald in Kinross

Kinross-shire residents and visitors will be treated to a spectacle over the weekend of 12 and 13 September when members of the renowned Clanranald Trust descend upon the Market Park as part of a new Mary Queen of Scots Festival.

The culture and heritage group has worked on various film and TV projects, including the popular American TV series *Outlander*, partly set in 18th century Scotland. Clanranald also staged last year's re-enactment of the Battle of Bannockburn.

In Kinross, Clanranald will recreate the atmosphere of a 16th century encampment, with costumes, tents, banners and horses. Characters present on the day will include Mary, Queen of Scots and the four Marys, her loyal companions, whose names are familiar to all Kinross Primary schoolchildren: Mary Seton, Mary Beaton, Mary Fleming and Mary Livingston.

In recognition of one of the queen's favourite pastimes, visitors will be treated to displays of falconry.

Food on offer at the event will include dishes using ingredients and flavours from 16th century recipes. Other food and drink attractions will be internationally acclaimed Spink's Arbroath Smokies, Perth Farmers' Market, Eat Perthshire and Belhaven Craft Beers.

A pipe band will entertain, plus there is a ceilidh in the Windlestrae Hotel, live concerts at Backstage and a literary event at the Green Hotel. There will be entertainment especially designed for children, including pony rides.

The festival, which is organised by new events company It's Not All Black and White, will take place at the Market Park on the Muirs in Kinross, close to the Windlestrae Hotel.

More information is available from:

Website: maryqueenofscotsfestival.co.uk
Twitter: MQOSF
Facebook: [MaryQueenofScotsFestival](https://www.facebook.com/MaryQueenofScotsFestival)
Email: thomas@itsnotallblackandwhite.com



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Mystic Hunt of the Unicorn unveiled

A 14-year project to recreate the lost tapestries of James V has been completed at Stirling Castle.

The final tapestry in the series 'The Mystic Hunt of the Unicorn' woven by Master Weavers from West Dean Tapestry Studio was unveiled at Stirling Castle in June, marking the culmination of the biggest tapestry project undertaken in the UK in the last 100 years.

The project was commissioned by Historic Scotland in 2001 as part of a wider project to restore the interiors of the palace of James V to how they may have looked in the 1540s, when it was home to James' wife Mary of Guise and their young daughter, Mary, Queen of Scots.

It was known from royal inventories that when James V built the palace he owned over 100 tapestries, but there is no record of what happened to them. The inventories, however, described a set of tapestries depicting "the historie of the unicorn".

The team began extensive research, which took them to the United States, and to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, which is home to a set of seven 15th century Flemish tapestries, 'The Hunt of the Unicorn'.

The result was a project to reinterpret and create the 'Hunt of the Unicorn' tapestries, bringing together 18 weavers from across the globe.

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Recent crime locally

A climbing frame was damaged at the **play park** at **Kirkgate** overnight 16-17 June.

There was an **attempted break in** to a dwelling house at Gartwhinzean Road, **Powmill**, between 0700 and 1900 hrs on Wednesday 17 June.

The Scottish Gliding Union building at **Scotlandwell** was broken into and several bottles of alcohol stolen between Saturday and Sunday, 27 and 28 June.

Theft from house: A purse was stolen from an insecure house on Springfield Road, **Kinross**, on Tuesday 30 June.

The Fossoway St Serf's Church at Crook of Devon was broken into, internal doors forced open and a small amount of cash stolen. This occurred between 28 and 29 June.

Police are looking for information regarding the theft of a **blue Yamaha YZ 125 motocross bike** from a stable in **Kinnesswood**. It is thought that the theft occurred between 1 March and 8 July 2015. Quote CR/19464/15 if contacting Police with information on this case.

Renewed appeal – Robbery at Balado

Detective Officers have renewed their appeal for witnesses and information surrounding the robbery of a 75-year-old woman that happened at Balado on Wednesday 17 June.

Two men entered her home in the early afternoon and robbed her of jewellery, cash and other personal belongings.

Detective Inspector Marshall McKay said:

“An e-fit image of one of the men we wish to speak to in connection with the crime has been circulated and we are still keen to hear from anyone who may know him.

“He is described as being in his 20s, thin build, with short brown hair. He has a distinctive thin ‘goatee’ beard at the end of his chin and it



E-fit of man wanted in connection with the Balado robbery

is also important to note that he has a blue coloured tattoo design on the bottom of his back.

“At the time of the robbery he was wearing a blue hooded top and blue jeans.

“The second man is described as being about 18 years old, with a tanned complexion, wearing a grey/blue hooded top.” Anyone who recognises the man from the e-fit image or description or has any information regarding the crime is urged to call Police Scotland on 101 or Crime Stoppers.

Warning – cold callers

It is believed that there is a business cold calling residents in Perth and Kinross and offering services for the repair of driveways and roads using the name of a well-known national company along with a similar logo.

Trading Standards are advising residents not to contract with anyone who cold calls at their door or on the telephone. If you do require repairs or maintenance carried out on your property, ask your friends, relatives or neighbours for personal recommendations.

PKC also operates the Better Business Partnership scheme where you can find a list of local businesses who have agreed to trade fairly and within the spirit of the law. A list of members can be found on the Council website or by telephoning the call centre on 01738 476476.

Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

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

Police Scotland – local community Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Community officers for Kinross-shire are:

PC Sadie Allan, PC Rhiannon Lorimer, and PC James Wilson.

Email: taysidekinrossshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Community Sergeant, Kinross-shire: **Sgt Geoff Goodison.**

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Kinross Community Council News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2015 were: CCllrs W Freeman (Chair), D Colliar, M Blyth, T Stewart, D MacKenzie, B Davies and M Scott; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert and six members of the public.

Apologies were received from CCllrs G Thomas and I Jack and P&K Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacomazzi.

Declarations of Interest: none.

Police Report: There was no police representative present but the Secretary gave information from police bulletins. (*See Police Box, page 26.*)

Newsletter Disbursements: Further communications received from Orwell Guides and Portmoak Primary School regarding the monies contributed to them.

Future of Kinross Buildings

High School site: Nothing further to report here. The current end date on the missives with Persimmon is March 2016. Persimmon are currently required to have either obtained Planning Consent or have appealed by this date.

Former Health Centre: An application is in for this site.

Town Hall: An objection has been raised by PKC to the windows. The CC opinion is that the completed building works are satisfactory and a vast improvement to this site. It was agreed that the CC write a letter in support of the works carried out.

Primary School: Consultation process ongoing. CCllr MacKenzie is to be the CC liaison on the Community Group.

Town centre regeneration: A number of comments have been received. Concern has been expressed at safety issues, in particular that railings are not to be erected to the north side of the High Street/Station Road junction. Cllr Cuthbert stated that there had been discussions previously with Kinross in Bloom to place planters in this area. Other issues raised related to where the elderly will be able to catch a bus. It was agreed that we should invite Ross Fletcher and Michael Morgan to our August meeting. [*Post meeting note: Ross Fletcher and Michael Morgan will not be attending the August meeting of Kinross CC. Some meetings involving town centre businesses, PKC officers, P&K Councillors etc have taken place.*] Rainton has offered to include some community benefit while carrying out the works. Examples provided by the Council were engaging with a local group or school, tidying up an area of land in the town, giving a local young person some work experience or carrying out some minor maintenance on some old street furniture. Tidying up the area to the rear of the building at the entrance to Burns Begg Street was suggested. Cllr Cuthbert advised that he had written to the owners asking if local volunteers could carry out some painting works.

Mention was made as to a Development Plan for Kinross to be followed once the town centre works have been completed. What further improvements can be made to the High Street? What should the Councillors be pursuing next? It was agreed that we should be promoting existing businesses. It was agreed that we should write to the local traders/businesses and invite them to a meeting with the CC to discuss this top and

forge a way forward, also to notify them of the meeting with Ross Fletcher and Michael Morgan. [*Not required as traders organised a meeting.*] Cllr Cuthbert added that he would like to see vision statements adopted for each community in Perth and Kinross. Cllr Barnacle suggested that a train link could be added to the plan. A Sub-Committee was formed to include CCllrs Freeman, MacKenzie, Davies and Colliar.

CC Vacancy: An interest has been made but confirmation from the Council has not been received.

Planning applications submitted to PKC

15/00811/FLL Muirs Inn: alterations and extension.

15/01009/FLL 18 Swansacre: alterations to dwelling house.

15/01015/FLL Land 60 metres southwest of Torriebank: erection of dwelling house.

15/01073/FLL Site of 192 High Street: erection of 3 flats.

15/01031/FLL Nelson Car Transport Yard, Balado Bridge Poultry Farm: renewal of permission 12/01062/FLL (formation of lorry compound with associated fencing).

Applications approved by PKC

15/00490/FLL 2 Seaforth Drive, erection of a fence.

15/00761/FL Gellyburn Cottage: modification of permission 14/0317/FLL (erection of dwelling house and installation of sewage treatment plant and soakaways): change of house type.

15/00776/FLL Gallowhill Cottage, Kinross: extension.

Reports by Ward Councillors

A977: Cllr Barnacle reported on a recent meeting with the Convenor and his letter to John Kellas and Jim Valentine in which he referred to the roundabout at Moto, which was to be delivered through a planning permission dated June 2011. He suggested that the signage be improved for Balado Crossroads, with safe crossing facilities provided for cyclists and pedestrians and the introduction of a 50 mph speed limit from west of the Crossroads to a new 40 mph limit at Turfhill (the latter which was agreed by the Council).

Main Issues Report: Cllr Barnacle referred to his article in the July Newsletter. A total of 272 submissions for the P&K area were made. Over half of suggested sites were not new but ones submitted for the previous LDP preparation. Cllr Barnacle added that it was unlikely that the majority of these will be brought forward for consideration in the MIR, unless



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a shortfall in housing land supply occurred. It is proposed to submit a final Main Issues Report to PKC in October this year prior to a statutory period of further consultation. Cllr Barnacle indicated an interest in holding public presentations and asked if the CC would add such an event to their agenda - agreed. (See page 6.)

Kinross Common Good Fund: Cllr Cuthbert advised that a meeting of this took place today (1 July). An application was received from Perth & Kinross District Scout Council and an award of £600.00 agreed. This is towards the expense of running an International Camp.

Boundary Commission: Confirmation of the position here should be available prior to the next meeting.

Correspondence

Time Exchange: The organisation has offered to attend a CC meeting to explain this concept. A representative is to attend the CC meeting in August.

Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association: Asking for a letter of support from the CC in relation to their application to the PKC Community Environment Challenge Fund. They have a 15-year lease with Dobbies for an area of land adjacent to the Kinross Dobbies store and have developed a community resource in the form of 30 allotment plots and a community garden. They now wish to further develop the garden by creating a sensory area and an orchard. Agreed that a letter of support be written.

Green Park: Local resident enquiring further information on paving plans for Kinross. She has noticed new paving being laid in surrounding areas and wonders if there are plans to replace paving in Green Park. Cllr Cuthbert will check this out.

CC Training: Request for further training on social media. PKC can provide this, but it would be in Perth during the day.

Campus statistics: Information for years 2012, 2013 and 2014 have been received. The Secretary will arrange for this to be circulated to the Cllrs.

Major Kenneth A Lowe: Communication received from his son advising that his name does not appear on the War Memorial. The Secretary is to check if the details are recorded in the East Church. Major Lowe won the Military Cross before he was killed in action.

Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2023: Enquiry received from Coupar Angus CC asking if we received an email from the Council in 2012 regarding a consultation period. The Secretary confirmed she had checked through the emails and could find no reference to this.

Road variations: U255 Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank/U236 at Maryburgh: proposed extension to the 30mph speed limit. Extension to cover farm cottages and small businesses to the west of the main housing area on the U255 and similar to the north of the U236. B966 at Gairneybridge, proposal to include this section through Gairneybridge/Gairneybank as a 40 mph speed limit. Mill Street, Variation of Order: Restricted Zone, No Waiting At Any Time Excepted in Signed Bays "from its junction with the south kerbline of Mill Street or thereby southwards to a point 50 metres or thereby north of its junction with Montgomery Street".

Other Business

Speed restriction: Implementation of the agreed 40mph from Dobbies to the roundabout still outstanding.

Grass cutting at Lathro: Cllr Davies suggested that the grass should be cut on a regular basis for the whole length of

the Muirs, from the Lethangie entrance to the junction with Burleigh Road. Cllr Cuthbert responded that this would be difficult to arrange as the verge becomes quite narrow and in fact he felt that the wild flower aspect of the current uncut verge was attractive.

Roundabout south of the Park and Ride: A contract has been awarded for this to be repainted.

Ochil View: Reference to the overgrown tree branches on private land adjacent to Emslie Drive was again raised. Cllr Cuthbert will look into this.

Overgrown tree at end of Wilson Court: The condition of this tree was also mentioned.

Station Road to Swansacre: Communication received from local resident asking for a 20mph speed limit from the roundabout along Station Road to Swansacre.

Springfield Road and Gallowhill Road: Member of public raised the subject of overgrown hedges.

Campus parking: To be implemented during the summer holidays.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 5 August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Apologies received in advance from Cllrs Blyth and Colliar.

Agenda for the Meeting to be held on 5 August

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of meeting of 1 July 2015
4. Police report
5. Time Exchange presentation
6. Matters arising from minutes of 1 July
7. Newsletter re disbursement of funds
8. Future of Kinross buildings
9. CC vacancy
10. Planning matters
11. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors
12. Miscellaneous correspondence
13. Other competent business
14. Date of next meeting (2 September 2015)

Note: Members of the public are welcome to contribute to discussion at meeting but if you wish to address the meeting, please advise the Secretary (Margaret Scott, 21 Ross Street, Kinross, KY13 8EF or email to mbs21@btinternet.com) as early as possible. You are also requested to supply a copy of any relevant documentation in advance, and a paragraph on what it is you want to raise, so the topic can be publicised.

Kinross CC minutes are posted online at:

www.kinross.cc/cc.htm

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Vacancy on Kinross CC

Kinross Community Council has a vacancy for one Co-opted member. All applicants, Proposers and Seconders must reside in the Kinross Community Council area and appear on the Electors Roll.

For further information and application forms, please contact Secretary, Margaret Scott, by email at mbs21@btinternet.com or telephone 01577 862945, or Chairman, Bill Freeman, 64 Muirs, Kinross, telephone 01577 865045, or email billywhiz3.freeman@vergin.net

Milnathort Community Council News from the July Meeting

Cllr Thomson chaired the meeting held on Thursday 9 July 2015. She welcomed Cllrs Cottingham, Halford and Smith. Also in attendance were P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacopazzi and Robertson, and three members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hamilton, Milne-Home, Pettinger and Bennet, from P&K Cllr Cuthbert and from the Police.

Police matters: Cllr Cottingham read extracts from the Police report; he stated that, although there had been little crime reported locally, the Police were investigating reports of three youths climbing onto the roof of the Primary School. Both Police Scotland and PKC Community Wardens would be patrolling the area more frequently. Cllr Robertson advised that the PKC Wardens had no powers of arrest, but they had been deployed successfully by PKC in areas such as Perth, Blairgowrie and Kinross. The Police report also reminded parents of their responsibility for the behaviour of their children when out of the family home.

Minutes of last meeting: Cllr Barnacle asked that his comments reported in paragraph 10 be amended to read 'Most sites as before and no new sites were **likely to be used** in Milnathort'. Subject to this amendment, the CC approved the minutes.

Matters arising

Milnathort Festival: Prizes of £20 had been awarded to the four businesses reported in the previous minutes. Cllr Smith congratulated Cllr Thomson and the Committee on organising such a successful Festival weekend.

Mawcarse cycleway: Cllr Giacopazzi advised that the paths had been strimmed.

Boundary changes: Cllr Robertson advised that the process was ongoing.

Burleigh Road paths: Cllr Robertson noted that the state of the paths in the vicinity of Burleigh Castle had improved.

Planning

Planning applications: The following were discussed, but no objections were raised:

15/01002/FLL: Erection of two dwelling houses at the Manse, 3 Perth Road.

15/01008/AML: Erection of dwelling house (matters specified by conditions – 14/01467/IPL), land 40 metres south west of Sallyvonteen.

15/00949/SCRN: Erection of a solar farm, land north west of Tillyrie Hill.

Planning applications determined: The CC noted that the following application had been approved:

14/01499/FLL: Change of use and alterations to steadings to form two dwelling houses, erection of a dwelling house and detached garages, land 30 metres south east of Blairhead Farmhouse.

Cllr Giacopazzi updated the CC on the proposed development of the former garage in Wester Loan, noting that PKC Planning Department had recommended approval of the proposal for five flats, despite objections from local Councillors, including the listed building context, inadequate parking provision and concerns about flooding. PKC would be again considering the proposal on 15 July 2015. Following a protracted discussion, during which several people raised strong reservations about the application, the MCC agreed to write to PKC again raising concerns about the proposal, but stating that the application, previously approved by PKC, to build two houses on the site was the preferred option.

Comments/Questions from the floor

The following issues were raised:

Pothole: A member of the public raised again the issue of a large pothole in Wester Loan.

Donaldson Park: Cllr Smith advised that the well-overgrown weeds reported in Donaldson Park had not been removed (PKC had agreed to cut them away twice yearly). Cllr Robertson agreed to investigate.

Overhanging trees: Cllr Smith raised an issue reported to him by a member of the Fire and Rescue Service about restricted access in Old Perth Road due to overhanging trees.

Travellers' site: Cllr Giacopazzi advised that it was the Reporter who set the conditions for the approval of the Travellers/Gypsy site at Mawcarse. P&K Councillors voiced their concerns about the apparent lack of concern by Planners for the amenities of the settled community, when considering applications for travellers' sites.

Comments by Perth & Kinross Councillors

Kinross High Street: Cllr Robertson advised that he had met with PKC Roads department to voice the concerns of local businesses in Kinross during the roadworks in the High Street. The PKC officer in charge of the development in Kinross reported that, although there had been some delays caused by unexpected discoveries, such as a tunnel leading under the road from Fife Computers to Parliament Square, the works programme was on schedule to complete by mid September.

Strategy: Cllr Robertson informed the meeting about a previous Kinross Strategy document, dating from about 1995,

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developed by KCC, which put forward preferred options for local developments. He suggested that a similar document might be developed jointly by MCC and KCC to better inform PKC and others of CCs' preferred options. Cllr Cottingham agreed to write to KCC seeking their views.

Scotbet: Cllr Robertson also advised that he had written again to the owners of the former Red Lion Hotel in Kinross asking for the general appearance of the betting shop be improved to match improvement in that area.

Development site: Finally, Cllr Robertson advised that, following objections by SEPA due to potential flooding, the Forth Wines' site had been removed from development plans.

Burleigh Road: Cllr Giacopazzi advised that Burleigh Road would be closed for one week from 4 August for resurfacing work.

Flood relief: Cllr Giacopazzi provided an update about Scottish Water's flood relief programme in Milnathort, following his discussion with their representative. [See pages 12 and 15.]

LDP: Cllr Barnacle updated the meeting on potential areas for development on land in the Kinross Estate and on issues relating to future consideration of the Local Development Plan (LDP). He advised that, together with Cllr Cuthbert, he would be working up a presentation to PKC on local concerns; a consultation document was due from PKC in early October 2015. He also advised that a further report on proposals to designate a Conservation Area within Milnathort was awaited by PKC.

Other Business

CC election: There will be an election to be held in November to elect new members for the CC. This is an opportunity for residents of Orwell parish to be able to join the council and play a part in local decisions. If anybody is interested in having their name put forward, contact any current Community Councillor or come to the next meeting.

The Next Meeting of Milnathort CC will take place on **Thursday 13 August 2015** in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7pm. **NOTE THE EARLY START**, which will allow Perth & Kinross Councillors to present about the Local Development Plan before the normal business.

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Portmoak Community Council

The meeting scheduled for 14 July was cancelled.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will take place on **Tuesday 11 August** at 7pm in Portmoak Village Hall.

The CC will be joined by **Uwe Stoneman, Tayside Reserves Manager, from RSPB Loch Leven** to share with the CC the new five-year management plan for RSPB Loch Leven (Vane Farm).

Fossoway & District CC

Fossoway CC did not meet in July.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on **Tuesday 4 August 2015** at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall. All welcome.

Cleish and Blairadam CC

Cleish and Blairadam CC did not meet in July.

The Next Meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on **Monday 3 August 2015** at 7.30pm in the Tabernacle Hall.

Cleish and Blairadam CC normally meets every second month. However, there will be a special meeting on **Monday 7 September 2015** at 7.30pm at Cleish Village Hall to receive a presentation by P&K Cllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert on the Review of the Local Development Plan. (See page 6 for more information.)



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Club & Community Group News



Kinross & District Rotary Club

This month the Rotary Club of Kinross were delighted to have as guests the winners of the Rotary District 1010 Primary School Quiz.



The winning team, from our very own Kinross Primary school, won their way to the final by beating six other local teams, then twelve other area teams and finally winning the Aberdeen final. Over 500 teams took part in the competition. Most impressive was their score in the final, a field-beating 113 out of 120 points! The next best team managed 104 points. The team members, **Joel Dyer, Struan MacLennan, Bethany Powers, Alfie Milligan and Jamie Lennon**, who were accompanied by their Acting Head Teacher, Pauline Smith, all joined us for dinner when we were able to congratulate them on their success and see their impressive trophies. We are very thankful to Rotarian **Simon Byford** for his efforts co-ordinating the team in the competition.



The Kinross Primary School Quiz Team, winners of the Rotary District 1010 Primary School Quiz, with local Rotarians

Also this month, we were honoured to have **Olivia Giles** attend our meeting and tell us about her charity, 500 Miles. Recently, 500 Miles achieved a fundraising milestone in the collection of £520,000! Some of this money was raised by the Rotary Club of Kinross & District when we had our "Big Dinner" event last March. We were able to present Olivia with a



Olivia Miles (centre) receives a cheque for £4,677.50 raised by the Rotary Club

cheque for £4,677.50, which we raised through selling tickets to the dinner, a raffle and a charity auction. The Rotary Club of Kinross & District raised the highest amount out of all Rotary clubs, contributing 25 per cent of the total amount contributed from 88 Scottish Clubs. For more information on

the fantastic work that 500 Miles is doing, please visit their website at www.500miles.co.uk

On 6 July it was the changeover night for the club. This is when we bring in the new committee members for the next twelve months. Outgoing President Eric Williamson welcomed the incoming President, Cliff Megginson, to the post. Cliff spoke of his ideas and wishes for the forthcoming year and introduced us all to the Rotary International theme for 2015/16, which is "Be a gift to the world". This can mean different things to different people, such as the gift of your time to local organisations or the gift of your skills and experience to the community. In the words of the Rotary International President for 2015/16, K R "Ravi" Ravindran, "All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become and be a gift to the world."

This year's winner of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award is Malcolm Mapp. Malcolm was presented the award in appreciation of his contribution to the club over the years and for his attitude and efforts to the furtherance of the Rotary ethos.

We had dinner provided by the Windlestrae and entertainment from a young musician, **Gillian Shackleton**. Gillian is a Kinross singer - songwriter and guitarist and entertained us with several of her own songs and several covers. She has a lot of talent and will definitely go far. I have her autograph already and when she has her first number one I'm going to frame it!



Outgoing President Eric Williamson (centre right) welcoming incoming President Cliff Megginson (centre left). President elect for 2016/17 Malcolm Wood (right) and Winner of Paul Harris Fellowship Award Malcolm Mapp (left)

Don't forget our next big event, **The Mary, Queen of Scots – The Great Escape Boat Race**. There are still plenty of places for teams in the race and the event is developing into a great day out. Keep **Saturday 15 August** free and come down to Loch Leven loch-side and have a great day. See the poster elsewhere in the Newsletter for more information.

Poster on page 5.

Club Correspondents

If sending your submission by **Email**, please put the name of your community group in the **Subject Line** of the Email message. Thank you.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

What a joy to have some warm summer days to spend on away-days in our minibus! Another group have taken part in our ever-popular barge trip at Ratho, some for the first time. We have also taken an afternoon trip through Glen Devon. We are so lucky to have such beautiful places on our doorstep. Even nearer, we had an afternoon of fun and games and kite-flying down at the Kirkgate Park. (No, you're never too old to fly a kite. Remember, you don't stop doing things when you get old, you get old when you stop doing things.) Indoors, we have been entertained by Rab and Lynsey and by an American-themed lunch.

As I write this, we have just celebrated a very special day with Donald and Hilda McCaffer. They have been married for 60 years. Most of our service-users, some family and friends from Whyte Court were able to come and have lunch with them, to be entertained by Pearl's singing and to join in the dancing. A wonderful afternoon was had by all.



Mr & Mrs McCaffer celebrate 60 years of marriage

A small group of service-users meet regularly on Tuesday afternoons to sing with Alex Cant and, on 23 June, they invited the rest of us to a sing-a-long through their repertoire. It was great fun so thank you to them for leading the singing and, of course, to Alex for playing the piano. If you would like to join this merry band, they will start on their new repertoire sometime in August. Phone Nan for details. No high notes guaranteed!

Stop-press: We have just heard that a group of talented youngsters from S2 in Kinross High School have won £3,000 for the Day Centre from the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative, managed, and principally funded in Scotland, by The Wood Foundation. We are completely bowled over to know that our young people will put in such a lot of effort to benefit us. It was a joy for our service-users to meet the youngsters and tell them all that the Day Centre means to us. The school is on holiday at the moment, but hopefully we will have a photo for the next Newsletter.

If you would like to be involved with the Day Centre, as a service-user, a volunteer or as a supporter, speak to Nan Cook on (01577) 863869.

See page 92 for the regular Day Centre programme.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Is this going to be the month when summer finally arrives? Whatever the weather, come out, improve your fitness, enjoy yourself and meet new people. Whether you are new walker, returning to walking or already a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you would like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

Sunday 9 August: Braid Burn & Braid Hills, Edinburgh: 7 miles. A very varied walk offering a quiet glen and a ridge with superb views across Edinburgh and beyond.

Saturday 22 August: A "Mazzle" walk in Pitmedden Forest: 6 miles. A walk in the forest with a difference! There is a possibility of some rough walking. Have fun as part of the group getting the leader back "home".

In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots and waterproofs. Bring water and a packed lunch/warm drink too. For further details and where to meet us, please call our Group Secretary Jacqui Ritchie on 01577 866813.

Kinross & Ochil Short Walks Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

Our Tuesday short walks are continuing throughout the summer. They are usually a maximum of 4 miles, 1½-2 hours, followed by a sociable visit to a coffee shop, farm or pub for refreshments. The walks are aimed at people who are new to walking, would like to extend their walk from a health walk or who would simply like an opportunity to keep fit. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to try walking with us. Come and sample a couple of walks and, if you enjoy them and would like to continue walking, we would ask you to join Kinross & Ochil Ramblers.

We meet in Kinross or you can go straight to the walk start points given below. (If you intend doing the latter, please let the contact person know beforehand). We operate car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car.

Give it a go – enjoy good company and some great walks. Just turn up on the day or ring beforehand – you will be very welcome.

Tuesday 11 August – Errol & the River Tay reed beds

Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30am at car park next to Errol Primary School.

Tuesday 25 August – Scone, Quarrymill Woodland Park & Coronation Road

Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Kinross or 10.30am at Scone Old Church car park.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Thank you all who have contributed to the bench in memory of Tom Buchan. People have been very generous and donations are still coming in. We look forward to taking this project forward. There have been some problems accessing our allocation of plants this year and some of this has been poor communication. Hopefully this has now been sorted out.

The inside of the bus shelter has been given a coat of paint and the bench seats improved. John has completely rebuilt the bench at the foot of Bruce Road beside the bus stop. It is a vast improvement.

Some of the golfers have also been refurbished and placed beside the golf course to celebrate the Open being held in St Andrews. Seven teddy bear picnics have been placed around the village and a trail is available from the shop. There is no charge but donations can be given towards a children's charity in Nepal. Two of the Portmoak Primary classes visited the picnics on their last week of school and many people, both adults and children, have been seen wandering round the village looking for the teddies. The first seven questions can be answered by the children, then they may need help from parents, grandparents or even google to find the other answers. Thanks go to Margaret Paton for providing the quiz questions. We had a litter pick to make sure the village looked good before the festival. It is annoying to see how much is regularly thrown out of cars on the main road.



Emily with teddy bears' picnic at the Michael Bruce Garden

The project to improve the area behind Mrs Clydesdale's bench has now been costed and we will be submitting requests for funding. By next year we hope to have this area completed. Thank you everyone who has written in support of our plans. Work parties continue throughout the summer. Most are Saturday mornings but some are during the week just to keep up with the growth we are experiencing this year. Our vegetables in the Picture Garden have had a few failures and an infestation of snails but other vegetables and herbs are looking good. If you are passing and see something which is ready to eat, please help yourselves.

The Best Village judging will be over by the time you read this. Kinnesswood will be judged as part of the Take a Pride in Perthshire Competition on 4 August. Here's hoping for a lovely day and thank you again to all the residents who helped us do so well last year and continue to keep the village looking so good.

Our next monthly meeting is at the Well Country Inn on **Thursday 6 August** at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome at our work parties.

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Summer Potato Dish

This potato dish combines three ingredients available at this time of year. Serve with chicken or fish or as an addition to the barbecue.

Ingredients

- 900 g potatoes with skins on
- 450 g tomatoes
- Handful of fresh basil leaves
- 1 Onion
- Olive oil
- Seasoning

Method

Score the tomatoes, pour over boiling water, leave for a minute then remove the skins. Chop the flesh.

Slice the potatoes thinly then, in a dish, layer sliced potato, some chopped onion, seasoning and a few torn basil leaves. Repeat till you have used all the ingredients then drizzle a little oil over the surface. Bake in the oven at 375°F (190°C) for about an hour.

Kinross Museum



The Museum has recently received a number of additions to its collection from generous donors. The late Frank Hurley of Milnathort bequeathed several items, including an early box camera, a stereoscopic viewer and stereo images. A collection of papers from solicitors J & G Wilson sheds light on wartime employment of prisoners of war and the accommodation of evacuees in Kinross.

Our 'Reflections on the Great War' exhibition has been updated to include a full 1915 timeline and roll of honour and progress has been made in developing a major new exhibition on the weaving industry in Kinross-shire scheduled to open in the next few weeks.

We have a tent at **Kinross Show** on Saturday 8 August, so why not drop by and see our display on 'Farming Life in Kinross-shire.'

If you would like to support the activities of Kinross (Marshall) Museum by becoming a Friend of the Museum or a Volunteer, visit the Museum Study Room in the Loch Leven Community Campus on a Thursday (10am-8pm) or Saturday (10am-1pm) to find out more.



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Kinross-shire Fifty Plus Club

The next club meeting is on **Thursday 6 August** when the speaker will be **Mr Neil Boddy and friends** from Christian Outreach Centre, Perth.



Away Days in August

Thursday 13th Loch Tummel
Thursday 27th People's Palace, Glasgow

The coach leaves from opposite Green Hotel at 9.15am. Regrettably no advance bookings for trips can be accepted prior to the monthly meeting. Contact: Mary Muirhead 01577 863564.

Summer Outing on Sunday 9 August to Ayr Flower Show.

The all-inclusive price is £36.50 (coach, entrance fee, high tea and tips). There are still seats available. The coach leaves Milnathort at 9am and the Green Hotel at 9.05am. Contact: Mrs Pat Crawford on 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers in August

14th Tentsmuir Forest and Morton Lochs.
28th Beecraigs Country Park and Cockleroy.

Contact: Ian Simpson on 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers in August

7th Carleatheran Hill Richard 0830
21st Loch Skioch Bill (tbc) 0830

Activities

The following are open to all members of the Club:

Line Dancing every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Betty Fergus 01577 866961.

L.U.S.T. The slimmers meet each Thursday, 9.30am to 10.30am, in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Norma Anderson 01577 863548.

The following activities have finished for the season:

Carpet bowls (Helen Duncan 01577 863638); **Craft Group** (Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387); **Fly Tyers** (Ian Campbell 01577 830582); **Keep Fit** (Val Oswald 01577 864020).

Broke Not Broken Public Meeting

Open to everyone
Thursday 20 August, 7pm
Loch Leven Community Campus



We would love you to come along to our next public meeting, and find out what we have been up to. We have lots of exciting news that we want to share with the wider community and we would also welcome your ideas.

A great way to get back into the swing of things after the summer break, we are looking for volunteers, committee members and people with energy, creativity and an interest in the community to get involved.

As well as the public meeting, please Find us and follow us on Facebook.

We will see you there!

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Dobbies Community Champion

At the end of May, our manager David took part in the **Dobbies 150th Anniversary cycle tour**, raising money for our local charities in all the Dobbies stores. Now that his sponsor money has been counted, and with our Fun Day, and donations in store, we have to date raised a **total of £628.90 for the Kinross-shire Day Centre**. Thank you to all who have contributed and helped with our fundraising.

The next **Little Seedlings Club** meeting will be on **Sunday 2 August at 11am**, learning about plants and animals at the seaside. The September meeting will be at the same time on **6 September**. Accompanied children aged 4 to 10 are welcome to join our free club, to have fun learning about gardening and the environment. If you would like to join us, please leave me a message in the store, or on (01577) 863327, so that I know to look out for you.

If your school class or other youth group would like to arrange a visit to Dobbies, for a workshop about growing, please let me know. I could also visit at your meeting place with some fun activities, and, for example, help with Brownie or Cub gardening badges. I can also help any community group to "Get Growing" with a **donation under our "Here we Grow programme"**. I will soon be making a donation to **Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home** of plants for their patio area, and some seeds and equipment for them to grow their own easy salads and vegetable plants.

We will also be supporting the flower show at **Kinross Show on 8 August**, with information about **plants to encourage bees** and other insects, and a **herb quiz** to receive wildflower seeds for your garden. Please come along and say hello, and I will try to answer any questions about wildlife in your garden. We also have a **wildlife treasure hunt for young children** running in the store, and leaflets from the Wildlife Trust with ideas for wildlife garden activities throughout the year. Please just ask about these at the tills.

We are planning an exciting **Wildlife Day** in the store in **early September**. Check the next Newsletter for details.

For any Community growing enquiries contact Amanda James, Community Champion, on (01577) 863327 or by email to community.kinross@dobbies.com.

Kinross in Bloom

The committee and volunteers have all been busy planting up barrels, baskets and containers around the town and these are now all in situ. Planters normally in the town centre have been placed at the end of Springfield Road and in various other locations and we hope you will agree they are adding a refreshing touch of colour in their new settings.

Access to the town centre is going to be restricted during July and August for watering therefore any help from local businesses to water planters outside their shops is greatly appreciated but all efforts will be made by our volunteers to ensure planters and baskets are maintained.

Volunteers to help with watering, planting, fundraising and new ideas are always welcome. The next monthly meeting is **Wednesday 12 August** at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, Kinross.



Newsletter Deadlines

A list of future deadlines can be found on our website
www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association



The twinning link between Kinross and Gacé celebrated 40 years of “togetherness” with a party from Kinross-shire travelling to Normandy for this special twinning visit. A unique gift of a specially designed ceramic plate was presented to the Gacé Twinning Committee by Kinross Twinning chairperson, Jeannie Paterson.

This year’s visit saw the Kinross party celebrate Bastille Day with their Norman neighbours before visiting a local chocolatier and the Bohin needle manufacturing museum the next day.

A special 40th anniversary dinner was held at a local restaurant on the Thursday.

On the Saturday of their visit, a trip to Versailles was arranged to see the spectacular evening show featuring a music and water fountain combination. More details in next month’s Newsletter.

The Kinross Twinning Committee was saddened to hear of the death of long term member and former treasurer, Allan Paterson. Allan was a cornerstone of the Association whose contribution and dedication over the years was considerable.



Kinross Twinning chairperson Jeannie Paterson with the specially designed ceramic plate which was presented to the Gacé Twinning Committee

Portmoak Community Woodland

The Portmoak Community Woodland Steering Group has been seeking inspiration away from home. On Wednesday, 24 June, 10 members of the group went on a fact finding mission to Flanders Moss, to the west of Stirling, to see what a beautifully maintained raised peat bog should look like. We’ve been involved in the restoration of Portmoak Moss for several years now and it was good to get some idea of the kind of place it could be.



The Steering Group explore Flanders Moss, near Stirling

Flanders Moss is a National Nature Reserve managed by Scottish Natural Heritage. On their website they describe it as “a vast expanse of all things damp and wonderful”.

It was certainly damp on the evening of our visit, the ground squelching and shuddering beneath our feet as we plodded across the saturated peat. Luckily the rain stopped just as we arrived and we had stunning views of the carpets of bright, white bog cotton, (or cotton-grass), stretching into the distance.

Our guided tour was organised and led by Kate Sankey who owns West Moss-side organic farm at Thornhill. Some of her farmland is actually on the bog and her “conservation herd” of beautiful Shetland cattle do a brilliant job of munching on any birch regeneration to prevent tree growth and allowing special bog plants to grow. Kate pointed out the carnivorous sundew plant, which traps insects, as well as cranberry with its pink flowers.

The cattle are perfect for the bog conservation job as they are a relatively light breed and don’t sink into the peat. Unfortunately we don’t think we can have Shetland cows on Portmoak Moss as there are too many deep, water-filled ditches.

Together with its owners, the Woodland Trust Scotland, we will continue with our efforts to restore Portmoak Moss. It’s very much smaller than Flanders but just as capable of having all the colourful sphagnum mosses, as well as the other bog-loving plants and the moths and butterflies which are drawn to them.

As well as the Moss, we have been looking after the Portmoak Community Orchard in the Field Abin the Kirk, by Scotlandwell. We’re organising a public **apple identification session** on the afternoon of **Sunday 13 September** with Andrew Lear, also known as “apple tree man”, from Bankfoot in Perthshire. Andrew will be helping us to identify some of our own orchard apples, assuming we get a decent crop, and he’ll also try to identify any apples which people bring from their own gardens. There will be an apple press and home baking. Please look out for all the details in the next edition of the Newsletter.

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Compassion Corner

Our Compassion Group was recently invited by PACT (Perth Action of Churches Together) to give a presentation on the International Charter for Compassion and to report on Kinross-shire's journey to be recognised as a County of Compassion. We were delighted to be able to do so. The presentation reviewed, with the use of slides, the following:

- the expectations of the Charter of Compassion for every aspect of a community (businesses, health care facilities, faith sharing institutions, schools and homes)
- how many organisations, community groups and dedicated volunteers throughout Kinross-shire are showing true compassion in their support of the most vulnerable people in our society. Examples of this are CHAS, The Hub, The Church Centre, The Kinross Volunteer Group, Common Grounds, The Potager Garden, The Anti-Bullying Support Group, The Healing Rooms, the Foodbank, the Talking Donkey and the many church and school support and fundraising projects. These are to name but a few!
- the new Timebank for Kinross-shire, called "Time Exchange", which has been set up by the Compassion Group for the purpose of encouraging individuals to share their time and talents with each other in a caring compassionate way.

We also called on Ann McIntyre, our member from Perth, to comment on the compassionate activities in Perth which support people with disabilities.

The presentation was very well received and comments were made to suggest that Perth ought to join with Kinross in this journey to become recognised as a County of Compassion.

Our hope is that more community groups will call upon us for a presentation. The next one will be made to The Hub on **Monday 3 August** and to Kinross CC on **Wednesday 5 August**.

To book a presentation, or for more information about the Time Exchange, please call Marg Meade 01577 863557 or email time-exchange@kinross.cc. *or* come along to a Compassion Group meeting. **Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month from September.**

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Time Exchange

For the past few months, our Time Exchange management group has been trailing information about what we hope will become a new and lasting feature of life in the already compassionate and "Friendly County" of Kinross-shire.

Our first information meeting (following on from a "tester" gathering at the campus in October 2014) took place on the windiest and wettest day in February. Around 30 brave people ventured out to the Parish Church and left with information about what our small group is committed to getting off the ground.

Thanks to the success of our application to Perth & Kinross Council for set-up funding, we plunged into the world of professionally produced publicity material and unveiled (or unfurled) our Time Exchange banners and leafleted the public at the Feel Good Fair at the campus in early May.

Since May, leaflets have been distributed around Kinross and Milnathort and will be arriving in other villages and locations near you over the coming weeks. Look out for them at the Kinross Day Centre, Milnathort Post Office, the Library at the campus, the Health Centre, the Bank of Scotland, Kinross, Hunters the Butcher, and Whyte Court (Hanover Housing) to name but a few locations.

Already, people who have registered are beginning to swap their talents and needs. We are realistic about the pace of growth (currently we are in "holiday" mode) but are encouraged by people's enthusiasm for the project when they hear of the joys of giving and receiving help in exchange for time credits. These allow us to try new things or get assistance with things we can't do because of time pressure, new needs or the kind of unforeseen events that happen in life.

Spreading the word about what Kinross-shire Time Exchange can offer the community (and complement what is already happening in this "friendly county") is something our little group is deeply committed to. And so, our two current brokers, Barbara and Susan, aided and abetted by the members of our group, will begin regularly to meet people at key locations over the coming months. Look out for us at: **Kinross Day Centre** (High Street) on the second and fourth Mondays in August, September and October, between 10am and 11am. That means we will be loitering with intent, and with a cuppa, on **Monday 10 and Monday 24 August**. Please come and join us, ask the questions you might have, and join up!

We will also be enjoying coffee and cake at **Common Grounds, Milnathort** (Guide Hall, Church Street) on the first and third Saturday of each month, between 10am and 11am. Why not drop in on either **Saturday 8 and Saturday 22 August** and meet us!

And there's more! One of our brokers will be going to meet the folks at the Kinross Carers' Cafe and Hub, at St Paul's, Muirs, on **Monday 3 August**. We will meet and share our project with Kinross CC and members of the public on **Wednesday 5 August** at 7.30pm, in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross. Other invitations to speak on our favourite topic are welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you in Kinross or Milnathort over the coming months!

For further information on how to join, email time-exchange@kinross.cc or follow us on Facebook at Kinross-shire Time Exchange.





Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Coaltown Daisies support Big Country in Kinross

Folk duo The Coaltown Daisies greatly impressed the judges at the Big Country Support Act Competition in June with a wonderful performance on the decking at The Boathouse. They will support Big Country on **21 November** at the Community Campus (8pm). Tickets for Big Country are for sale through our website www.kinrossmusicfestival.co.uk, Milnathort Post Office and Macbeth Currie Estate Agents.



Coaltown Daisies will support Big Country, the headline act at Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

Be part of Kinross-shire's Winter Festival

This year we're hoping for an inspiring festival again, and we'd love you to be involved! We'd particularly like to encourage local groups, businesses or individuals to organise events or activities that could be part of the festival. This can be a Halloween event, a Santa's grotto, Christmas concerts, film showings, dinners, ceilidhs, events at the festive street market or other festive celebrations. We can promote the events in the festival brochure in the events calendar or as a special feature. For more information, please email info@kleo.org.uk

Come and sing The Pirates of Penzance!

Join experienced choir leader Peter Rutterford as he guides you through an afternoon of choral discovery with Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera 'The Pirates of Penzance'. We welcome all singers, whether experienced or beginners, to sing in the choir. The event takes place on **Sunday 15 November**, with the rehearsal from 2pm to 5pm and the performance at 7pm at the Kinross Parish Church. Costs are £15 for singers and £10 for the audience at the concert in evening. If interested in taking part, please e-mail your details to info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

Festive Street Market

If you're a local trader, crafts person or community group, you might consider a stall at the Festive Street Market on **Saturday 28 November** from 4pm to 7pm. While this market event will go ahead, we have not yet finalised our decision as to the location. Like last year, stall fees are £30 for businesses and £15 for charities or community groups. For a booking form for this event, please email info@kleo.org.uk

Other events at the Festival

- **Day's Singing Workshop** with Irene Railley, Saturday 24 October, 10.30am-4pm, Kinross Parish Church.
- **Another Night On Broadway**, Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November, 7pm at the community campus.
- **Pirates of Penzance in a day**, Sunday 15 November, 7pm (for singers 2-5pm) at the Kinross Parish Church.
- **Kinross-shire's Got Talent**, Friday 20 November, 7pm at the community campus.
- **Big Country**, Saturday 21 November, 8pm at the community campus).
- **Choirs Together**, Mon 16 November, 7pm at campus.
- **Festive Street Market**, Sat 28 November, 4pm-7pm.

Leven Voices

Leven Voices will start again on **Tuesday 15 September** with Horsecross Arts Tutor Alice Marra. Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. All sessions take place on Tuesdays, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go (£4 or £3 concession). Just come along, sing and enjoy!

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Kinross & District Art Club

Although the Art Club doesn't hold weekly painting sessions during the summer, we have been busy with other activities! A trip to Pitlochry Festival Theatre to see the performance of "The Lady in the Van" was combined with calling in at Dunkeld to view the impressive annual Cathedral Art Exhibition, in which five of our members had paintings on display. There was also the opportunity to view the paintings in the gallery of the theatre in which one of our artists is a popular exhibitor. KADAC members with spouses and friends all thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing. We have also recently had the second of two very successful outdoor painting days organised by Club member John



Tydeman. 7 July started out as another dull and unpromising day but later the sun came out and the intrepid artists were rewarded with a beautiful day for painting in the lovely gardens of Boreland House. They also enjoyed wonderful hospitality, including homemade cake and drinks in the summer house, provided by our hosts, Margaret and Neil Kilpatrick.

From now until September there will be intense activity getting ready for our annual Exhibition. Don't miss **Opening Night on Wednesday 9 September** in Kinross Parish Church, followed by the exhibition on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For more information about our club, visit www.kadac.co.uk or ring Glenys on **07702 572664**.



KADAC Members outside Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Portmoak Gala, Saturday 27 June

This year the Portmoak Gala was "under new management", with long-standing organiser Sandra Davidson handing over the reins to Michelle Robertson. Michelle has lived in Portmoak since the end of last year, and has links to the local community stretching back several years.

The day of the Gala was fine and sunny, which was a great relief considering the somewhat inclement weather we have had to suffer for most of this summer! Everyone had a great time, especially the children who got to play on two particularly impressive bouncy castles. Congratulations, Michelle, on the success of your first Gala - here's to many more of them!



Gala Queen Caitlin Quinn flanked by flower girls Skye Robertson and Jaya Verden-Anderson

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2015 Programme of Events at the Campus

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair, Saturday 15

August: There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from **9.30am – 4pm** with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking please contact: Angus on 07944 416565. Stalls are £15 and will now include Vintage and Retro Stalls.

An Evening with Mark Beaumont, Thu 3 September:
Please see page 25 for details.

Further Events in 2015

Sat 12 Sep	Fife Craft Association Craft Fair
Sept/Oct	Afternoon Tea Dance (event tbc)
Sat 19 Sep	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair
Sat 17 Oct	Fitsteps Masterclass with Ian Waite (tbc)
Sat 17 Oct	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair
Sat 3 Oct	Car Boot / Indoor Table Top Sale
Sat 7 Nov	Campus Winter Festival Craft & Gift Fair
Nov	Festival events. See page 47.
Sat 28 Nov	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair
Sun 13 Dec	Kinross-shire Churches Together
Sat 19 Dec	Antiques, Vintage, Retro & Collectors Fair

Workshops and Classes at the Campus

Happy Hookers! – Crochet Classes

Basic Crochet Classes: There will be a new course starting on **Monday 10 August** from 7pm to 9pm running for eight weeks with instruction from Sandra Farrer. The course is £40 and places must be booked in advance. This course will cover basic stitches and techniques including puff stitch, popcorns

and bobbles. You will learn to crochet a granny square, basic flowers and follow a basic pattern. Please contact Sandra Farrer on 01337 868754 / 07523550014 or sandra_farrer@yahoo.com for details.

Intermediate Christmas Crochet Classes: Sandra will also run this new course starting on **Wednesday 12 August** from 7pm to 9pm running for eight weeks. This course is £50 and places must be booked in advance. This course is suitable only for those who are confident in crochet stitches ss sc dc hdc and tr, and able to follow basic patterns. Please contact Sandra Farrer (contact details above) for more information.

Basic Sewing Skills Course

This eight-week course will start on **Monday 10 August** from 7pm to 9pm with instruction from Maureen Prior. Cost of the course is £40 and places must be booked. This course will initially cover basic sewing skills, before covering sewing projects such as scissor hangers, specs cases, shopping bags and laundry bags. Classes will then move onto more advanced projects such as soft furnishings.

For more information or to book a place on the course, please contact Gerry (contact details above).

Recycled Crafts Classes & Workshops

This six-week course will start on **Saturday 22 August** from 11am to 1pm with instruction from Teresa Widd. Cost of the course is £30 and places must be booked. There will be a different theme each week to include bunting, “What can I do with Plastic Bottles?”, revamping old clothes, rag rug making, mini quilt making and more.

In addition, Teresa will be holding a separate one-day **Rag Rug Making Workshop** on **Saturday 15 August** from 10.30am to 3.30pm. The cost of the Workshop is £35 and places must be booked.

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Common Grounds

June's project lunch saw a welcome return of David and Helen Lyth with an update on the Kogere schools water project in Uganda. Their enthusiasm and the bright smiling faces beaming from the slides conveyed just how worthwhile our efforts are and the difference that can be made thousands of miles away. Thanks to all volunteers and friends who made the lunch so successful and enjoyable, while raising £260. Helen also brought some very attractive jewellery, all made from recycled magazines! Needless to say, they were quickly snapped up by the ladies. Remember we are open in the holidays so do, please, pop in!



David and Helen Lyth, pictured with Convener Elspeth Caldwell, gave an update on the Kogere schools water project in Uganda

Project: Our project for July is Kuffin Farm, Jarreng Village Project in Gambia. The farm project is making a positive difference to around 300 people in the village of Jarreng. In the two years since it began, the ground has been transformed from an overgrown area of scrub to a highly productive, cultivated area of farmland which has been fenced and planted with trees. Our donation will go towards installing a borehole, training, fencing, buildings to house the equipment and facilities for a poultry and bee unit, as well as solar panels. Our project for August is Lepra and our donation will help Lepra eradicate leprosy in the Zambezia Province in Mozambique, which has around 4 million people. Leprosy is a curable disease and £15 helps train a health worker to diagnose the symptoms at an early stage and start treatment for the leprosy itself and the associated condition of lymphatic filariasis (elephantitis) which equally causes great distress and disability.

Project Lunch: We hope to have a project lunch in early September with a speaker from Lepra; more details next month.

Our website address is now again www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

Our opening hours are still 10am – 1pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

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

Kinross & District Junior Agricultural Club

This month Kinross have been busy with competitions. First of all however, Kinross JAC had a coffee morning which was successful and had a good turnout from the public. All proceeds went to charity.

We had a clay pigeon shoot on the 7 June at Athronhall. A few of the young members turned up to get a feel for shooting. Also, Kinross took part in the east region rally. We came third with a good effort from all club members who took part. The annual golf competition was held in Dollar. Kinross won, with Gav Hardie winning best scratch score.

We also had a club exchange with Kelso young farmers on 17-19 July.

For more information, look for us on Facebook by searching Kinross and district JAC.



Gav Hardie, who had best scratch score in the annual golf competition

Kinross Garden Group

Members enjoyed their day out to Crathes Castle NTS Banchory in July. We were blessed with good weather and the gardens looked their best after quite a bit of rain over the previous days. A good time was had by all.

Our next trip is to Culzean Castle, a National Trust for Scotland property on the Ayrshire Coast. This will be on **Thursday 13 August**. Contact Mrs C Rodger on 01577 863785 for details.



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Kinross High School

Kinross High School raised a total of £14,373 for Teenage Cancer Trust for this year. Pupils, staff and parents all contributed to this magnificent effort, some of which has been reported in the Newsletter.

They have chosen Alzheimer Scotland as their charity for the new academic year.

Hugh Cairnie, DHT
Kinross High School

For the High School Awards, see page 74.



Kinross High School Parent Council

Clerk: Jennifer Sneddon 0794 667 9815
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As it is now early August, thoughts are moving to the return to school, or the move to the big school for the new pupils. We are also getting ready to welcome our new Headteacher, Sarah Brown. So it's a time for new beginnings and fresh outlooks for many.

This is also a time when items of school uniform are purchased. Guidance on the school uniform can be found in the School Handbook and also on the KHS website. Parents often find that their ideas of acceptable school attire and those of their children differ a little. A little compromise may be required on both sides, but all should bear in mind that uniform choices should not distract pupils from their prime task of learning at school. One parent once commented that "we dress appropriately for work so pupils should dress appropriately for the business of learning". Good luck with the task of finding uniform items that meet everyone's needs!

With around 200 new S1 pupils expected at KHS, perhaps some of their parents might consider supporting them by joining the Parent Council. Any parent or guardian of a KHS pupil is welcome to join. Information is available on the KHS website. Even if you cannot commit the time to join us, if there is ever a general issue you would like raised about the school, please contact the Clerk with details and it can be discussed. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the school in the first instance. Parent Council meetings for the 2015/2016 session have still to be confirmed, but the first meeting is tentatively planned for **Monday 7 September**. If you would like to attend, please contact the Clerk to confirm.

Current office bearers of the Parent Council are: William Nicholls (Chair), Kay Mitchell (Vice Chair) and Allan Miller (Treasurer).

Milnathort Primary School and Nursery Parent Council

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 14 September**. See page 83 for more details.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

June Draw

1st	No 28	Margaret Baird, Righead House, Ballingry
2nd	No 38	Mary Nisbet, Kinnesswood
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Planning breaches

Kinross-shire Civic Trust has written twice in recent weeks to PKC to express concern over the Council's lack of effective and timely action in cases where developers have breached planning laws. The Council seems to have a very weak approach to breaches and prefers to negotiate a solution to the breaches, rather than insist that the development be carried out as required under the Planning Act.

Main Issues Report

The Perth and Kinross Development Plan is currently under review. This is a very important part of the planning process that has implications for everybody in Kinross-shire as it designates areas for development, e.g. large housing site allocations, land for employment use etc.

The knock-on impact of additional housing, for instance, puts greater demand on school and medical facilities to cope with the expansion in population. New development also increases traffic volumes. In this way new development will impact of the whole community beyond the boundaries of sites chosen.

The process allows for everyone to engage and have their say and the next major step is the preparation of a Main Issues Report (MIR). This, in effect, is a draft plan and again at this point the public can engage and make comment or object to proposals. This document is likely to be published in the autumn.

It is important for members of the community to acquaint themselves with the process and have their say in how Kinross-shire should develop. The details of the plan and its progress and programme can be seen on the Council's website at www.pkc.gov.uk/ldp2.

Cllr Mike Barnacle will be making a presentation to the Civic Trust on the new Local Plan at the end of September, date and venue to be confirmed. Members of the Trust and any non-members will all be very welcome to attend. This will be a very welcome opportunity to raise questions about the Plan. Kinross-shire Civic Trust will be following the process closely and making submissions at every available stage.

Kinross Show

The Trust will have a stand at the Kinross Show on Saturday 8 August. Please visit us to find out more about the work of the Civic Trust.

Best Kept Village Competition

Judging takes place while this Newsletter is at press, so the results will be announced in the September issue.

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Boys Brigade and Scouts

Twenty-six members of the 1st Kinross BB and 1st Kinross Scouts enjoyed a seven-day adventure camp at Kinraig on the shores of Loch Insh in July.



This is the sixth time youngsters from Kinross have enjoyed the rugged outdoor experience that Kinraig and its surrounding area provides since their first camp back in 1989. Baggage was unpacked and the first inspection of the week saw marks being awarded for cleanliness, neatness and presentation, these marks eventually deciding the "Best Camper" award at the end of the week.

After enjoying a cooked meal, a variety of individual indoor games competitions started. The Saturday evening concluded with evening prayers based on the theme of "a toolbox for life" focusing the youngsters' minds on the qualities and experiences they require to prepare them for life in the "adult world."

On Sunday morning the group marched in uniform to Insh Parish Church for the 9.30am morning service, which elaborated on the disciples' trust in Jesus.

Later on, the group went to Aviemore for a train trip to Boat of Garten. Having enjoyed lunch on the train, the group then took the four-mile walk to the RSPB centre at Loch Garten, where they learned about the life of the famous osprey.

Monday morning saw the group split for three activities: hill walking, mountain biking and kayaking. The hill walkers tackled Ben McDui, Britain's second highest peak, whilst the bikers performed a circuit taking in Feshie Bridge and Ruthven Barracks. Kayakers enjoyed the waters of Loch Insh. The groups tried out different activities the next day: one cycling to Loch an Eilein, another exploring Aviemore and the third kayaking on Loch Insh.

On Wednesday the group headed to Kingussie Crags where they enjoyed a day of rock climbing and abseiling, led by Ian Pert of Hedz Up.

On Thursday one group went hill walking up Cairngorm whilst a second group took in the delights of the Highland Folk Museum at Newtonmore, especially enjoying the experience of the 1930s schoolroom.

On Friday the party travelled to Carrbridge, spending the

day at the Landmark Centre before enjoying high tea at the Carrbridge Hotel. An added evening attraction was the appearance of a large number of strange vehicles from Holland, taking part in a "Garbage Run." A total of 550 vehicles, costing no more than £300 each, had set out from Rotterdam, travelling up to Inverness, then Aberdeen, before heading south again for the ferry back to Rotterdam.

Friday evening saw the traditional camp concert, with each tent performing a routine. Following the concert and evening prayers the various awards were presented to eager recipients:

Mountain	
Bike Challenge:	Ailsa Bennet
Connect 4:	Fraser Barbour
Chess:	Andrew Clark
Draughts:	Fraser Barbour
French Boules:	Jack Watson
Darts:	Jack Watson
Best Tent:	Tent 2 (Fraser Barbour, George Milne, Struan Bennet, Callum Hutson, Sara Summers and Claire Wilson).
Best Camper:	4th Chris Cassells (703 points) 3rd Jack Watson (706 points) 2nd George Milne (720 points) 1st Fraser Barbour (725 points)



BB and Scouts in uniform prior to church service

Saturday morning saw the party pack up all their gear and head for home, stopping off at Killiecrankie visitor centre and Soldier's Leap before arriving back in Kinross at 4pm to be collected by parents.

We all had a great week and experienced a wide variety of activities. Next year's camp is already booked for Valkenburg in Holland. It will be a different type of summer camp altogether.

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Tay Valley Gymnastics Club

Live Active Perth and Kinross Floor and Vault Competition (in partnership with Perth and Kinross Gymnastics Development Group)

Bells Sports Centre, 21 June

Well done to the twelve individual gymnasts from our club who took part in above competition.

Participants from our club entered various age categories and were placed as follows: Age 8: **Rachel S (1st), Elizabeth S (2nd)**. Both are in their first year of competing. Age 10-11: **Emily Cumming (2nd), Megan Widely (6th)**. Age 12 and over: **Holly Mewse (4th)**.

Congratulations to all who placed and everyone who competed. Thank you to all the gymnasts in the club who have worked hard, and who have improved over the past year. We hope that everyone has a great summer. The club starts again in August 2015.

Any enquiries, please contact **01738 472244** or email Lmunro@pkc.gov.uk



Tay Valley gymnasts who competed at the Live Active competition on 21 June

Live Active Loch Leven Gymnastics

Live Active Perth and Kinross Floor and Vault Competition

Congratulations to our recreational gymnasts who competed in the above competition.

This year saw the highest number of entries with over thirty gymnasts taking part, many for the first time. Particular congratulations go to **Struan Robertson** who was second in the Under 12 Boys category.

Great work from everyone in the recreational classes both in competitions and in classes generally. Everyone has improved greatly over the past couple of terms as harder skills are being introduced. Keep up the good work, everyone, and see you all in the new term.

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Kinross Tennis Club

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Wimbledon has come and gone for another year. Some club members managed a trip down to London to enjoy it first hand. The rest of us supported Andy from afar whilst munching on Scottish strawberries at half the price and popped to the courts to practise with TV tennis tips fresh in our minds! Maybe Wimbledon has inspired you to pick up a racket?

Our first **summer junior camp** was a huge success and bookings are flowing in for the second camp taking place week commencing **10 August** (ages 10 and under from 10.30am to 12.30pm daily and the over 10s from 1pm to 3pm daily). **Non-members are welcome**, daily rates available too. Please email kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com for further information.

The autumn term time block of junior coaching will commence on **Friday 21 August** with sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays. Full details will be emailed to members shortly.

Subject to demand, we may be able to organise some **adult coaching** to run in tandem with the next school term. If you are at all interested, please email Margaret, details below.

Our ladies six-player team completed their Tennis Tayside division one season, finishing last with only two wins from eight; suffice to say that holidays and injuries played their part and division 2 beckons next season! The ladies four-player team fared much better in the first season of this league, finishing top with six wins and two draws. Our gents six-player team were relegated two divisions after conceding two matches. However, the four-player team enjoyed the much shorter match nights and have won four and lost four matches, finishing mid-table. **We desperately need ladies and gents for our league teams – can we interest you?**

The mixed Tennis Tayside leagues are now underway. In Division 2 this season, Kinross 1 have managed two wins so far against Blairgowrie and WANT (Wormit & Newport Tennis). Unfortunately, our second team in division 3 found the going tough at Falkland and Scone, but have time yet to find their rhythm. The ladies have also entered the Perth & District league, so hopefully positive results will soon be flooding in for that!

The club championships are soon to be upon us. Finals days are **Saturday 22 August** for minis, **29 August** for juniors and **Sunday 13 September** for seniors. Full details are on the clubhouse notice-boards and you may yet have time to sign up, so why not give it a try? It's the taking part that counts (though winning is always nice!).

Thank you to everyone who donated Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers – some new mini rackets and balls have been ordered.

Club nights continue on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 10.30am and the Thursday afternoon social session at 1.30pm has resumed and is open to non-members too, so why not pop down and join in?

As ever, new members are always welcome and enquiries can be made to our secretary Margaret Hamblin on 01577 850252 or at kinrosstennis@gmail.com. Visitors are also welcome; keys are available from Sands the Ironmongers for a small fee.



Fossoway AFC

Season 2014/15 proved to be a difficult and demanding season for Fossoway. Playing in the high standard of Fife Premier Division, games were of a competitive and demanding nature. After a difficult season, the club were delighted to retain their status in the premier league.

During the season the club lost coach **Bobby Port** due to business commitments and the players were left to organise and run the team for the remainder of the season. Particular praise must be given to **Iain Robertson, Stephen Gallacher, Ryan McLean** and **Derek Reid**. They certainly now know what it takes to run an amateur football club.

Honours for the season were player of the year and players' player, which were won by goal keeper **Scott Robertson**. Again, local man **Scott Sneddon** finished the top goal scorer. Sadly, during the course of the season **Derek Reid** finally succumbed to severe injury and has now retired from the game.

I am delighted to say that **Allan Moodie** has taken over the position of coach and will be assisted by **Andy McFarlane** and ex players **Iain Robertson** and **Derek Reid**. A welcome return to the club by **Ewan Baillie** will surely bolster the organisation for Fossoway for season 2015/2016.

Allan is particularly keen to attract any local players and he is available on 07512 285259.

Any members of the local area keen to join the committee, please contact Ewan Baillie on 07704 064575 or Sandy Fraser, Secretary, on 07851 204165.

Kinross Bowling Club

The bowling season is going well, despite the changeable weather.

Friendlies were played against Falkland at Kinross and against Carnbo at Carnbo. Both games were enjoyed by all playing, with a win against Falkland and a defeat at Carnbo.

We have played two one-day competitions.

The J Wallace Men's Trophy was won by **G M Rennie**. The runner-up was **I Christophers**. **The G Waddell Ford Mixed Competition** was won by **R Moffat**. The runner-up was **Jenny Nelson**.

The G Smith Mixed Pairs is to be played on 18 July. We still have several more friendly games to be played, and County Golden Age is to be played on 21 July against Tulliallan at Kinross.

The SWRI had a competition on our green on 28 June, with twelve ladies triples competing for the top spot in the area. A very good day's bowling was won by Comrie 2 team of Julie Carrigan, Morag Paterson and Helena Kelly (skip).

Anne Bell and Sheila Rennie are still playing in Clackmannanshire County Ladies Association Top Ten Competition with the last district game to be played at Kirkliston on 4 August – well done Clack. County Ladies Association and good lunch in the final.

We have our **Ladies Open Pairs** (yearly) competition on **Sunday 9 August**, with 24 ladies pairs competing again this year. We are hoping for a nice sunny day. This competition is sponsored by **A & J Nelson, Robert Purvis Plant Hire and Meiklem Drainage**. Many thanks to them, as without their sponsorship we couldn't go ahead with this Open Pairs.

Top Award for Kinross Volleyball Club

Kinross Volleyball Club has been presented with their Development level PACE accreditation, the top level awarded to clubs for organisation, planning and community involvement.

The club's committee has been working with PKC's Sports Development Team to ensure they are a safe and progressive club which meets the highest standards in sport.

Dave Munro, in particular, has done a tremendous amount of work to secure PACE accreditation for the club by offering support both on and off the court.

Dave coaches aspiring young players at the club on Monday evenings and Wednesday lunchtimes and afternoons at Kinross High School. He has also taken a central role in ensuring the club has updated policies to drive positive development for all club members.

Although the volleyball season is over, the club continues to meet on **Monday evenings** offering free sessions. The sessions take place on the grass area to the rear of Loch Leven Community Campus from 7pm to 8.30pm (weather permitting).

Club members are currently preparing for the **De Haan Volleyball Tournament in Belgium** which will take place over the weekend of 15 – 16 August.

For more information on the Perth & Kinross Accredited Club Excellence Scheme, contact the Sports Development Team on (01738) 472236 or via email at pkcspport@pkc.gov.uk. For enquiries about Kinross Volleyball Club, contact Dave on (01577) 862126.



Dave Munro receiving the PACE certificate from Martyn Horsfield at Sports Development

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Kinross Colts

Kinross Colts have had a busy 2015 so far. The club continues to expand with the addition of another new age group for kids born in 2007. The 2007 team match strip has been sponsored by local company "The Seventy Group" so many thanks to them for their support to the club. They have already completed the first half of the Soccer 5's FSSDA league season.

In other team news for the other younger age groups, the 2006 squad is going from strength to strength with the completion of a successful trip to take part in the Den Bosch Easter Cup in Holland, finishing fourth.

The 2005 team have recently formed a second squad of eleven kids, which takes the total 2005 age group up to twenty-three kids. The second squad start their first "official" matches in the FSSDA Soccer 7s league in August.

The 2004 squad would also like to say thank you to Cashmere of Loch Leven for sponsorship.

The Colts girls' team would like to thank their new sponsor



Kinross Colts Girls Team

Hatricks Bruce for their support.

Girls' football is going from strength to strength and the club is looking for girls going into S3 after the holidays down to P6 who may be interested in playing football.

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Kinross Colts 2007s



Kinross Colts 2004s

Orwell Bowling Club

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I can't believe that we are so far into the season already with some of our internal competitions nearing the final stages and most of our external competitions complete.

As usual, we are having mixed results with our friendly inter-club games but I can say we are playing them in the spirit of friendship – and winning more than we are losing!

Within the club we have had some success in external competitions.

B Russell, J Taylor and A Lloyd won the district Scottish triples through in Alva but were runners-up in the area final played through in Stirlingshire. Very well done to them for doing so well.

Our gents' senior Scottish rink also did well by getting through to the district final. They were runners-up on the night.

J Reekie and M Hooper were runners-up in the Clackmannan County Ladies two-bowl pairs competition. The ESWBA final takes place at Guardbridge on 4 August with **S Fullerton, J Jackson and J Menzies** participating.

At club level, we have had our Scott trophy competition with **W Dewar** as runner-up and **M Hamilton** as winner after a good day of bowling.

OPEN PAIRS will go ahead on **16 August**. Entries are still welcome, especially from our members.

The **QUIZ NIGHT** on **15 August** is open to all. It is £2.50 per person with a maximum of four in a team. Tickets are available by contacting the club. Details are also on posters displayed in both Kinross and Milnathort.

Kinross Otters

Scottish Schools National Relay Swimming Finals 2015

Tollcross International Swimming Centre, Glasgow, 17 June



There was only one team this year representing the Kinross area in the above competition, which was held in the same venue as last year's Commonwealth Games. They were the senior boys team from **Kinross High School** who have had such success in previous years by striking double gold on three previous occasions. This year was to be different, with a slightly different team and, as this was an open event, they were all at least a year younger.

The team consisted of Otters **Cameron McCloskey** and **Conor McCormick**, **Aaron Gillon** (former Otter, retired six months ago) and **Grant Ogilvie** (InCAS from Dalgety Bay area). They qualified for the final with ease in the 4 x 50m Freestyle event, out of 21 teams. They finished in 6th place overall in 1.44.27. In the 4 x 50m Medley event they again qualified for the final easily out of 20 teams and finished 5th overall in 1.57.14.

The highlights were a new Otters' short course club record for **Cameron McCloskey** in the first 50m of the Freestyle heat (25.79 secs) and some superb swims from the retired **Aaron Gillon** (although you never could have guessed). Not bad. Roll on next year!

Scottish National Open Swimming Championships 2015 Tollcross International Swimming Centre, Glasgow, 25 -28 June

This event is the pinnacle of swimming in Scotland. It attracts the best of British: Aimee Willmott, Robbie Renwick, Stephen Milne, Siobhan O'Connor, Liam Tancock, Michael Jamieson, Ross Murdoch and Hannah Miley, to name but a few. This year was no exception with Commonwealth medallists all

over the place. There were many non-Scottish entries and it was odd for our Otters to be competing directly with the very best in the world.....although not always in the same heat!

Only two Otters actually made it to the blocks. They were **Iona Crawford** (15), the breaststroke specialist in the 50m, 100m and 200m and **Cameron McCloskey** (17). Cameron surprised himself by qualifying for the 50m freestyle with very little training indeed. They both qualified for the afternoon sessions for younger or slower swimmers.

In her afternoon slot, **Iona** came 23rd out of 63 in the 200m breaststroke. This was a new Otters' club record of 2.58.33, shaving 0.01 of a second off her own mark. She also came 26th out of 45 in the 100m in 1.24.43 and 45th out of 56 in the 50m in 39.34 seconds.

In his afternoon session **Cameron** came 29th out of 38 in the fastest event of all, the 50m freestyle, in 26.14 seconds.

Both swam adequately well without setting the world alight and both know they can go considerably faster. Well done to Iona and Cameron because even qualifying for an event such as this is a considerable achievement.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our long-standing committee member **Amanda Reid**, who will be helping out at the 2015 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Swimming World Championships to be held in Scotland at the superb Tollcross International Swimming Centre from 13 to 19 July. Over 580 athletes from nearly 70 countries will be competing.

Congratulations and good luck to **Sarah Coutts**, who has been selected to race for Scotland in the Inter-regional Triathlon Championships in London in August

Congratulations and good luck to **Rory Nesbitt** who will captain the Scotland Boys 2002 Water Polo team in the BWMF Cup in Lloret De Mar in Spain at the end of August.

We are very proud of our swimmers and members and their amazing achievements.

Milnathort Golf Club

Ladies Section

Our season progresses with some good results from our competitions although playing conditions have not always been so good.

The winners over the past month are:

13 June, Centenary Cup, mixed competition, winning lady: Catriona Marshall.

15 June, Stark Quaich round 2: Jackie Sneddon gross 77 nett 65, Margaret Johnston gross 95 nett 67.

22 June, SLGA round 3: Karen Allan gross 88 nett 71, Elma McCulloch gross 96 nett 73.

29 June, Thistle Brooch: Rhona Wilson gross 87 nett 69, Karen Allan gross 86 nett 69.

6 July, Jean Gardener Trophy: Fiona Smith gross 89 nett 71, Gwen Tate gross 91 nett 71.

8 July, 18 hole Stableford: Evelyn Jackson 33pts, Margaret Johnson 31 pts.

8 July, 9 hole Qual. Stableford: Lorna Robertson 16 pts, Moira Brady 14pts.

13 July, Stark Quaich: Jackie Sneddon gross 83 nett 72, Karen Allan gross 89 nett 73.

15 July, 3 clubs plus putter: Gillian Pemberton gross 88 nett 73, Helen Payne gross 95 nett 75.

Saturday 29 August, LADIES OPEN: entries now being received.

Kinross Badminton Club

The club reopens for the start of the new season on **Tuesday 11 August**. Once again we will be playing at the Loch Leven Community Campus. This season we have three courts on a Tuesday and Thursday night from 8pm to 9.45pm. As always we will welcome any new members. All standards of play are welcome.

Our Junior club starts up again on **Thursday 3 September**. They also play at the campus and meet every Thursday 6pm to 8pm.

The committee meeting will be held on **Monday 10 August**, when the committee will discuss the previous season and ideas for the upcoming season. The date for the AGM will also be decided at the meeting.

Finally, the committee hopes that all of our members are having a great summer and are making the most of their time off. We hope to see you all back in August.

As always, for more information contact our President Rory Cooper on: rorycooper4692@googlemail.com

Alternatively, contact our honorary President Bill Macdonald on (01577) 862592 or contact the Junior Secretary Alison Walker on (01592) 840392.

Also check out the club's Facebook page for extra information.

Kinross Hockey Club

Kinross Hockey Club is excited to announce that we will be holding our very first **Club Day on Saturday 22 August at KGV**. There will be a tournament ongoing from 11am which is open to all players of any ages and stages. There will also be food available in the clubhouse as well as a tombola and raffle. The cost of entry is £5 per person and is payable on the day. We would welcome any new players who would be interested in joining the club, along with current and past members and friends. For further information, please contact Vicki Alexander on 07761 228108. We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer is the quieter season at the club with no matches but mixed summer hockey training on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm till 9pm. The sessions are fun and a help keep your fitness and skills intact for the new season and if you are interested in trying hockey again, this is a great opportunity. Training for the **ladies** will recommence on **Wednesday 12 August** at 6.30pm and the **men** on **Tuesday 18 August** at 7.30pm.

The club has been busy, though, preparing for the new season and our future. Our new website is up and running, and if you haven't already taken a look please do so: www.kinrosshockey.org. Monty has done a sterling job with it and for those who Twitter and Facebook you can see our presence there too.



The Young Farmers recently donated £1000 towards a new hockey pitch

Our fundraising activities for a new pitch are gaining momentum. We recently received a cheque for £1000 from Kinross & District Junior Agricultural Club and would like to thank them sincerely for this donation. The Young Farmers use the KGV pitch for their own hockey activities and for national tournaments so would miss the pitch if it were to fold, but they also do amazing work for lots of worthwhile causes so we are extremely grateful for their generous support.

We are hoping to have stall at the **Kinross Show on Saturday 8 August** so would love to see you there. Please stop by and find out what we have to offer. We'll have some home baking for sale, but don't aspire to worry the ladies in the WRI tent!

Further information on Kinross Hockey Club can be found at www.kinrosshockey.org

Kinross Rugby Club

Juniors

Midi rugby (secondary school), training has commenced on **Tuesday evenings** from 7pm, and new players will be welcome.

Mini rugby (Primary school year P1 (must be age 5) to year P7) training and new season registration will take place on **Saturday 22 August** from 10.45am in the clubhouse. All new players, both boys and girls, will be welcome.

Seniors

The senior playing section is now back into pre-season training, with all new members welcome on **Tuesday and Thursday nights** from 7pm, at the KGV playing fields in Kinross.

Numbers have been good, and with the season commencing in **early September**, hopes are high that the excellent numbers continue to allow the club to have a strong season in the SRU Caledonia leagues. We are, however, always keen to welcome new players of all abilities. For further information please email kinrossrugby@gmail.com.

Upcoming fixtures are as noted below:

All kick offs 3pm unless noted:

Sat 5 Sept:	Kinross v Panmure	(Home)
Sat 12 Sept:	Blairgowrie v Kinross	(Away)
Sat 19 Sept:	Madras Rugby v Kinross	(Away)
Sat 26 Sept:	BT Bowl match v Dundee Medics	(Home)

All local support is welcomed at home matches. Match sponsorship is also a great opportunity for local businesses to entertain guests at these matches. For further details please contact Kelman Chambers, Sponsorship Secretary, on kelman@gs-group.uk.com. Kinross Rugby Club is also a terrific venue within the town and can be hired for private functions. Please enquire at the bar on Saturdays.



Keen to get fit? Then play rugby in Kinross

Kinross RFC are your local rugby club, and run a friendly, welcoming environment for the entire family. We are recruiting now for new players of all ages and abilities.

We start training in July for adults and secondary school age and end August for primary school children.

Training Times

Minis – (Primary School) Saturday 10.30am – 12noon

Midis – (Secondary School) Tuesdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Adults – Tuesdays & Thursdays 7pm – 9pm

For Further information contact:

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Kinross Cycling Club

www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk

A disappointingly wet and windy start to summer has not improved the enjoyment factor for cycling, although turnout for rides and events has remained good, despite the elements.

Inaugural FixieTT: A cool, breezy and overcast evening set the scene on 16 July for KCC's first open fixed speed time trial. It was run over a seventeen mile course with a nice run down to Muckhart and back to Milnathort, then finishing with a three-mile climb to the summit of Stronachie.

This represents a robust test of cycling skill and stamina, with riders choosing to use either a fixed or free hub bike, and only a single gear. Twelve riders from as far afield as Ayr turned up on the night. The event was won in fine style by 25-year-old **Matt Jackson** from Edinburgh Road Club. **Paul Maddocks** and **Stuart McElroy** rode well for KCC and claimed sixth and seventh places respectively.

All riders were rewarded with an ice cream from Giacomazzi's, who were generous in offering sponsorship to the event.

Particular thanks are offered to all the club members who turned out on the night to help with organisation and marshalling. We see the same few faces at all our events and the club is extremely grateful to them for giving up their free time to help out.

Saturday bun runs: These rides are proving highly popular and have now become a fixture. They depart from the community campus at 9am each Saturday and generally cover around 35 to 40 miles with a café stop. The ride is at a relaxed pace and no-one gets dropped.

Sunday club runs: These depart from the campus at 9am each Sunday and are at a brisker club run pace. The pack may split into groups depending on differing abilities. Routes posted on website.

Newbies rides: These take place on the **last Saturday of the month** and are aimed at people who are new to cycling, or who are returning after a spell off the bike. They are open to all and cover around 25 miles with a café stop. No-one gets dropped and the pace is leisurely.

Thursday evening time trials: The series is now nearing completion, with three events to go including the hill climb, one-mile sprint, and a Loch Leven TT which has been rescheduled from early July. Turnout has been excellent and the grand prix league is still being hotly contested. All KCC riders are welcome, as are volunteers to help out on the night.

Forthcoming events: KCC is hosting an open three-up ten-mile team time trial on **Sunday 23 August**. The event is open to male and female teams of three and there are separate categories for standard bikes and full aero outfits. Registration is from 8am at the campus, and the first riders leave at 9.30am.

The Ochils Road Race takes place on **Saturday 5 September** and, this year, it will include the Scottish Junior Road Race. Entries for both events can be placed through the British Cycling website.

Details of all KCC events can be found on our website.



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Free KCT membership: Following approval of a motion at the Kinross Curling Trust (KCT) 2015 Annual General Meeting, all curlers and supporters of Kinross Curling may apply for free membership of KCT. There are various benefits to membership, including:

- Invitations to play in bonspiels organised for KCT members only, including the opening bonspiel;
- Priority invitations for events and special offers;
- Receiving the monthly Kinross Curling newsletter by email.

An application form may be downloaded from the Kinross Curling website.

RCCC Board: Local curler **Robin Niven** was elected to the Board at the RCCC's Annual General Meeting in June.

Development: There will be an off-ice coaching course at the rink on **Wednesday 24 August**, starting late afternoon. KCT shares the RCCC's aspiration that every curling club will have at least one coach. If you would like a place on the course, contact Claire Milne at: kinrossdev@royalcaledoniancurlingclub.org

KCT opening bonspiel: Members are invited to take part in the opening bonspiel on **Saturday 12 September**. The format will be the same as last year, when everyone will be drawn into rinks – a very friendly and welcoming way to start the new season.

Mixed Doubles (relaxed rules): The Mixed Doubles league, which debuted last season, will now be open to any two curlers, not necessarily mixed. If interested, email Steven at the iceman address.

Small clubs league: There will be a new league for small clubs on a Saturday evening.

Drop-in session: There will be a drop-in session on Thursdays at 10am. We'd like to encourage as many curlers as possible to come along and play. Rinks will be decided at the start of each session. The price of ice also includes a bowl of soup afterwards.

Club championship: This will take place on the weekend of 30/31 January 2016 with ice booked for 16 teams. Clubs are invited to enter a team, perhaps their own club champions. To enter, email Steven.

Sponsorship: We'd love to hear from businesses who might be interested in sponsoring a couple of events that we'll be hosting this season: the Indoor Grand Match in October and the Kinross Open (part of the Goldline Scottish Curling Tour) in November. Contact Phil Barton at phil.barton@starleyhall.co.uk

CCTV: Thanks to a generous donation from a fan of curling from the USA, we are installing cameras above the heads, so that eight TV monitors in the lounge will help spectators view the action in more detail. In addition we are installing broadcast cameras on two sheets so that we can live-stream matches. A large monitor in the lounge will be used to display live or recorded curling and photos. We would like to thank Geoff Thorpe-Tracey (Cupar CC) for leading the project. He has been ably assisted by Brian Duncan (Boreland CC). Thanks to Bill Galloway (Inverkeithing CC) and his company BGvent for installing the structure to mount the cameras.

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Kinross-shire Cricket Club



The 160th Anniversary celebrations continued during June and early July as the club hosted Scotland's first disability cricket festival at our ground at Loch Leven's Larder. Over 50 participants played in matches and other skill based games before an excellent BBQ lunch provided by local firm Ogilvie Ross and cooked by the catering team at the Larder. In addition to the participants, we had guests from across the county and the wider sporting world. The event was a massive success with everyone keen to repeat the day in the future.

June saw the installation of our two artificial wickets. This meant that the poor weather during the day of our Women's Invitational T20 game didn't force another match cancellation. The match include our own ladies and invited guests including Kat Heathcoat, Chair of Scottish Women's Cricket and several ladies from Edinburgh and the borders. The pairs format game ensured everyone had the chance to get involved and there were strong performances from Alison Scott, Amanda Clark and Sophie Palin. Special thanks to 10-year-old Ramsey Scott who stepped up to umpire the game when the planned umpire was held up in traffic.

The artificial wickets played a major role in allowing the senior men's Big Stramash T20 game to go ahead after yet more rain. The pairs format T20 game saw the Benarty Royals take on the Lomond Knights in a slightly one sided game. The Lomond Knights proved to be the stronger side, winning by 52 runs.

The senior league season continues to be rain affected. Sadly the only games the 1st XI seem to play are against the strongest team in the league. Both games against Stoneywood Dyce saw heavy defeats for KCC. As the season moves into the second half, KCC are third in the table with a much easier run of games ahead of us.

The U15 Scottish Cup run continues with a great win against Broomhall, which sees the team into the quarter finals. KCC scored 152 for 5 with Stuart McCreanor and Lewis McLaren both reaching the mandatory retirement score of 50. In reply, Broomhall fought hard but were contained to 101 in their 20 overs, with Charlie Bell top bowler with 3 wickets for 2 runs. The team play this year's favourites, Arbroath, in the next round.

The Kwik cricketers have had a busy time with festivals at Meigle and Rossie Priory as well as our own event at the Larder. This format is specifically for the U10s and we have again shown our abilities as we continue to record great performances with big wins in every event.

August will see the continuation of our 160th Anniversary celebrations with four special matches. Tuesday 18th will see the Captain's Shield match, when our U15s take on a select side picked by the club captain. The following day the Kinross Ladies take on the U13 team. Tuesday 25th is the "Lads & Dads" T20 with the final event being the 160th Anniversary festival on Sunday 30th. This will complete a very full summer of events and the club would like to express its thanks to all those who have helped so far.

Home fixtures for August

Sat 8th	1st XI v Strathmore	1pm
Wed 12th	Mid-week VIII v Broomhall	6pm
Tues 15th	Captain's Shield	6pm
Wed 16th	Kinross Ladies v KCC U13's	6pm
Tues 25th	"Lads & Dads"	6pm
Sat 29th	1st XI v Norwood	1pm
Sun 30th	160th Anniversary Festival	

Full details on the club website, Facebook and Twitter.



A young Kinross-shire Cricket Club member in action

Kinross Road Runners



To celebrate the **30th anniversary** of the formation of Kinross Road Runners, we are teaming up with Perth Road Runners on **Saturday 5 September** to host a 35-mile inter-club relay, starting in Perth and finishing in Kinross.

The relay will be followed by a **ceilidh** later in the evening in the **Windlestrae Hotel** in Kinross. The ceilidh starts at 8pm and is open to all members and former members of either club. For anyone who wishes to go, tickets are only £5 (which includes a plate of stovies) each and are available from club secretary Peter Hookham at krrsecretary1@gmail.com. Hope to see a lot of members there, old and new!

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Out & About



Loch Leven NNR



Remember the volunteers

Well I'm afraid we still seem to be waiting for summer. But wildlife on the reserve is still carrying on doing its thing regardless. The young ducklings are all starting to become difficult to differentiate from their parents as they develop from balls of fluff into feathered fliers. The build-up of moulting swans has started; soon the shorelines at Burleigh and Grahamstone will be awash with white feathers. In August the numbers of wild duck, geese and swans can reach huge numbers. But these birds have come here at this time for one purpose – to moult. Moulting is the process by which birds change their old, worn out feathers for fresh new ones. Although you may notice the odd feather or two missing from the blackbird or robin in your garden, these, like most species, remain able to fly throughout their moult. But for wildfowl the process is somewhat different; they lose large numbers of wing feathers at one time and for a short period become flightless. Not good if you ever need to escape predators, so this is where Loch Leven comes in as a great refuge where the birds can drift around and feed free from disturbance and predators like foxes.

Elsewhere I think our volunteer team deserve medals for all the hard work they have put in over the summer pulling balsam, clearing vegetation back from the trail, picking litter and the whole manner of work involved in looking after the reserve. And they all do it voluntarily.

It is such a pity then, when as so often happens during the summer in particular, vandalism and irresponsible behaviour seem to become rife. This week we arrived at Burleigh to find the stone wall kicked down and the fence at the hide which the volunteers built a couple of years back kicked in. Each weekend we seem to come back to scorch marks in the hides or at the base of trees. It is sad and frustrating for all the visitors to the reserve to see this, which is, granted, from a minority of visitors who don't respect the countryside we are lucky enough to have around us. I also reiterate the plea that I and the staff and volunteers so often find ourselves making to dog owners: please **bag** and equally important **bin** dog waste. Dog waste is harmful and bags left around the reserve are unsightly. Too many people seem to think that someone is

going to tidy the countryside for them. While we (as in **all** trail users) are fortunate to have so many kind souls volunteering their own time with us, they should not have to deal with this mess and tidy up after the minority.



Taking a closer look at an azure damselfly at the first Really Wild Family Cycle ride

Turning to more positive matters, by the time you read this we will have had both of our family cycle events. The first was unfortunately on a somewhat damp day but we still enjoyed a great spot of pond dipping and saw loads of different birds mammals and insects.

Our next event is the **Osprey Walk on Thursday 13 August, 6-8pm**. In actual fact there is little walking to be done; we spend most of our time in the Burleigh hide and the Ospreys usually come to us! Booking is essential; call the office on 01577 864439.

We will also be at the **Kinross Show on Saturday 8 August**, so please come and find us.

Neil Mitchell
Reserve Manager

Weather



June Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	52.5mm = 2.1 inches
Heaviest rainfall	20.3mm (1st)
Total sunshine for the month	121.9 hours
Sunniest day	11.8 hours (10th)
Maximum temperature average	16.5 °C
Highest temperature	23.4°C (11th)
Minimum temperature average	5.63°C
Lowest temperature	-1°C (3rd)

Dee's Fabrigami

5 September – 13 September

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Hello, folks! It's him again. Weel the summer (?) is poddling (or shid that be puddlin) through and the local wildlife has been wet, dry, wet, dry, wet again. It has been a bit of a changeable month since the last Newsletter, but the wildlife just seems to get on with it. Wonder if they talk about the weather as much as humans do, in bird, rabbit, fox, stoat, weasel or whatever? Unless yer name's Dr Doolittle, guess we ain't gonnae fund oot.

Anyway, with breeding season ending, summer migrant waders are starting to come back through the reserve on the long trip south. We did have a bit of a rarity with a Temmincks Stint appearing on the flood for a few days then disappearing then reappearing (sneaky little devils). Ain't seen it for a wee while now, so guess it has moved on. It's a tiny wee wader, by the way.

Tommy, our former assistant warden, has been replaced by Anna, a young quine from our Forsinard reserve way up at the tap o Scotland. She is due to start with us around mid August. Hope she settles in ok; sure she will. You will probably bump into her if you are in. Say hello if you do.

Noo am awfa sorry fur tae mess up yer day, but.. eh... the Christmas cards, diaries, big uns little uns are now available for purchasing in the shop. Know how some of you like to start early. Customers were actually waiting to buy them as we were taking them oot the box to see what this year's selection was like! The bonus if you buy them now is you get 15% early bird discount; worth thinking about save a bit o siller. We also have a brand new variety of birdfood just in called "Favourites Blend" which contains sunflower hearts, suet sprinkles and mealworms all in the one mix. It's super calorific (why am I singing supercalifragalisticexpyaladocious in ma heed?) Dinnae ken. Concentrate. OK. Available in wee bags, bigger wee bags, or big big bags. Ask for details when you're in the retail emporium.

The kids' summer events programme continues with weekly wildlife challenges, and for the big folks or indeed families we have a bit of culture with the popular **Festival Players** returning for a third year on **Tuesday 4 August** at 7pm with Willie Shakespeare's "**As You Like It**". Tickets available from the reserve priced at £13.50 for adults, £8.00 children or a family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) is £38.00. Booking essential. Please note this is an outdoor event for those of you who are not old hands. So come prepared for all eventualities.

The other event being held on **Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th August** is "**Big Wild Sleepout**", an exciting adventure for families with nocturnal stuff with bats, moths, bushcraft activities, fire starting and a whole host of other things during the day then camp out under the stars. Advance booking is essential; limited pitches are available. As you may have guessed, this is also an outdoor activity cos yer ain tent. Further details on any of our events or to book places please phone on the usual number 01577 862355.

And as the rain comes pelting doon again I will bid you all farewell.

Ta ta

Colin

Farming



Conservation of the catchment

"Kinross-shire is a big goldfish bowl," one of our lambing students once told me. It's an outstanding view we have from the lambing shed and as we looked out over Loch Leven on a very dreich morning, I could see she meant the Kinross-shire basin really was filling up fast from the clouds that love to pour out rain over our beautiful area.

The high rainfall is a challenge of farming here. Fellow columnist, John and I could probably devote most of every farming column to writing about the rain but I thought in this International Year of Soils it would be good to describe how farmers conserve their soil and preserve the catchment from the effects of seasonal showers that sometimes forget to stop. The farmers with slopes that are close to Loch Leven have to be particularly careful to prevent damage that could cause soil erosion. If soil becomes saturated it will start to move and this causes sediment to run off.

When the combine leaves the field and the straw is baled, the stubble does not protect the soil from the water in the same way as the growing crop did but it will still prevent erosion to some degree so leaving this cover there for as long as possible helps to reduce the risk. Many farmers delay ploughing these slopes until spring, when most of the winter rain has fallen; this is a sensible way to stop sediment flowing into the Loch. Potato growers have to take a few extra precautions to retain their valuable topsoil. In recent years, growers deep cultivate after the potato harvest to eliminate compaction and loosen the soil. If possible, they will carry out the cultivation across the slope rather than up and down the hill. These procedures increase the volume of water the soil can absorb before it reaches saturation point and this reduces run-off.

Trying to avoid compaction of the soil is also important. Compacted soil acts like concrete; water flows off quickly, gathering sediment on its way. Seeds struggle to germinate in a compacted soil, so crops will be poor. The tractor drivers try very hard to limit the number of passes across each field and use trailers with flotation tyres to lighten the load.

So whilst we can't stop the rain, we can work to prevent it causing too much damage – so future generations can farm successfully in our goldfish bowl.

Fiona

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Gardens Open

More information about these gardens can be found on our website, www.kinrossnewsletter.org
Leisure info also on www.kinross.cc and www.visitlochleven.org



Special Days Open in August under SGS

There's a special open day at **Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff**, for SGS on **Sunday 2 August**, 1pm-5pm. The gardens were originally laid out in 1630 and the formal garden is said to be one of the finest in Europe. Admission: £4, OAPs £3, children £2. Partial disabled access, dogs on leads welcome. Refreshments available. Charity: British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association.

Curvaceous paths meander through a variety of terraced beds and ponds planted with a wide range of seasonal plants and species trees at **The Steading in Yetts o' Muckhart**, by Dollar. The garden is open on **Sunday 16 August**, 2pm-5pm (and by arrangement at other times). Admission: £4, children free. Charities: Muckhart Parish Amenity and Alzheimer's Friendship Club. Homemade teas, plant stall. No dogs except guide dogs. At the Yett's o' Muckhart junction on the A823/A91 Dunfermline/Crieff Road.

The garden at **The Pineapple**, a bizarre folly in the care of the National Trust for Scotland near Falkirk, is open under SGS on **Sunday 30 August**, 10.30am-5pm. The folly once held extensive glasshouses and pineapple pits where a variety of exotic fruits and vegetables were grown. It is now an oasis for wildlife and has a dipping pool, an apple orchard and picnic grounds. Join the Pineapple team for a harvest produce and plant sale! Partial disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, plant sale. Admission by donation. The Pineapple is one mile west of Airth.

Gardens Open by Arrangement

A good number of gardens within a short drive of Kinross can be visited by arrangement under Scotland's Gardens Scheme. Several are in the **Dollar** area. These are:

- **Rowberrow** in Castle Road (1 Feb-31 Dec);
- **Hollytree Lodge**, Muckhart (1 Apr-30 Oct);
- **The Steading**, Yetts O'Muckart (1 Apr-15 Oct).

Others not too far away are: **Earshall Castle**, Leuchars (on request); **Logie House**, Crossford, Dunfermline (1 Apr-31 Oct) and **Parkhead House gardens** in Perth (1 Jun-31 Aug). See the SGS website or guidebook for more details.

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

SGS, a registered charity since 1931, organises the opening of hundreds of gardens, ranging from formal castle gardens to small cottage gardens, to raise money for charity. 60% of entry fees to gardens in this scheme benefit SGS's charities: The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres and Perennial. 40% of entry fees goes to a charitable cause chosen by the garden owner. For more information, see the book "Scotland's Gardens 2015 Guidebook" or the website www.scotlandsgardens.org

Gardens and Houses to visit

There are many fine gardens (and houses and castles) to visit within easy reach of Kinross. A number of these, all in Fife, are National Trust for Scotland (NTS) properties: **Falkland Palace** and gardens, **Hill of Tarvit** mansion house and estate, **Kellie Castle** and gardens and the **Royal Burgh of Culross**, including the palace and gardens. NTS also has a garden in Perth, **Branklyn Garden**, which will be of interest to plant lovers.

A half-hour drive from Kinross, privately owned **Scone Palace** and gardens are open to the public. The beautiful formal gardens at **Drummond Castle, Crieff** are open from May to October.

Other gardens or parks within a fifty-minute drive of Kinross are: **The Botanic Garden in St Andrews, Cambo at Kingsbarns** and **Pittencrieff Park, in Dunfermline**.

Braco Castle gardens are open under Scotland's Gardens Scheme until the end of October.

For more details of the above, and links to websites, visit the Gardens Open page at www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



Famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567 and forced to abdicate before dramatically escaping, this semi-ruined 14th century castle is set on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, within a National Nature Reserve. The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier, where there is parking, a Historic Scotland shop and a cafe.

The boat is not equipped to carry passengers in wheelchairs. Dogs are not allowed.

There are lawns, picnic benches and toilets on the island. Contact site for sailing times. Boats run on a timetable but it is possible to book for specific times. Access times for 2015:

1 April to 30 September: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 4.15pm

1-31 October: Daily, 10am to last outward sailing at 3.15pm

Admission prices: Adult £5.50, Child £3.30, Conc £4.40. HS members free.

Contact telephone no. 01577 862670

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Congratulations



CLAIRE STEWART, daughter of Linda and Graeme Stewart, Milnathort, and **GREGOR GEDDES** of Cantray, Inverness, were married at the Dunkeld House Hotel on 31 May 2015.



Gregor Geddes and Claire Stewart were married in Dunkeld

JACOB WONG passed his grade 5 piano exam in June. Jacob is a pupil of Gareth Clemson B.Mus., Tillywhally Cottage.

MAIRI STEWART graduated from Aberdeen University with a MA Honours degree in Accountancy and Finance. Well done from her Mum and Dad and her sisters, Fiona and Claire.

BEN McCOLL has graduated from Edinburgh University with Master of Engineering with First Class Honours in Structural and Fire Safety Engineering. Congratulations, we are very proud of you, from Clare, Eric, Ingrid and Sonja Hill.

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CALEDONIAN CHALLENGE: Elaine Carruthers (Team Leader – Hatch’s Hikers) and team members Pamela Martin and Shona Williams, would like to thank everyone who sponsored the team on the 54-mile Caledonian Challenge (Gairloch to Strathfillan Wigwams) on 13 June. The team are indebted to Sandy Baird (Transport Refrigeration Services – Kinross), who very kindly lent them a transit van (complete with a full tank of fuel), to use as their ‘team transport’ for the duration of the weekend. The brilliant support crew (Lynn Hatch, Julie Murray and Lyndsey Scallion), were delighted with their ‘mobile home and kitchen’ and were the envy of other support crews at the various check points en route; one envious member of another support crew was heard to say “Look at that van – they’ve even got shelves for everything!” The weather was reasonably kind to us as we took in the breathtaking scenery of the Western Highlands. Unfortunately one member of the team had to retire early in the walk due to injury, but the other two completed the challenge in good time.

The Caledonian Challenge raises money for grassroots charities and local community organisations across Scotland. To date, Hatch’s Hikers has raised over £2,000. Once again, thank you to all our supporters.



Hatch's Hikers and support team

SCOTLANDWELL IN BLOOM would like to thank Turffit for their very kind donation of bark, which the team has spread around the area at the back of the Wash House. The donation is very much appreciated.

PORTMOAK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE thank all those who supported events this year, particularly those from outside the parish who came along to the Cream Teas and the Pudding Club.

News from the Rurals

MILNATHORT – After the meeting was opened and business was read, we welcomed our past National President, Isobel Robertson, who gave a very entertaining talk on “My Life in the Rural”.

Competitions:

Flower of the Month
Three Pieces of Rocky Road
Bracelet in any Craft

Helen Galletly
Grace Drysdale
Nan Douglas



Kinross High School Awards

Dux of Kinross High School:

Francesca Fiorentini

RNLI Awards for Head Boy and Head Girl:

Fred Culley and Heather Sturgeon

S1 – S3 GENERAL EDUCATION AWARDS

S1 Merit:

Eleanor Baughan, Louis Cairns, Freya Corcoran, Holly Davidson, Audrey Doyle, Ruth Duthie, Megan Ferguson, Hannah Robb, Marshall Smith.

S1 Effort and Commitment:

Sophie Bryson, Harry Cormack, Mia Fawsitt.

S1 Merit and Effort and Commitment:

David Cormack, Jennifer Higgins, Ola Stanton.

S2 Merit:

Rana Brewer, Kayla Douglas, Isobel Findlay, Struan Fotheringhame, Cameron MacFarlane, Sophie Nicholls, Molly Richley, Eleanor Senior, Samuel Wong.

S2 Effort and Commitment:

Rhona Brown, Ellenor Cowling, Robbie Harvey.

S2 Merit and Effort and Commitment:

Renee Chan, Sarah Newman.

S3 Merit:

Elise Atkinson, Rebecca Bisset, Megan Broadbent, Amy Broadhurst, Iona Crawford, Emma Davel, Katie Douglas, Alistair Higgins, Fraser Kitson, Struan Smith, Derek Sneddon.

S3 Effort and Commitment:

Emily Ford, Amy Hardaker, Sally Montford, Eloise Nicholson, Aimee Roberts.

S3 Merit and Effort and Commitment:

Nicholas Baughan, Hannah Miller.

KEY CHALLENGE AWARDS, GREEN KEY

Ola Stanton, Matthew Maloney.

SPECIAL SUBJECT AWARDS

Scots Verse Speaking (The Gordon George Memorial Prize): **Mia Fawsitt.** S2 Overall Excellence (The Bertie Anderson Award): **Kayla Douglas.** Art and Design (S4 Rosamund Beveridge Trophy): **Kristi Hepburn.** Art and Design (Kevin Kenny Award): **Abigail Coghill.** Business Education (Jean Lamont Award for Overall Excellence): **Kirsty Kerr.** Music (Hilary Hawksford Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school): **Cally Evans.** The Chalmers Brackenridge Quaich for commitment and endeavour in Mathematics: **Scott Wyllie.** The Mark Ross Award for Wider Achievement: **Ross Cormack.** Special Award for Fundraising representing the Teenage Cancer Trust team: **Eleanor Baughan, Hazel Bennet, Hannah Eadie, Jennifer Higgins, Duncan Ballantyne.** The Christina Ryznar Award for Service to the School: **Caitlin Duffy.** Sir Alan Smith Trophy for Leadership: **Isla Simpson.**

S4 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design: **Dana Higgins.** Business Education: **Taryn Evans.** Computing: **Lewis Bissett.** Drama: **Ailsa Brown.** Geography: **Kirsten Clarke.** Graphic Communication: **Fraser Barbour.** Hospitality: **Chrissie Robertson.** Music: **Erin Bathgate.** Mathematics: **Evelyn Morgan.** Physical Education: **Lewis Cox.** Physics: **Lauren Miller, Robert Mackessack.** German: **Georgia White.** Biology and History: **Ben Cormack.** Chemistry and Design and Manufacture: **Jacob Wong.** English, French, Spanish and Religious, Moral, Philosophical Studies: **Rosie Cormack.**

S5 MERIT AWARDS

Business Education: **Adam Dalgleish.** Graphic Communication: **Ryan Shah, Rachel Walker.** Health and Food Technology: **Hannah Aird.** Spanish: **Rowan Harvey.** Physical Education: **Erin Graham.** French (The Lady Alice Smith Award): **Cameron Nelson.** RMPS (Trefoil Guild): **James Davey.** Music (The Marjory Fyfe Award):

Murray Raeburn. Drama (Excellence in Drama, Theatre Arts and Performance): **Hamish Malvenan.** Geography (The Burns Begg Trophy): **Toby Irwin.** Art and Design (The John and Marjory Moffat Quaich): **Lucy Bowman, Rachel Walker.** Product Design (The Bella Anderson Trophy): **Calum Ingram.** Human Biology (The DL Chapman Senior Trophy): **Sarah Thislie.** Computing (The Sam Mitchell Henry Trophy): **Amelia Mah.** German (The Bosch-Rexroth Award): **Molly McKenzie.** Physics (The Probus Club Trophy): **Andrew Sorbie.** English (The PTA Trophy) and History (The Arthur Donaldson Trophy): **David Chalmers.** Mathematics (The Coldon Trophy), Chemistry (The John S Lowe Trophy) and Biology (The Cloan Trophy): **Francesca Fiorentini.**

S6 MERIT AWARDS

Art and Design: **Matthew Gow.** Geography: **Cara Whyte, Fiona Thomson.** Drama: **Jodie Millican.** Physical Education: **Charlie Marshall.** Product Design: **Amy Bryson.** German: **Helen McDiarmid.** Spanish: **Shona Macleod.** Music: **Holly Notman.** Health and Food Technology: **Christina Hope.** RMPS: **Iona Fraser-Collins.** History: **Douglas Erskine.** Business Education and Psychology: **George Dick.** Computing and Graphic Communication: **Edward Wood.** Biology and French: **Mhairi Boyle.** Chemistry and Psychology: **Vhairi McAtear.** Mathematics, French and Physics: **Caitlin Duffy.**

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Bronze: **Victoria Baird, Murray Ballantyne, Erin Bathgate, Alasdair Bennet, Cameron Black, Cara-Leigh Brown, Ailsa Brown, Neve Chambers, Kirsten Clarke, Ben Cormack, Rosie Cormack, Sean Cowe, Lewis Cox, Kirstin Doran, Rebecca Douglas, Euan Duthie, Fraser Eccles, Kellen Fraser, Rebecca Hardie, Freya Herbert, Emma Hodgkinson, Kathryn Hornal, Liam Howie, Niamh Ironside, Georgiana Jessiman, Blythe Johnston, William Jones, Sean Keegan, Craig Lewis, Faye Mathieson, Kirsty McCloskey, Hannah McCormick, Calum McIntyre, Lauren Miller, Finlay Reith, Sam Roberts, Chrissie Robertson, Claire Shanks, Malcolm Sturgeon, Arran Surtees, Eilidh Wallace, Kirsty West, Georgia White, Scott Wilson, Rachael Wood.**

Silver: **Andrew Beveridge, Daniel Black, Mitchell Brown, David Chalmers, Josh Cooney, Adam Dalgleish, Chris Hall, Rowan Harvey, Gareth Hutchison, Kirsty Kerr, Hamish Malvenan, Cameron McCloskey, Sophie McKay, Molly McKenzie, Megan Morton, Sophie Nicholson, Kieran Potter, Lauren Robb, Ryan Shah, Liam Souter, Charlotte Sparling, Iona Stevenson, Adam Sweeney, Sarah Thislie, Gemma Vear, Rachel Walker, Christy Zaremski.**

Gold: **Ross Cormack, Alexander Cox, Caitlin Duffy, Callum Gosse, Fraser Gosse, Ellis Johnston, Rowan Jones, Duncan Lewis, Erika Machan, Charlotte Mahoney, Vhairi McAtear, Joshua Roe, Isla Simpson, Kirsty Stoton, Jennifer Weir, Edward Wood, Charlotte-Louise Yeaman.**

SPORTS DAY CHAMPIONS

Group C girl: **Holly McLachlan.** Group C boy: **Rory Hutchison.** Group B girl: **Hannah Dow.** Group B boy: **Will Howley.** Group A girl: **Emily Ford.** Group A boy, Outstanding Performance Award from sports day and overall boys Sports Champion: **Euan Boyle.** Overall girls Sports Champion: **Mhairi Boyle.** House Championship Winners: **Ochil.**

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Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

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Church website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org
Church E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org
Church office and church open: Mon-Fri 10am-12 noon.
Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570
Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952
Ordained Local Minister:
Rev Margaret Michie Tel: (01592) 840602
Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780

Events listed below are in the church unless indicated otherwise.

Regular Services and events

Sundays: 10.30am: Morning Service with Crèche. Junior Church (age 3 to P7) and 'Jam Pact' (Secondary Age) normally meet at church centre from 10.15am, finishing at the church - but note some special arrangements for August below.

7.30pm, 'Crossfire' (S1 upwards) in church centre (restarts 23 August).

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service (restarts 25 August).

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, church centre. 1.30pm Craft Group (restarts 29 July).

Thursdays: 2.15pm-3.45pm **PS2** (Pram Service Two) – drop in for a coffee and a chat (restarts 27 August).

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre (restarts 4 September). Anchor Section 6 – 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 - 9pm, Company Section 8 – 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

Saturdays: 10am -12noon 'Coffee Stop': coffees, cakes and book sale at church centre most Saturdays.

Other Events and Services

August

Sun 2 10.30am Morning Service: all-age service to celebrate the start of Family Week. 'Jam Pact' at Soul Survivor day at Lendrick Muir.

Tue 4 2.30pm Service at Whyte Court.

Sun 9 10.30am Morning Service. Jam Pact meets in church centre cafe.

From 12.30pm: **Pilgrim Walk** from Cleish to Portmoak. 12.30pm picnic lunch at Cleish leaving at 1pm, Kinross Parish Church 3pm to leave at 3.30pm. Closing worship at Portmoak 6.30pm. Participate in as much or as little as you wish.

Organised by Kinross-shire Churches Together

Sun 16 10.30am Morning Service – Back to school service. Jam Pact meets in church centre cafe.

Thu 20 9pm Late evening service of Compline.

Sun 23 10.30am Morning Service, including Junior Church restarts and Jam Pact returns to normal Garden Room venue at church centre.

7.30pm Crossfire restarts at church centre after summer break.

Tue 25 2.30pm Service at Causeway Court.

St James' R C Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW
Father Colin Golden Telephone: (01577) 863329

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Please look out for other information on other parish activities in the Sunday Newsletter.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Locum Minister - Rev Duncan Stenhouse

Telephone: 01577 866992

Email: duncan.stenhouse@btinternet.com

Website: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Please note that joint services will be held on the first Sunday of each month in alternate churches at 10.30am.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service.

Service at Ashley House: first Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Dates and events for your diary

2 Aug Joint service in Orwell Church at 10.30am.

No service at Portmoak Church.

Everyone welcome

Church office & shop open Mon – Fri. 10am until 2pm.

29 South Street, Milnathort KY13 9XA.

Christian cards, gifts, bibles and books for sale. Printing and copying facilities available. Recycling for ink toners, stamps & batteries.

Donations of food can be made for the local Foodbank.

Contact the Office 01577 861200
orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus said, 'I am among you as one who serves.'

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

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

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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

Family Week: Polar Explorers

Monday 3 – Friday 7 August

For ages 3 to 16. Register in advance (by email from church web site or through church office) or on the first day.

Mon 3 to Fri 7 9.45am – 12noon in the church.

Tue 4 1.45pm Seniors trip to Dundee Ice Rink

Wed 5 2.30pm P6/7 trip to ten pin bowling

Thu 6 2pm Family film afternoon with ice cream
7pm Senior and P7 film night

Fri 7pm Final celebration, followed by barbecue

All events free and at the church, except the trips on Tue and Wed which cost £5 and leave from old High School car park

Churches Together

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128

Email: lissten@btinternet.com

Reader: Mr Brian Ogilvie Telephone: (01592) 840823

Email: brianj.ogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Session Clerk: Mrs Janet Harper Telephone: (01577) 840225

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

August

Sun 2 9.15 - 9.30am A Time of Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship, followed by refreshments.

Sun 9 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 16 9.45am Morning Worship.

Sun 23 9.45am Morning Worship.

6.30pm Songs of Praise.

Sun 30 9.45am Morning Worship, Celebration of Holy Communion.

7pm A performance by **The Massai Warriors**.

Café Refresh: Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm. *A social time enhanced with tea, coffee and cakes.*

House group: Will begin again in September.

Please contact Fred Aitken for details, 01577 840833.

Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group:

We are having a break for the summer and will resume on Friday 4 September at 9am in the Church Hall.

Film Evening: There will be no film evening in August, but there will be a family film afternoon, **Cinderella**, on 30 August at 2.30pm.

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Email: lissten@btinternet.com

Reader: Brian Ogilvie

Email: brianjogilvie1@btopenworld.com

Acting Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 01577 864826

Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org

Sunday Services 11.15am

August

Sun 2 11.15 am Morning Worship. Refreshments served in Village Hall.

Sun 9 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 16 11.15am Morning Worship.

Sun 23 11.15am Morning Worship. Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Congregational Lunch.

Sun 30 11.15am Morning Worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion.

All welcome

(Junior Church does not meet during August)

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You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

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

We are excited about the ways in which God is calling us to grow as a community, for the community. Our aim is to express our deep appreciation of both the spoken and sacramental Word with a lightness of touch and a smile.

Children are equally welcome to stay in church during the service or go to the Meeting Room for Sunday School and everyone is particularly invited to stay together during our monthly 'Whole Church' services.

We predominantly use the 1982 Liturgy on Sunday mornings but create experimental devotion for special events throughout the year.

If you would like to give us a try, we look forward to meeting and greeting you and hope that you might enjoy becoming part of this faithful family of Christ.

Mondays and Wednesdays

8am Morning Prayer, said quietly in the side chapel.

Wednesdays

(Except 3rd week) 2.30pm Midweek Holy Communion (Church).

(3rd Wednesday) 12.30pm Lunch, Meditative Reflection and Holy Communion (Meeting Room).

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Thursdays

3.30pm - 4.30pm Rector's Hour in the Church Office (in the old black tin hall), if you would like to see a member of the clergy for any reason.

All welcome

August Services and Events

Sun 2 Pentecost 11 (Proper 18)

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 9 The Transfiguration of the Lord (transferred from the 6th)

8.30am The Scottish Liturgy (1928).

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist with music led by our Music Group.

Sun 16 Pentecost 13 (Proper 20)

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 23 Pentecost 14 (Proper 21)

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Wed 26 8.30pm A simple Sung Compline.

Sun 30 Pentecost 15 (Proper 22)

8.30am Holy Communion. 11am Sung Eucharist.

Everyone welcome at all services

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

Website: www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.15pm	Sunday School
	6.00pm	Prayer Meeting
Monday	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study

Playgroups and Toddlers

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

**Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort
Friday 9.30am-11.15am**

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Children from birth to 3 years
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Aka Swansacre Playgroup
Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

We provide a warm, friendly and stimulating environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue to Fri 9.05am - 11.50am. Fri 12.30pm - 3.15pm

Inbetweeners: Mon 9.05 - 11.50am, optional Lunch Club afterwards. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 12.55am - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact:

Lisa 07736 642070, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com
or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 1.15 - 3.15pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact Laura 07932 877213 or Playgroup on 07592 392235.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Tracey 07557 051894 or the Playgroup on 07592 392235.

GLENFARG BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the newly refurbished village hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am.

Healthy snack for children, coffee/tea & biscuits for carer
Role play, jigsaws, physical toys and arts and crafts
Friendly support for all carers
First session free, £2 thereafter (£1 for additional children)

Contact Donna Smith on 07535 595430 or just come along!

LOCHLEVEN BABIES & TODDLERS

**Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross
Session times (term time only)**

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.15, Fridays 9.30 - 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,
sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk

All Mothers, Fathers, and Carers are welcome to attend, with children aged birth to 5 years if accompanied by a younger sibling who shall be 3 years old or younger.

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)

A relaxed, friendly group for children from about 18 months to pre-school with their parent/carer. Play and pre-school activities, with a variety of toys. A snack is provided, plus coffee and tea for parents/carers. Younger siblings also welcome.

Contact Kristina Kooijman on kristelkooijman@gmail.com
or 07990 430078 for further details,
or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

Portmoak Hall – between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell (only 10 mins from Milnathort and Kinross)



We are a friendly and relaxed playgroup welcoming children aged 2-5. We offer a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, dressing up, outdoor play and stories. We also on occasion arrange outings, parties and have special visitors who come to the playgroup!

Babies and Toddlers (birth - 3yrs), Tues 9.45am - 11.15am.
Sessions are £1.50 for first child and 50p for each additional child.

Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am – 12noon.
£5 per session.

Contact Jan Leach (Play leader/Manager)
07753 421448

Email: portmoakunderfives@hotmail.co.uk
or find us on Facebook

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

The Gospel Hall, Montgomery Street, Kinross.

Contact Christina Smith 01577 840733 or 07792 260509

FOSSOWAY PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

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9.30am - 12.30pm Fridays

Contact Pat Irvine 07703 177766 or
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Private Nurseries and Childcare

For private nurseries and childcare services, please see advertisements throughout the Newsletter.

To inform the Newsletter of any changes to Playgroup information, please send an email to: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

Notices



THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS

Monday 3rd August 2015

**Kinross-shire
Time-Exchange
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Susan Bathgate
(Time exchange broker)

Talk & Discussion 10.30 am

The hub cafe is an informal meeting place to chat over a cuppa with other carers, cared for and family members.



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Craft Classes at Skeins and Bobbins

Primary Knitting Classes: Autumn term restarts on Tuesday 25 August and Thursday 28 August 2015. Both classes run from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Looking forward to welcoming back our current pupils and some new ones too!

Monday Night Knitting Club: Every Monday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday Crochet Club: Every second Saturday, 2.30pm - 4.30pm. The next one is on 8 August.

Introduction to Patchwork & Quilting: Saturday 1st August: workshop 10am - 3pm and then weekly evening class starting Thursday 6 August, 7pm - 9pm.

Future Workshops: Fused glass. Rag rugs. Bunting.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland CHAS Donation Drop Off Point at 3 High Street, Kinross



The roadworks in Kinross High Street are preventing supporters from dropping off stock to our High Street charity shops, so stock is running low.

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3 High Street Opening Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Thank you for supporting CHAS - Scotland's only hospice care for children.

Liz Smith MSP

Summer Surgery Tour 2015

Liz Smith MSP will be holding local surgeries on the following dates in August:

Sat 1st	Perth Show	11.00am
Sun 16th	Crieff Highland Gathering	11.00am
Mon 24th	Dollar (East Burnside Hall)	10.00am
	Kinross (Windlestrae Hotel)	11.30am
	Cupar (Corn Exchange)	1.30pm
	St Andrews (Town Hall)	2.30pm
Tue 25th	Abernethy (Kirk of St Bride, Session House, Kirk Wynd)	10.00am
	Tesco Café (Edinburgh Rd Store, Perth)	11.30am
	Gloagburn Farm Shop, Tibbermore	1.30pm
	Comrie Community Centre (The White Church, Comrie)	3.00pm

For an appointment, please call 0131 348 6762

Bishopshire Horticultural Society



Ninety-fifth Competition

Saturday 15 August

Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell



Admission: Adults £1, Children free

Schedules available from: Sylvia Herrington 840519; Janette Gardiner 840352; David Martin 840216; Eleanor White 840681; Shelagh Goudie 840200

Doors open 1.30pm

Opening Ceremony and Presentation of Prizes at 2.15pm

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

Annual Flower Show

to be held on

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST

at 2pm

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Schedules available from:

The Shop, Crook of Devon

Fossoway Garage

or telephone 01577 840752

Pot Plants, Flowers, Vegetables,
Baking, Industrial, Preserves and
Children's Sections

Something for everyone

Why not give it a go and come to our show

The Newsletter on Facebook

We use our Facebook page to announce:

- our deadline and publication dates
- what's in the next issue
- reminders of some local events
- occasional breaking news

'Like' our page to be kept informed. Search for 'Kinross Newsletter' or go to:

www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter



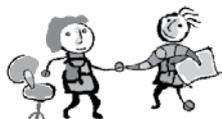
Community Networking Opportunity

Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Partnership invites local community groups and voluntary organisations representatives to attend a networking morning.

Thursday 20 August 9.30am for 10 till 12.30pm

This event will be held at

Loch Leven Community Campus
The Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8QF



- * To identify training priorities and support needed in the area
- * To find out what other groups and resources there are in the area
- * To find out about funding and support available
- * Talk about volunteering in the area, share experiences and knowledge
- * Explore how we can work together

To book your place at this event please contact:

Tracey Ramsay tramsay@pkc.gov.uk
01577 867124

Senior Community Capacity Building Worker
or

Paddy Andrews PaddyAndrews@pkc.gov.uk
01577 867171 CLD Clerical



Milnathort Primary School and Nursery Parent Council

The Annual General Meeting and Parent Forum

is to be held on

Monday 14 September 2015

at 7.30pm at Milnathort Primary School, in the Studio.

All are welcome. Parents/carers, please join us to decide our priorities for the new academic year.

N.B. A reference copy of all PC minutes is available to view at the school office.

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?

Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC would like to help celebrate the special occasion. PKC can arrange delivery of a basket of flowers or for a local Councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

Healing Rooms Kinross and Loch Leven

Every Thursday from 10.30am -12 noon
at the Orwell and Portmoak Church Office,
29 South Street, Milnathort, KY13 9XA.

Trained volunteers from different churches will pray for your healing, physical, spiritual or emotional. Totally confidential.

No charge.

No appointment needed, but if preferred appointments can be arranged through the contact details on the website
www.healingrooms-scotland.org

Fossoway Church is hosting

THE OSILIGI WARRIORS

Maasai Tribal Song & Dance



Sunday, August 30 at 7pm

Tickets: £8 adults; £4 children

Tickets Available from:

**Ian 01577 850257, Janet 01577 840257,
Lis 01577 842128**



CHOOSE THE RIGHT PUPPY FOR YOU

Are you thinking about getting a dog or puppy in the next few months?

Perhaps you're unsure about whether to go for a pedigree pup or a rescue dog? Or maybe you have no idea which of the hundreds of breeds and crossbreeds might be right for you! You may even already have your perfect breed in mind.

RDF Television is looking for people to film as they make this important decision, for an exciting new BBC2 science series. We're looking for families, singles, couples, of all ages and from all over the country to take part. You'll have the opportunity to meet experts and get involved in some dog activities to help you make the right choice.

So if you're considering bringing a dog or puppy into your life in the near future, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at puppies@rdftv.com for more info and an application form.



Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit.



Greyhound Rescue Fife



Can you give A Greyhound A Forever Home
 contact us to arrange a time to come along to
 our Kennels and find your forever friend
 Mob: 07826244765 Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)
 email us on ferniejimmyf@aol.com

Greyhounds are very gentle creatures
 that require very little walking!



See our Website for full details
www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants

All profits from the Kinross Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company and given away to local good causes. Local groups and individuals may apply to the charitable company, Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd (KCCNL), for grant funding. Decisions on disbursement of funds are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings. Applications must comply with the purposes of KCCNL. These purposes, further information and an application form are available from the website www.kinross.cc Applications can be made on line or by downloading a form to fill in. If you do not have internet access and would like a form, or if you have any queries, please telephone CCIr Barry Davies on (01577) 865004.



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

**Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muir, Kinross, KY13 8FQ**

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire. Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)

Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:
www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

**The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by
Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.**







For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.foundationscotland.org.uk



**Loch Leven Community Campus
The Muirs, Kinross
KY13 8FQ
www.pkc.gov.uk**

Community Learning & Development Adult Learning

Free local and friendly support with:

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to:

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

“I can enjoy books now”
 “I feel more confident”
 “Filling in forms is less scary”
 “I passed my driving test”

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**If you would like further information
regarding any of the tuition please
contact:**

Roseanne Gray
 Loch Leven Community Campus
 Email: rgray@pkc.gov.uk
 Tel: **01577 867177**

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts. Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth. Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays. Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes). Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

Homes for Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.



Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell. Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.

Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team

Inclusion * Wellbeing * Recovery

Supporting positive mental health in Kinross-shire and Strathearn for adults from 16 onwards

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people how to improve their social contacts, be more active, access education or voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat please phone
Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or
Email charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk



Kinross-shire Fund
Grants available for local
community projects



*e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare,
Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for
Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations*

For more information and to download an application form,
see [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/
kinross-shire-fund](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund) or telephone 0131 5240300

Newbies

Every Monday, 2 - 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether,
whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk
Tel: 01738 626242
77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity and social movement which gives hope and opportunity to those affected by disadvantage; in the main to those with experience of mental ill health and substance misuse.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm
for mental health signposting and enquiries.

Thrifty Crafters

We are a **new** Art and Craft Club based in Kinross and would like to welcome you to share your skills or learn new ones in a friendly encouraging atmosphere. We do a range of projects and also have visiting specialists from time to time who do demonstrations and show their work.

You will find us in the “Garden Room” at the Kinross Day Centre on a **Wednesday** at 1.30pm until 3.30pm. Come and join us for some fun and socialising. We look forward to seeing you there soon.

Please contact Ruth on 07741 452856 for more information.

MindSpace Recovery College

MindSpace Recovery College runs free courses covering all aspects of mental health, co-delivered by people with lived experience, and are open to all.



Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it. We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre
40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP
www.hopepregnancy.co.uk
email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com
Helpline 01738 621174
We are a Scottish Charity SC037103

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

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.

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

Funding Alert!

PKC regularly produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or telephone the PKC grants helpline on 0345 60 52000.

If your organisation is seeking funds, look out for notices in the Newsletter for Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants and the Kinross-shire Fund.

Newsletter Deadlines 2015

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
September	Fri 14 August	Saturday 29 August
October	Fri 18 September	Saturday 3 October

Discover Loch Leven Website

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



THE TALKING DONKEY

Every Friday 11am - 2pm
@ The Millbridge Hall

For further information, or if you want to be involved please ring 07766 515 950 or 07771 696 830

The Cafe where everything is **FREE!**

- Soups
- Snacks
- Hot Drinks
- Cold Drinks
- Home-cooked lunches

All brought to your table by our friendly staff

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer

Prayer For Any Need

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

11 & 25 August

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.



Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers who can help you deal with your debts.

- Do you feel trapped in Debt?
- Don't want to open letters or answer your own phone?
- Are you losing sleep at night?
- Is debt affecting your life?

We can help you to:

- Find realistic and practical solutions for your own situation
- We can help deal with your creditors and negotiate on your behalf
- Help you manage your money better

“After seeing the CAB debt adviser, I could sleep at night again” - a quote from a relieved client.

Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Talk to a specialist debt adviser today on 01738 450 590, TEXT us on 07535 836 817 with your name and number and we will call you back, or alternatively email zworkman@PerthCAB.casonline.org.uk



MindSpace Counselling Service

MindSpace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings.

If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

MindSpace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2015-16

Term	Start	End
Autumn	Tue 18 Aug 2015	Fri 9 Oct 2015
Winter	Mon 26 Oct 2015	Fri 18 Dec 2015
Spring	Tue 5 Jan 2016	Fri 1 Apr 2016
Summer	Tue 19 Apr 2016	Fri 1 July 2016

In Service Days and Occasional Holidays:
 2015: Thu & Fri 19 & 20 November (in-service).
 2016: 17, 18 & 19 February (one in-service and two occasional holidays); Fri 25 March (Good Friday); Mon 28 March (Easter Monday); 18 April (in-service).

MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions? Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill. Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet. For further details, please call 01577 840330.

Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Borthwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail.com
Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Gareth Thomas	50 Muirs	863714
David MacKenzie	12 Torridon Place	07703 820051
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974

Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
Susan Forde	01592 840128
Thomas Smith	01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)
Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.
Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com
Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)
Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacomazzi (Scottish National Party)
Tel (home): 01577 864025.
Email: jgiacomazzi@pkc.gov.uk
38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13XA

Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Wednesdays 12 & 26 August:

Mawcarse		0930 – 0940
Kinnesswood	Shop	0950 – 1055
Portmoak	Community Hall	1100 – 1115
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1120 – 1140
Levenmouth Farm		1150 – 1210
Hatchbank Road		1225 – 1255
Cleish	Phone box	1405 – 1425
Powmill		1440 – 1500
Crook of Devon	Main Street, Inn	1505 – 1550
Carnbo	on main road	1600 – 1655

Visiting on Thursdays 6 & 20 August:

Milnathort	South Street	0930 – 1130
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For more information about mobile library services, visit:
www.pkc.gov.uk/mobilelibrary or phone 01577 867205.

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Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:
The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

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Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

Customer Service Centre Tel: 01738 475000

(Mon to Fri, 8am-6pm)

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411

(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133

The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus



**Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises**

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
	Dominoes, cards & other Games			1.15pm
	“Stride for Life” Walking Group			2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Games	1.15pm
	Singing group with Alex Cant		1.45pm	
	Saints Football Memories		1.30pm	
Wednesday (except 26th)	Morning Worship	10.45am		
	Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games			1.30pm
	Fantastic Fun Quiz	1.30pm		
Thursday	Art Class	1.30pm	Film Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc		1.30pm	
Friday	Dominoes, Games and Filmshow		1.30pm	
	Bingo		1.30pm	

Additional Events for August

Health & Wellbeing information point	Tuesday	4th	11am - noon
Tai Chi	Wednesday	12th	1.30 - 2pm
Chiropody	Thursday	6th, 27th	9.45am - 1pm (phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Library Trip	Thursday	6th	1.30pm
Barge Trip	Thursday	6th	9.30am - 4pm
Rab & Lyndsey (musical duo)	Thursday	13th	

There are some activities, day trips and food from around the world that are yet to be organised.

Special Note: The Day Centre will close at 2pm on **Wednesday 26 August** for staff **First Aid Training**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30am - 4pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869 Fax: 01577 863869 Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219



Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline

Mobile Post Office, Kinnesswood

Mondays and Wednesdays 1215 - 1315
Tuesdays and Fridays 1030 - 1200

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone on 01738 626666 or 08457 909090

Email us jo@samaritans.org

or **visit** us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays 1630 - 2130 Thursdays 1630 - 1900
Wednesdays 0830 - 1100 Fridays 1000 - 1630
and 1930 - 2130 Sundays 0800 - 2130

**No pressure, no names, no judgment.
We're here for you, anytime.**

Blythwood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Monday 10 August

between 10.30 am and 10.55 am

Further details from 862258

Items for Sale

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

Early Victorian Mahogany Wash Stand/side table £395 ono
Beautiful early victorian marble topped wash stand, can be used as a side table or hall table.

Seller Details: Marion Drummond
Marion.drummond@hotmail.co.uk

**Bosch Rotak 43 Ergoflex Electric Rotary
Lawnmower with roller £75**

For sale my Bosch Lawnmower, used but in very good condition. This is a lightweight electric rotary lawnmower ideal for use on small, medium and large sized lawns. • Ergoflex, multifunction handles for comfortable and effortless control. • Unique grass combs cut right up to the edge. • Integrated rear roller for stripes and stability, prevents scalping. • Large 50 litre grassbox with carry handle, less time spent emptying clippings. Will deliver for free and happily demonstrate.

Seller Details: David Anderson 07747 890375
whitesands1.da@googlegmail.com

Galvanised Corrugated Iron Sheet £25

9ft. X 3ft.6ins. Surplus to requirements and unused

Seller Details: Mike Hughes 01577 840385

Wicker Chairs & Table £80

Two wicker high back chairs (with cushion pads not show) and matching glass top side table in good condition.

Ladies Bike £50.00

Ladies Olympus Vogue bike in good condition

Seller Details for both above: Louise Blackwood
blackwoodlogo@hotmail.com

Baby cot £20

Sturdy, good condition. Hardly used

Seller Details: Pauline Watson 01577 862685
pauline@thegreyhouse.co.uk

Bed Settee £20

Red 2 seater couch which opens into a bed with a metal frame and spring base. Buyer would need to collect. This is a heavy item. In good condition no marks or stains.

Seller Details: Margaret McCusker 01592 840150
margaretmccusker@btinternet.com

Car parts £80

4xbrand new steel wheels, 4x wheel covers, 1 xset locking nuts size 205/60/16

Seller Details: alex penny 01577 862943
p22eck@hotmail.co.uk

Kilt Sporrans £35.00

New and still in original box.

Seller Details: Margaret Arbuckle 01577 840311
billandmar@btinternet.com

Yamaha Clarinova CLP 1525 £400

Electric Piano in black standing with recorder and 5 tones - very good condition - hardly used.

Seller Details: Margaret Arbuckle 01577 840311
billandmar@btinternet.com

WANTED: HERAS FENCE PANELS

Secondhand Heras Fence Panels, or something similar, wanted to make poultry pens. Local to Kinross. Can collect. Sensible price.

Buyer Details: COLIN DAWES 07899 993575
info@farmerdawes.co.uk

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Taxi Driver, A2B Taxis, Part time

Part Time Taxi Driver required for Kinross Taxi company. Must be smart, polite and reliable with clean driving licence. Hours to be arranged on application but may involve some evening or weekend work. Full UK driving licence essential, and Perth & Kinross taxi licence preferred. Anyone interested in this position should call Bruce on 07743 332237.

Part-time Personal Assistant, Kinross Area

Required to provide personal care to an elderly gentleman with dementia living in the Kinross area, for approximately 10 hours per week. Flexibility to cover holidays essential. Hourly rate is above the minimum wage.

Must be part of the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or be willing to join the scheme. Experience preferred but not essential. Closing date will be when sufficient suitable applicants have been received.

Apply in writing with CV quoting job reference number ST1706D 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

Shop Assistant, Giacopazzi Store, New Road, Milnathort

Full or part time shop assistant required. Must be available to work at least one shift at the weekend and at least one evening shift. Email CV to jgiacopazzi@gmail.com

Care Assistant, Kinross-shire Day Centre

Mon to Fri 11am- 3.15pm. Must have SVQ 2 or above, in Health & Social Care.

If interested please phone 01577 863869 and ask for Nan or Isobel, or email kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

Broker, Kinross-shire Time Exchange

Kinross-shire Time Exchange is looking for a warm, people-friendly and locally aware person to join this new project. You will be one of 3 Brokers enabling and supporting the exchange of time for talents. We would love to hear from you if you would like to join our small team and be in at the beginning of something new and exciting.

Payment of £10 per hour, over 28hrs per month, is offered. Funding is available until 5 April 2016 initially. Ideally, this role would suit someone who can work flexibly and who is already self-employed. Basic computer skills would be an advantage.

For further information and to apply, please contact Marg Meade, Chairperson, at: margmeade59@googlegmail.com by outlining relevant experience and what you can offer to the project.

Closing date: 12 August.

Part time Nanny/Mothers Help, Lucinda Pears, Cleish

From September, for baby boy and 6 year old girl. Three days a week 12.30 to 6.30pm (during term time). Previous experience essential. Some evening babysitting too.

Please contact: lucindaandlara@icloud.com

Part time Finance/Office Administrator Smartworks

Chartered Accountants

Our client, a busy and fast-growing local business, is looking to recruit an enthusiastic person with Sage Accounts and Payroll (incl. CIS) experience, and who is also capable of organising a busy office. Good inter-personal skills and ability to work unsupervised after initial training are essential. Flexible hours. Pay dependent upon experience. Send CV and covering email to Katharine Douglas at: info@smartworksca.co.uk

Diary

*A more extensive and regularly updated
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