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Editor's Page & Letters

Editor's farewell

Well, after 13 years and four months (and 147 issues), this is my last issue as editor of the *Newsletter*. That's quite a bit shorter than founder Nan Walker's 20 years as editor. However, having held various other posts with the *Newsletter*, including several years as volunteer advertising manager, I do have the distinction of being the longest serving member of the *Newsletter* team ever, at 21 years and four months! (Or 235 issues.)

I would like to thank all my colleagues past and present. Today I'm particularly thinking of Ian Thomson and the late Isabel Gillon; I spent many enjoyable years assisting them when they were editors, at a time when production of the *Newsletter* was pleasingly less pressured and there was more time for a chat and a laugh.

I would also like to give a special mention to Tony Dyson, who has been layout and design manager for almost the same period of time I have been editor. Together we have taken the *Newsletter* on a journey from an 80-page, predominantly text only, black and white newsletter to a 100-page, full colour magazine. I thank him for his patience, particularly with my comma obsession.

I have very much enjoyed the monthly exchanges with regular correspondents from community groups and other organisations and building up a relationship with them, even though in many cases we have never met! Thank you for all your messages of appreciation for my time as editor and good wishes for my retirement.

Thank you to all the readers, advertisers and contributors who make the *Newsletter* what it is. I meet so many people who say that they have seen other community newsletters around the country, but none as good as the *Kinross Newsletter*. There is something special about Kinross-shire. Thank you, again, to the current team (Ross, Tony, Julia, Joyce, David) and associates (Lee, Pauline and Vincent) for their co-operation and friendship. Hannah is joining a lovely group of people and I wish her all the very best in her role as new editor.

Eileen Thomas, retiring editor

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Crossing was opened too soon

In the September Newsletter, your correspondent Susan Forde heaps praise on the Queensferry Crossing. I totally agree with her that it is a fine piece of engineering and a thing of beauty.

But as a regular user, I am more concerned about the practical aspects.

For example, who would choose to replace an old four-lane bridge with another four-lane bridge? Why were the approach roads on both sides of the river not improved as part of the project?

Why are we having to endure months of lane closures while the bridge is completed? The First Minister described it as "snagging". It's now clear that the bridge was opened too early. The current arrangements for public transport on the old bridge and all other traffic on the new road is farcical. One is a ghost bridge and the other is heavily congested. New and innovative plans for a better spread of traffic on both bridges is required.

Lastly, Ms Forde states that she is able to travel off peak. She is very lucky, unlike thousands of commuters who are delayed every day and sit in frustration.

Alan Thomson
Easter Dunochil
High Street, Kinross

Congratulations



Congratulations to S2 pupil **FERGUS** who had a very successful weekend at the Scottish Athletics National Championships in Aberdeen winning the 300m under 15s title and a gold medal to boot! Well done Fergus, from all at Kinross High School.

Congratulations to Kinross High School pupil **MATTHEW MALONEY** who was voted "Best Middle Blocker" of the Flying Scots Under 17s tournament at St Andrews University. See *Sport page 69* for photograph.

Congratulations to **local gardening and bloom groups** for their successes in the Beautiful Scotland Awards and the Take a Pride in Perthshire competition. **Kinnesswood in Bloom, Crook and Drum Growing Together, Milnathort in Bloom and Kinross in Bloom** all received awards in one or both of these competitions. See the reports by the individual clubs in the Club and Community News section for more details. The time and hard work put in by the groups' volunteer members is much appreciated by local communities.

LAURA MUIR of Milnathort won the IAAF Diamond League 1500m in Brussels on 31 August. This is the second time Laura has won this, the first being in 2016. Laura is the first Briton to achieve such a double.

Thanks



AMANDA JAMES would like to thank Mel and Kinross Co-op for their donation of plant food, grass seed and other garden items for use in the community. These have been distributed to the Potager Garden, Milnathort and Kinross allotments, and Kinross and Crook of Devon bloom groups.

Also, thank you to Mel and her colleagues for helping with serving refreshments at the coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer support at the Potager Garden on 29 September.

News & Articles

Urgent appeal for future of Christmas lights in Kinross



Light Up Kinross was established in 1999 as a joint venture between Kinross Community Council and Kinross local businesses to provide Christmas lights and a Christmas tree for the town. In 2009 a separate constituted group was set up to allow funding applications to be made.

In 2017 we were granted charitable status which now allows any donations made to be tax deductible if given as gift aid. We put out an appeal for donations and sponsorships on an annual basis.

We urgently require help from the traders and public in Kinross if the Christmas lights are to continue in the longer term.

We thank all those who have supported us over the years and hope they will continue in the future.

We urgently need to raise £2000 to allow the 2018 display. Our committee is rather depleted at present with only six members so we would welcome new members to come along and join LUK.

Our annual running costs are approximately £3-4K with no support from Perth & Kinross Council. We need to generate this sum this locally. You can help us to ensure the future of the lights.

Please consider supporting us in one of the following ways:

- By setting up a direct debit annual payment
- A one-off payment each year (LUK account at Bank of Scotland, Kinross, Sort code 80-16-79, Account no. 00171381)
- Direct to our Treasurer: Ian Jack, Burnbrae Grange, Kinross, KY13 0NN
- Gift aid an annual donation

If you require your donation to be collected, please get in touch with David Colliar (Vice Chairman LUK), tel 01577 864037 or 07876 381860, email: davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk. If you or anyone you know can help in any way, please contact any committee member or come along to our AGM in April.

Helpers needed for Santa's Sleigh 2018

Once again Santa will be winging through the streets of Kinross and surrounding villages in early December with the assistance of Rotary and Round Table. If you are a local charity, group or sports club and would like to raise funds for your organisation, please get in touch. You can help Santa on his journey through Kinross-shire.

We need a minimum of 20 volunteers for each evening. To comply with Health and Safety obligations, if young adults (under 16s) volunteer then a suitable proportion of older adults must also be in attendance.

This is a great opportunity for your organisation to raise funds as well as having a really fun evening. If you would like to be involved, please contact George Lawrie by email on gt.lawrie@gmail.com or on 01577 862168 or 07879 883803.

Keep an eye on the Rotary Club of Kinross and District Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Planned routes:

4 December	South Kinross
6 December	Kinnesswood
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Councillor Watters

Blairingone Primary School

Council is now moving onto the next stage of the proposal to close Blairingone Primary School. At the Council's Lifelong Learning Committee on 6 May 2018, the committee voted by a slender majority to close the rural school at Blairingone. If this Council proposal is approved by Education Scotland, then on 28 June 2019, the catchment area for Blairingone School would be amalgamated with the area for Fossoway Primary School.

As part of the process for closing the school, the Council is currently going through a statutory consultation period. This included two public meetings and is due to finish on 5 October 2018. At that point, after collating all the comments that have been submitted, Council Officers will send the proposal and all the submitted comments to Education Scotland for evaluation.

I still object to the administration's decision to close the school. We should be protecting rural schools and their communities.

The Schools Consultation Scotland Act 2010 clearly states that there should be a presumption to keep rural schools open. This is meant to protect rural communities and their schools. These schools normally have smaller school rolls and that means, unfortunately, these smaller schools are seen as an easy target to save 'a few pounds' when our responsibility actually is to protect these rural schools.

Communities are important, and I feel it is the Council's responsibility and my own responsibility as a Councillor to protect all the communities within Kinross-shire. Blairingone has already lost its village hall, pub, shop, and church. The school is the last remaining community building. If the school is closed, there will be no community facilities left in Blairingone village.

It is possible that by using a Community Asset transfer, the community could look at taking over the running of the 'school



building' as some kind of community centre, which would at least protect the building as a community facility. However, this would have its own challenges and, more importantly, it does not meet our responsibility under the Schools Consultation Scotland Act: to honour the presumption that we need to keep rural schools open.

Although some parents may prefer a larger school for their children, other parents and their children prefer a smaller school where the children can thrive in an environment that meets their particular needs.

If you are also concerned about this issue, you can still make comments until 5 October online at <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/20518/Proposals-and-Consultation-for-Education-Provision-at-Blairingone-Primary-School>

Rights for EU Citizens

In the August Newsletter, I spoke of my motion at a Full Council meeting to protect the right of EU Citizens to stand for and to vote in our Community Councils. So, I was delighted to see the Scottish Government give a firm commitment to protect the rights of EU citizens to vote in Holyrood and Local Council elections through the Franchise bill it will bring forth in the coming year. This will have a hugely beneficial effect on any changes in the eligibility for community councils. The administration of any changes could filter down to Community Council Elections making the potential of changing the rules within the Council for community council more feasible. These changes are important to prevent the creation of second-class citizens by withdrawing their rights to participate in any level of our democracy.

Pier improvements

It was great to see the new toilets delivered at the Loch Leven pier. This is a welcome improvement for both tourists and locals around Loch Leven. The team at TRACKS deserve much credit for pulling this together, especially when we see public toilets being closed as budgets at councils become more stretched due to the austerity agenda.

Councillor Richard Watters

Cake bakers needed for edible adventure

After the success of their inaugural event in 2017, Cake Fest is back for another 'slice of action' later this year as part of the Perth and Kinross Winter Festival celebrations.

All bakers, either individually or as a group or organisation and whatever their ability, are invited to contribute by reproducing their favourite building or place in Perth and Kinross, in cake form. The finished products will be placed onto an edible map of the local landscape, by Head Baker Simon Preston, on Sunday 18 November at Horsecross Plaza. After the cake map has been admired, it will be divided up and given to the festivalgoers. The event is free to enter.

Provost Dennis Melloy said: "The first Cake Fest saw bakers from around the local area inspired by well-known and much-loved landmarks to make their own unique creations. With an even wider focus this year, it will be very exciting to see the 2018 Cake Fest take shape."

Head Baker Simon Preston said: "Cake Fest is all about coming together to have fun and celebrate the amazing places we have in this beautiful part of the world. Novice bakers and genius cake decorators alike will be helped and

guided every step of the way, and lots of fun is guaranteed! All that's needed to take part is a sense of adventure, and a love of Perth and Kinross."

To register your building or place, or to see the existing list for ideas, visit the Cake Fest page www.perthcity.co.uk/cake-fest-perth or email Simon Preston at simon@cakefest.org.uk.

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When you turn on the news or open a newspaper, you are hit with negativity – wars, famines, natural disasters, and news that food prices are going to rise by 4%. The number one illness that will overtake cancer in the near future will be anxiety and depression, caused by the stress of modern lifestyles. Did you know that we now absorb five times more information than we did in 1986? Is it any wonder that in recent years, the word mindfulness has become such a buzz word. For those unfamiliar with this term, it simply means to be in a state of alert stillness. Meditation on the other hand, while closely connected to mindfulness, is the state of being in the present moment. The two complement each other very well.

The vast majority of people live their whole lives never actually being in the present moment and only ever living in thoughts of the past or future.

The founding father of modern mindfulness, John Kabat Zinn, in his book *Full Catastrophe Living*, quotes an elderly lady who said, "If I could live my life over, I'd live it moment by moment." I agree with this. The more we can live our lives in the 'now' the less life can pass us by. Often when people reflect on their lives they'll say "I don't know where the time went." This is unfortunately because no one ever told them to try living in the "Now".

It is of course impossible to live in the Now all the time. I've tried! However, I do try to practise this when I'm doing something I love such as when I'm photographing something, out with

my sub-aqua club, or spending some quality time with my cat Mr Darcy.

Mindfulness has its source in Buddhism. The Buddha described mindfulness as 'Sati' – the state of being aware. I have spent some years going to classes in mindfulness and I've also participated and watched many meditation sessions. I've been at meditations in freezing cold basements, sitting on tiny cushions with aching legs. I've been at meditations that have lasted so long that I decided not to go back.

I believe that mindfulness is a simple concept. Many courses in mindfulness have basically taken the subject of psychology and tacked on the label 'mindfulness.' You can now do an MA in mindfulness-based cognitive therapy at Oxford University, as did Ruby Wax.

There are many ways to experience mindfulness. Meditation is perhaps the most popular method and is part of life transformation. If you're not happy with your lot, perhaps this is an opportunity to change and transform your life.

The British Medical Journal says, "The relaxation and reduction of stress that are claimed to result from meditation may have prophylactic and therapeutic health benefits, and a plethora of research papers purport to show this". Mindfulness is not the answer to all the world's problems but it is a useful tool to make change in your life.

My own journey into meditation started at the age of four. I was brought up in a strict Catholic church and school environment. This inducted me in



forms of meditation such as prayer, contemplation and reflection. At the age of nine I developed a passion for martial arts and Far Eastern culture. I watched David Carradine on TV in the seventies religiously and remember thinking "I'm going to be just like him one day."

I never did train to become a Shaolin priest, but I eventually travelled and lived in China, absorbing the culture and traditions of a nation that invented writing and gunpowder while we westerners were still grunting in caves. My connection with China for decades helped serve to shape my passion for meditation, the visual arts and life transformation.

I have since created some mindfulness visual tools on my website: www.vincentanthonymedia.com which are free to download and are there to aid people who want to practise mindfulness in their own time. Many of the visuals were shot in the Loch Leven area.

For those interested in Mindfulness Meditation, I run classes on Monday and Fridays, 7pm-8pm at Kinross Community Centre.

Vincent Johnston

Rosemount Nursery

The nursery have recently done some project work with The Royal Highland Educational Trust as we draw closer to harvest time.

Working with the countryside initiative, and The Royal Highland Education Trust in Perth & Kinross, the children at Rosemount Nursery recently set to work with the 'Mr Jazzy Potato Growing Project'. Having planted the seeds and cared for the crop, the children successfully harvested some jazzy potatoes to enjoy at snack time!

Rosemount children have been eagerly learning about planting and harvesting!



Luke Graham MP For Ochil and South Perthshire



The start of September marked the end of the Summer Surgery Tour, marking my 206th surgery since being elected. Thanks to all those who made the time to complete surveys and discuss issues with me in community centres and on doorsteps across our constituency.

In addition to surgeries, my team and I have also been following up on individual and community cases ranging from local concerns such as road defects and planning to welfare and immigration. A consistent concern is that of broadband, which I have tried to address in my Broadband Progress Report. Please email Luke.grahamoffice@parliament.uk if you haven't received this report and would like a copy. It features case studies in Kinross-shire and details of Government funding available to companies and private individuals.

Just over a week ago I was fortunate enough to be promoted to Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Cabinet Office. This means that I take on additional responsibilities in Westminster supporting the ministerial team on issues such as the constitution, devolution, post-Brexit UK frameworks, large public contracts and cross-departmental workings. This will be the first time a Scottish Conservative MP has been involved with the Cabinet Office in over 20 years, and presents an opportunity for me to ensure the voice of Ochil and South Perthshire is heard at the heart of government.

Finally, this autumn the headlines will be dominated by Brexit. For my part, I will continue to oppose any moves by others to use Brexit as a catalyst for a second referendum on separation. At the same time I will support all efforts to secure a strong and lasting deal with the EU. I will be actively contributing to the post-Brexit Agricultural Bill that has been laid before Parliament. This bill is essential for our constituency, especially since the SNP left agriculture out of their "Programme for Government", meaning that although Edinburgh has significant devolved powers in agriculture, it is not the SNP's priority to use them. I will ensure that as your MP I will stand up for Perth & Kinross' interests, at every level of government.

Luke Graham MP

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MP hosts Macmillan fundraiser

Luke Graham MP hosted a World's Biggest Coffee Morning at his constituency office in September to promote and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

During the well-attended morning, Conservative Minister Rory Stewart MP popped by with his family, who also live locally.

Mr Graham said, "It has been a really positive morning with a number of people coming in to have a chat, some cake and coffee, all while supporting this fantastic charity and organisation. The generosity of those who came to the office this morning, raising over £500 for Macmillan Cancer Support, is outstanding."



Coffee and biscuits at the ready in Luke Graham's constituency office

Free workshop for new businesses in Perthshire

www.growbiz.co.uk

A two-part workshop for people who would like to explore whether they can transform their skills into a money-making venture takes place on **8 and 15 October** at the Kirklands Hotel in Kinross. The sessions are aimed at people who are not yet sure if they would like to set up their own business, as well as those who want to use their talents in a more business-like way.

The workshops will be delivered by Trudy Duffy who set up The Peacock and The Tortoise, a patchwork and haberdashery shop in the centre of Perth with her business partner, who spent many years teaching tourism and providing training and education consultancy.

The two-day workshop will combine teaching with practical and creative exercises. Operations manager Merle Palmer urges people across rural Perthshire and Kinross who are considering starting up their own enterprise to attend. To book a place or for further information, see website or contact Merle Palmer on 07920 023797.

Councillor Purves

Local Development Plan 2

The Council recently approved LDP2 without the inclusion of any extra sites that had been suggested by developers during the consultation. It will now be sent to the Scottish Government's reporter for consideration and we should know the final outcome within a year.

There were, however, two amendments that asked the reporter to consider changes to the plan. The first, seconded by Councillor Barnacle, concerned site density ranges. The Council had previously decided to replace the indicative numbers for housing sites with a housing density range. This would allow flexibility if market conditions change but the upper bound of the range would be a maximum. This was to address local residents' concerns that housing applications had repeatedly been approved significantly over the numbers in the plan. Officers later indicated, however, that this was not enforceable given the proposed wording and developers could exceed the maximum in exceptional circumstances.

The amendment sought to strengthen this policy by asking the reporter to change the presumption to refusal for any application that exceeded the upper bound of the range. It was not about being 'anti-development' but rather providing reassurance to communities that what is set out in the plan is what is delivered and that local infrastructure will be able to cope with new developments. Encouragingly, this amendment was passed overwhelming by 33 votes to 5.

The second, proposed by me and seconded by Councillor Watters, asked the reporter to reword descriptions for a number of Kinross-shire villages to ensure that due consideration was given to route action plans and traffic mitigation needs when future developments on or near A977, the B9097 and the A911 are being considered. We also requested greater consideration of the effects of developments outwith Perth & Kinross, such as Westfield, on our own road network, which may change traffic mitigation requirements. This was approved unanimously.

Davies Park

A number of constituents have raised the issue of the facilities at Davies Park in Kinross. I have now had confirmation that it is scheduled for an upgrade next year. As with the play park at Green Park, there will be a public consultation on how people would like to see the facilities improved. Following a £150,000 annual investment, this will also consider installing more accessible play equipment. If community groups wish to fundraise for and contribute to this project, there will also be the opportunity to expand the scope of the upgrade beyond what the Council will fund.



Felling of trees at Lathro Meadows

Concerns have been raised with me about the felling of a further four trees at the Lathro Meadows site but, unfortunately, the fact this was going to happen was not communicated to ward councillors and Kinross Community Council in advance. The CC and the Kinross-shire Civic Trust had previously requested a Tree Protection Order (TPO) on these trees but this was not considered as the trees were already within the area that had planning permission. The remaining trees next to Lathro Farm have been refused a TPO on the grounds that they are not currently under threat. I have asked that communication on these matters be improved in future. I would also like to see the TPO policy reviewed so that they can be issued before trees become under imminent threat.

Care-at-home charges

As I reported in the last edition, I became aware of concerns about proposed increases to care-at-home charges. As I indicated, the leader of the Council called a special meeting to discuss the matter and I am pleased to say that the proposed increases have now been deferred, meaning that no one will be any worse off in this financial year. I also had the opportunity to attend a meeting organised by the Supportive Project for Activities and Recreation in Kinross-shire (SPARKs). It was valuable to hear the first-hand experiences of those who have to pay for care at home and their carers. The decision taken in 2016 to increase these charges was clearly made without fully considering the effects that these changes would have on those in need of care at home. I shall be pushing for better consultation when the Council reconsiders the changes in April.

Lambhill

I was disappointed to learn that the unanimous decision by the Council's Planning Committee to refuse an application for more storage and distribution at Lambhill in Blairingone had been overturned by the government's reporter. This will see an additional 700 movements of heavy goods vehicles each week through this small, rural community. This community has been through enough with this site. Over the years, there have been repeated planning consent breaches as well as many other issues. The overturning of a democratic decision by locally elected politicians is both disappointing and concerning.

Surgeries

I hold a surgery at the campus in Kinross at 6.30pm on the third Thursday of each month with this month's taking place on **Thursday 18 October**.

Councillor Callum Purves

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Councillor Barnacle LDP2 Special Council Meeting, 29 August 2018



Readers will note my email dated 9/8/18 to fellow ward members on this subject published in the September edition of the *Newsletter*.

At the debate, I was happy to second Cllr Stewart's amendment on site capacity ranges instructing the Reporter to consider amending our policy to make it clear that the upper limits of site capacities in the Plan are the maximum number of houses that must not be exceeded. I was content to suggest replacing the old site number system with a capacity range but did suspect it would be far too generous to the development sector and noted with interest that Homes for Scotland wished PKC to maintain the discredited approach of seeing site numbers as indicative only! The amendment sought to address this by ensuring that the maximum number of houses for the site per the plan is at least adhered to, which may give communities more certainty on the levels of development to expect. I thought the response to the concerns of Kinross-shire Civic Trust was appropriate and it carried almost unanimous support, apart from the Liberal Democrats, at PKC (my trusted colleague Cllr Robertson excluded from criticism since he did not support his party colleagues).

The other amendment by ward colleagues Cllrs Purves and Watters referred to my objection lamenting the lack of reference to the need for mitigation measures for Route Action Plans on the A977, A911 and B9097 in Kinross-shire. Again, no modification was proposed to the Plan but the Reporter should be asked to consider reference to these Plans, in particular relating to settlement summaries for western Kinross-shire; an amendment unanimously approved. Readers should note the A977 update on mitigation measures of 06/08/18 that is still current. [See box opposite.]

Essential Roadworks

Our much maligned roads department at PKC do their best to minimise disruption from the above and it is difficult to carry out such repairs to a necessary programme of works in available time and weather conditions. I would cite two examples, viz:

- Rumbling Bridge closure – shortened after excellent progress by the contractor to minimise disruption to bus routes and the farming calendar.
- Back Crook School Road – currently a road closure in two phases, as I write on 13/09/18, after representations last year on the desperate need to repair this road from myself and Cllr Robertson.

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A977 Update

6 August 2018

From Lachlan MacLean, Project Officer – Traffic and Network to Kinross-shire ward councillors

A977 School Road Junction, Crook of Devon

The first junction we are proposing to work on is the A977 School Road Junction. We have provisional dates from Tayside Contracts, which may be subject to change, for starting construction on Monday 15 October 2018. The finer design detail of the junction has been worked on, with the location of signals, ducting and footway. This is now away to be priced and hope to have this back in the coming weeks.

A977 Saline Road, Blairingone

This is likely to be the second junction that will be worked on. The current timeline, which may be subject to change, for undertaking the construction work at this junction is after the School Road Junction is complete, with an estimated start date in November. The finer design detail of this junction is currently being worked on and it is hoped that this will be sent out for pricing shortly.

A977 / B9097 Junction Realignment

We have received a few comments through Councillor Barnacle, that a few members of the public are concerned about the work proposed at the B9097 Junction. As a result, it has been decided that a safety audit will be undertaken of the proposed works. An external contractor will be undertaking the safety audit on behalf of Perth & Kinross Council. Once we have this back from the contractor, the outcomes will be shared with the elected members.

Drum Crossroads

It is currently proposed that the construction work for this junction will take place early in the new calendar year. The finer design details will be undertaken later this calendar year, in time for the proposed construction date.

Directional Signage

Today Tayside Contracts will be starting to upgrade the directional signage along the A977.

Planning Bill Stage 2

Copy of an email sent to Alexander Stewart MSP and Graham Simpson MSP, 13 September 2018:

Dear Colleagues

I understand that the detailed stage 2 consideration of the Planning Bill commenced in Parliament from the 12th of this month.

I attach an email I sent to my colleague at Perth & Kinross Council, fellow Kinross-shire ward Councillor Purves, on this matter of 28/8/18.

In addition to the priorities for possible amendments outlined, I would add a further concern with the current system, viz:

Our LDP2 will go to the Scottish Government tomorrow for examination and they will shortly appoint a Reporter for same; although that Reporter has a team to assist, the appointed person makes the final decisions for the ministers; also I note a recent decision by the Reporter to uphold an appeal at Lambhill, Blairingone despite the **unanimous** decision of the Development Management Committee to refuse the application. This seems to me to place far too much power in the hands of one person and reinforces my view that the planning system **is not democratic!**

Anything you can do would be appreciated.

Kind regards

Councillor Michael Barnacle
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

Councillor Barnacle continues on facing page...

Copy of email to Cllr Purves, 28 August 2018:

Dear Callum

Rural Scotland, of which I am Council member, have been in touch with me regarding the above, in particular Graham Simpson MSP's amendment, also mentioning dialogue with Alexander Stewart MSP.

My priorities re possible amendments are as follows:

- Local authorities should preference development on brownfield sites rather than greenbelt or prime agricultural land, the latter a finite resource with a growing population.
- Stronger environmental protection for national scenic areas and local landscape areas.
- An equal right for third party appeal on major applications.
- A review of the ridiculous 20 metre rule for neighbour notification distance.

Anything you could do would be appreciated.

Kind regards

Councillor Michael Barnacle
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

Review of UK Parliament Constituency Boundaries

Councillors received an email on 11/9/18 from Perth & Kinross Council Democratic Services on the outcome of the 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies. [See box, below.]

In summary, the Ochil constituency is lost to us. Two new constituencies affecting the Perth & Kinross Council area are: (1) Perth & North Perthshire and (2) Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross County.

The original proposal for the southern part of Perthshire had ignored Kinross-shire but our representations have now secured recognition of our county to the exclusion of the name Perthshire, which just goes to prove that "if we fight for Kinross-shire's identity we can keep it". Let's hope the UK Parliament accept these recommendations.

Councillor Mike Barnacle
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

Review of UK Parliament Constituency Boundaries 2018

11 September 2018

Slightly abridged copy of an email from Gillian Taylor, Head of Democratic Services at PKC, to councillors and colleagues

As you may be aware, the Boundary Commission for Scotland, along with the Commissions for England, Wales and NI, submitted their final recommendations on the above Review to the Secretary of State last week, and as these have now been laid before Parliament, the respective reports have now been published.

You will note from the report that the final recommendations for the Perth & Kinross Council area are in line with the Commission's revised geographic proposals which were reported to Council last December. You will recall that the Council agreed to advise the Commission of its support for the geographic proposals for both the Perth and North Perthshire County Constituency and the Stirlingshire and South Perthshire County Constituency, and requested that the latter constituency be renamed the Stirlingshire, Kinross-shire and South Perthshire constituency. In its final recommendations, the Commission has proposed that the constituencies be known as the Perth and North Perthshire County Constituency and the Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross County Constituency.

In terms of the relevant legislation, having laid the reports before Parliament, the Secretary of State requires to lay a draft of an Order in Council as soon as may be after the submission of the reports.

Going purple to end polio

The Kirklands Hotel will be lit up in purple from 24 to 27 October. Why? To support the Kinross & District Rotary Club as it joins with clubs worldwide for the final push to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

The fight to end polio is led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), which includes Rotary, UNICEF, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world, with the support of many others.



Rotary, along with the above partners, has reduced polio cases by 99.9 per cent worldwide since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Rotarians have helped immunise more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. For as little as \$0.60, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

We are close to eradicating polio, but we need your help. Please look for the Rotary stand at the Kinross farmers' market on **Saturday 27 October** and pop whatever you can into the collecting boxes. When you donate you will get the chance to wear a purple crocus. Crocuses are also available from the Kirklands Hotel at any time. Donations will also go to eradicate polio, plus you'll have a lovely purple button hole to wear to show your support!

Our thanks go to the Kirklands Hotel for allowing us to light up the building and for their ongoing support of the Rotary Club of Kinross & District.

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News from the Health Centre



Annual Flu Campaign

Saturday morning clinics will be held on:

Saturday 20 October

Saturday 27 October

Saturday 10 November

Appointments may now be booked with reception. **Please do not wait for a letter to be sent to you inviting you to make an appointment. If you are eligible you may make your appointment now.**

We would encourage all those in the **groups listed below** to come for a flu injection. Please note that patients who do not fall into these categories or who have no other clinical reason for receiving the flu vaccination will not be given the vaccination. The flu vaccination is available privately, but we do not offer this service at the Health Centre.

Clinicians will visit the residential and nursing homes as usual to administer the vaccination.

Shingles

The shingles vaccination is available to all those aged 70 to 79. Those aged 80 or over are not eligible. The shingles vaccination is only administered once and it can be given at the same time as the influenza vaccine. If you are eligible for both vaccinations, please advise our receptionist of this on booking your appointment.

Children's Nasal Flu

We will again be offering the nasal flu vaccination to all pre-school children aged 2-5. Children must be aged 2 or over by 1 September 2018 to be eligible.

Clinics will be held on the following Saturday mornings: **20 October, 27 October and 10 November.** Appointments may now be made at reception. Children attending school will receive the nasal flu vaccination at school.

Over 65s:

Those aged 65 and over on 31 March 2019 (Born on or before 31 March 1954).

Those aged 6 months or over in clinical 'At Risk' groups:

Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous hospital admissions. COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

Chronic heart disease.

Chronic kidney disease: kidney failure or transplant, nephritic syndrome.

Chronic liver disease: cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis.

Chronic neurological disease: stroke, TIA.

Diabetes.

Immunosuppression.

Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen.

Pregnant women:

Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy.

Long stay residential:

Those living in long stay residential care homes or other long stay care facilities.

Unpaid carers and young carers:

Those who, without payment, provide help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without this help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability.

Young carers are those under 18 who carry out significant caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility for another person which would normally be taken by an adult.

Monday 1 October

The Health Centre will be closed on Monday 1 October. Patients who have a medical problem which requires attention on that day should contact NHS24 and the Fife Primary Care Emergency Service on 111. The only clinics running on that day will be for pre-booked flu appointments.

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Elizabeth Smith MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife

I would like to start this month's column by paying tribute to Eileen Thomas, the outgoing editor of this newsletter. Eileen has been making this magazine tick for the past 13 years, during which time it has grown to be a sought-after source of local information and news. I would like to wish her successor, Hannah, all the best as she takes up the position of editor.

2018 has been a tough year for farmers. Growers across Perthshire endured one of the coldest winters on record which was followed by a record dry spell and biblical rains in August, all to be accompanied by persistent labour shortages. I was therefore delighted to see the UK Government take action to address one of these issues. In September, the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, announced a new temporary work visa for seasonal agricultural workers. From next spring 2,500 six-month visas will be available to residents outwith the EU looking for work in the agricultural sector. It's not just farmers who have been calling for this. My Westminster colleague and Angus MP, Kirstene Hair, has vocally lobbied for a temporary workers scheme and I am sure growers across the region will be delighted that her hard work has paid off. Fruit farming is incredibly important to the Perthshire economy and I am glad that the UK Government is fully aware and acting on the concerns of the industry.

I was also pleased to hear positive soundings from the UK Government on the possible creation of a post-study work visa. Similar schemes exist in the USA, Australia and New Zealand and they have been identified as a key determinant for international students picking where to study.

The visa is very simple. After graduating, an international student would typically find it difficult to obtain the correct permissions to stay and work, but the post-study work visa offers a time-limited legal guarantee for them to do so. A similar policy was in operation before 2012 and I have long believed it is right to bring it back. The public would appear to share these feelings, as a recent poll found a significant 72% of respondents were in favour of the scheme. International students are hugely important to the financial health of universities but they also help support a diverse student body which improves learning for everyone.

In Scotland, the situation is more critical. We need to retain highly skilled international graduates to support our economy and this type of visa is the best way to do so. As we exit the European Union it is also important to showcase the UK as a friendly and welcoming place for international students and there is no better way of doing so than the post-study work visa. And finally, I was pleased to see information detailing a 20% reduction in empty homes across Perth and Kinross since 2014. Motivating owners to return empty homes into productive use is important and policies like this are clearly bearing fruit. The population of Perth and Kinross is expanding fast and new developments can only go so far to meet demand. That's why it is so important to make the most of the existing housing stock.



Liz Smith MSP

As ever, Liz appreciates the feedback of constituents and can be contacted at the Control Tower, Perth Airport, Scone, PH2 6PL or via telephone at 01738 553990 or email at Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot

Roseanna Cunningham MSP for Perthshire South and Kinross-shire

Launch of new self-build loan fund welcomed

Roseanna Cunningham has welcomed the announcement that a self-build loan fund for people who want to build their own homes is now open for applications.

Ms Cunningham said: *"Particularly in rural areas, starting a self-build project can be the best way of getting the home that suits you and your family in the place that you want but problems in securing finance and the right advice can be a serious barrier for many people.*

"I am delighted, therefore, to be able to welcome the news from the Scottish Government that a £4 million loan fund for self-build projects is now open for applications.

"The fund has been launched following a successful pilot scheme in the Highlands and will be administered by the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust but it is important to stress that this fund is not restricted to the Highlands and it is not just for homes in the countryside.

"Loans are available for eligible urban or rural self-builders all over Scotland who find that they are unable to access standard bank lending to support their project up to a maximum of £175,000."

More details of the Scotland Self Build Loan Fund and information on how to apply for support from the fund can be found online at www.hscht.co.uk



Final call for applications for Community Investment Fund

Community groups in Kinross could share in part of a major funding opportunity. The Council's Community Investment Fund (CIF) will, between 2018-19 and 2019-20, provide £1.2million to community-led projects that address local issues.

Applications of between £3,000 and £50,000 will be accepted from a wide range of organisations - Community Councils, Development Trusts, parent teacher partnerships, social enterprises, registered charities, community interest companies and other constituted community organisations. Councillor Murray Lyle explained: "The Community Investment Fund is here to provide funding towards community-led projects that respond to ward priorities and tackle inequalities, making a positive impact on as many people as possible. I look forward to the CIF receiving many applications for support to make a real difference locally."

The CIF is open to applications from the Kinross-shire Local Action Partnership area until Friday 12 October 2018. Completed forms can be emailed to communityplanningpartnership@pkc.gov.uk or posted to Community Planning Team, 2 High Street, Perth PH1 5PH.

Community Website

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

Lest We Forget Reflections on the Great War

There is a rolling exhibition at the Kinross (Marshall) Museum on the Great War, telling of some of the events and people of 100 years ago. The museum display is adjacent to the library within Loch Leven Community Campus. The information displayed below is courtesy of the Museum.

First World War Timeline, October 1918

- 3rd-4th Germany and Austria send peace notes to US President Wilson requesting an armistice.
- 30th Turkey concludes an armistice with the Allies.

Kinross-shire Roll of Honour October 1918

- 2nd **James McDougall Inglis**, a Private in the Highland Light Infantry, died of his wounds aged 27. He was one of three sons of Mrs Inglis of Roxburgh House, Montgomery Street, Kinross, who all served in WWI. His two brothers survived the war. Private Inglis is buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium, and is commemorated on the Kinross West Church roll of honour.
- 4th **Watson Kinloch**, originally from Kinross, was a Lieutenant in the Canadian Infantry. He is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, France.
- 14th **James Peebles**, son of Thomas and Mary Peebles of Blairingone, died aged 23 while serving as Lance Sergeant with the Gordon Highlanders. He is buried at Naves Communal Cemetery, France.
- 16th **Robert Boyd**, son of Mr and Mrs William Boyd of Devonshaw Cottage, Dollar, died aged 19 while serving as a Private in the Seaforth Highlanders. Although he formerly resided in Crook of Devon, he is not listed on the Crook of Devon war memorial. He is buried at the Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, France.
- 20th **David Wishart Birrell** emigrated to Canada in May 1913, joining his brother in Ontario. Serving with the Canadian Infantry, David was wounded several times in France. When he died aged 27, it was the second loss for his parents, David and Christina Birrell of Carsegour; older brother William had died of wounds in 1916. David Birrell is buried at Hasnon Churchyard and is remembered on the Cleish and Kinross war memorials.

20th **David D Ferguson** left his employment with David Sands to take up military training when he was 18. He had just started his duties when he became ill with influenza and died of pneumonia. His grave is at the Kinross East Burying Ground (Kirkgate).



20th **Thomas Fleming** was educated at Kinross School and Dollar Academy. At the outbreak of war he was an apprentice civil and mining engineer in Glasgow. The son of Thomas and Agnes Fleming of Craigton, Kinross, he was a 2nd Lieutenant with the Royal Garrison Artillery when he died aged 23 after receiving wounds from shelling during observation work. He is buried at Vadencourt British Cemetery, Maissemy, France.

20th **David Taylor**, son of John and Helen Taylor of Levenmouth Farm, Scotlandwell, died aged 20 while serving as a Private with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He is buried at Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium.

21st **John Davidson**, son of William and Helen Davidson of Dollar, died aged 26 while serving as a Private with the Guards Machine Gun Regiment. He is buried at the Romeries Communal Cemetery extension, France, and is commemorated on the Crook of Devon war memorial.

23rd **William J Boyd** was a Private in the Army Service Corps when he died aged 26. He is commemorated at the Delhi Memorial (India Gate) and the West Church of Kinross roll of honour.

23rd **George Maclean** of 63 High Street, Kinross, died aged 45 of an illness while at the Crystal Palace training camp. His grave is at the Kinross East Burying Ground (Kirkgate). He was a member of West Church, Kinross, and is listed on the church roll of honour.

30th **Peter Robertson**, a Lance Corporal with the Gordon Highlanders, died aged 36 of pneumonia while serving in India. He is buried at Rawalpindi War Cemetery. Lance Corporal Robertson, who was a miner in civilian life, left a widow and five young children at 34 Swarland, Kinross.

WWI centenary commemorations in Fossoway

As indicated in the August Newsletter, a committee has been set up to commemorate those from Fossoway who served in the Great War. The commemorations will take place over the weekend of 10/11 November 2018.

There will be an exhibition in Crook of Devon Village Hall on the afternoon of the 10th following a short memorial service outside at around 2pm involving local school children. It is also hoped to plant a tree to commemorate the centenary. The committee are looking to acquire any material that families in the Fossoway area may possess regarding WWI, especially relating to those who are named on the memorials at Blairingone, Cleish and Crook of Devon and also on the

Rolls of Honour in Carnbo and Powmill Village Halls.

Please contact Councillor Michael Barnacle 01577 840516 or email michaelabarnacle@gmail.com

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Local incidents

A theft by housebreaking occurred at Unorthodox Roasters, High Street, Kinross, overnight on Wednesday 29 August after the front door was damaged and a thief entered and stole the tips jar and till float. (CR/21058/18)

A window was smashed with a stone at Kinross Primary School overnight on Thursday 30 August. (CR/21346/18)

Vehicle registration plates SD64YUN were stolen from a red Fiat panda motor car overnight on Monday 10 September whilst the vehicle was parked in Stirling Road, Milnathort. (CR/22059/18)

Baynes Bakers, High Street, Kinross, was broken into between 3am and 5am on Tuesday 11 September. (CR/22005/18)

Between Wednesday 5 September and Saturday 8 September a wire fence, around a field containing horses, was damaged near to Whistlemount, Powmill. As a result of the damage, a number of horses escaped from the field. (CR/21823/18)

If anyone has any information regarding these crimes, please contact Tayside Division on 101 or any police officer, quoting the relevant crime reference number. Alternatively, information can be passed anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Change to senior management

Chief Superintendent Paul Anderson moved from the Division to take up an Assistant Chief Constable post in the East.

As from Monday 3 September, Chief Superintendent Andrew Todd has taken on the role of Divisional Commander for Tayside Division. Chief Superintendent Todd has worked within the Tayside Division for the past three years and has a very clear understanding of its communities and brings a wealth of expertise to the role.

Halloween

With Halloween coming up, shopkeepers are reminded not to sell large quantities of eggs to customers they suspect may be buying them to use maliciously. Local officers will carry out patrols to monitor anti-social behaviour.

Bonfire night

It is an offence for a person **under 18 years** to possess fireworks in a public place.

It is an offence for any person to throw, cast, or fire any fireworks in or into any road or public place.

It is an offence to use fireworks between **11pm and 7am**, unless it is a local authority display or national public celebration.

Shops cannot sell fireworks unless they have been granted a licence to do so.

Fireworks can only be sold between 15 October and 10 November, and between 26 December and 31 December.

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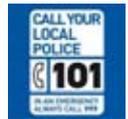
Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PC Atholl Spalding and PC Douglas Stapleton.

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

Community Sergeant (Kinross-shire): **Sgt Robert Hogg.**

Community Inspector for Perth South (Strathearn, Strathallan & Carse of Gowrie, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire): **PI Kevin Chase.**



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Website: www.scotland.police.uk

Community Watch

Receive email alerts about criminal incidents in your area, crime prevention advice, flood alerts and much more by signing up to Perth and Kinross Community Watch. The range of information received can be tailored individually; each person signing up can choose which partner agencies they would like to receive messages from. Visit this website for more details: www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk

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.

Silent Art Auction

A silent auction of 35 framed paintings by the much-loved local artist Maureen Eadie, will be held in Milnathort Town Hall on **Saturday 20 October**, 1pm-4pm.

Maureen sadly passed away in March and is greatly missed as a wonderful friend and neighbour, a very talented art teacher and a dedicated volunteer at Common Grounds. Her artistic table top descriptions of all the projects that Common Grounds has supported over the years will hopefully be held in the Kinross Museum. A sample of these will be on display on the day.

All are welcome to come along for this celebration of her life and work. Wine and cheese, tea, coffee and shortbread will be served. Admission is free.

Proceeds from the auction will be given to her son Cameron who has already made a very kind donation to Common Grounds in memory of Maureen.

Road restrictions,

Kinross and Milnathort

It is likely that part of Pier Road, Kinross, will be closed for one week commencing 8 October to permit water supply works. An alternative route will be Burns Begg Street - High Street - Sandport.

Wester Loan, Milnathort will be closed for one day on Friday 26 October to allow Scottish Water to carry out essential works. The road will be closed from its junction with the A91 Stirling Road to its junction with Manse Road.

Planning a Christmas event for your community group?

Check your date in the diary at www.kinross.cc/diary to avoid clashes. Email admin@kinross.cc to have details of your event entered in the online diary.

Community Council News

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

Kinross Community Council News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 5 September 2018 were: Cllrs B Freeman (Chair), E Thomas (Secretary), M Blyth, J Bryson, D Cuthbert, B Davies, I Jack, L McKay, T Stewart and D West; P&K Cllrs C Purves and W Robertson; and three members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr D Colliar; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and R Watters; and the community police officers.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Stewart declared an interest in planning application **18/01315/IPL**.

Police Report: The police had hoped to attend if calls permitted but were not present. They had submitted a note of recent incidents in the High Street, which were: attempted housebreaking to a retail property; theft from a portacabin; housebreaking to a retail property. The Commander's Bulletin received that day detailed a theft by housebreaking at Unorthodox Roasters on High Street and a smashed window at Kinross Primary School.

Matters Arising

War memorial: Cllrs Colliar and McKay had met with Cllr Purves and PKC personnel. Drawings need to be submitted for approval by PKC's Conservation team. Cllr Colliar is arranging for drawings to be made at no cost to the CC. The rail could be temporary or permanent.

Dog mess: Cllr McKay had obtained four cans of highlighter chalk. These were shared out amongst some CC members.

M90 sign: Nothing further to report.

Provost's lamp: So far, one suggestion received by email and several via Facebook. It was agreed to wait until the October meeting to assess the comments and reach a recommendation. Cllr Robertson will ask PKC to assess whether the lamp needs to be refurbished.

Community Choices Fund: The application submitted was not successful. Cllr Cuthbert was thanked for his work on this.

Minute Secretary: Cllr Bryson has assessed the figures and estimates that it might be possible to employ a minute secretary if the CC did not put any of its grant towards items such as website support; however, it would be very tight. He has contacted PKC about the appropriateness of the

level of grant and other expenditure matters. So far he has only received an acknowledgement. Cllr Bryson notes that school parent councils receive a similar level of grant to CCs but do not meet as often. Parent councils also have free use of school rooms yet CCs do not. It was also noted that all CCs receive a top up to £700 regardless of their size and how often they meet.

Kinross Town Centre Regeneration

Review: Cllr Purves will ask Cllr Barnacle if Cllr Barnacle has had a proper response yet to his request for a review of the project (originally made in February).

20mph signs: Cllr Purves has chased up the missing 20mph signs from the High Street roundabout. They should be installed in September.

Old Causeway car park is being altered to create more parking spaces.

Electrics: Cllr Freeman had reported a problem with the catches on the doors of the electrical boxes that give access to electricity in the town centre for the farmers' market etc. Cllr Purves said that PKC staff reported no problems. It would be helpful if Cllr Freeman could meet with the PKC staff. Cllr Purves will contact them again.

Coventry Place: Repairs have taken place but Cllr Robertson is disappointed at the quality of work. The step treads are still broken. He took photographs and has complained to the head of service. The CC queries whether work is checked on completion.

Avenue Road and Talla Park: Local resident Mr Tough was present. It is now a year since he had a walkabout with PKC staff and he has only heard back from Craig Daly, area engineer. Road safety staff have not been back in touch. Mr Tough explained that a couple of parking places are poorly located; one at a dropped kerb and another on a bend. PKC seems reluctant to lose them. PKC have drawn up proposals for the head of the path. Mr Tough gave the CC a copy of the proposals. The secretary will scan these and circulate. Cllr Robertson has written to PKC to ask if the south side of Avenue Road can be upgraded under the Estate Based Initiative. It may be possible to add parking spaces there.

Planning Matters

New Planning Applications

18/01505/LBC Alterations, Kirklands Hotel, 20 High Street, Kinross. The alterations are to enable provision of a disabled access toilet. No CC comment.

18/01483/FLL Erection of a garage and fence, 244 High Street, Kinross. It was noted that the PKC Floods team have lodged an objection as the property is in a flood plain. The CC thought this was rather harsh. The CC decided not to submit a comment.

18/01443/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Torriebank, Carsegour, Kinross. No CC comment.

18/01425/LAW Extension to dwelling house, 3 Hopefield Place, Kinross. No CC comment.

18/01350/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 30m NE of 43 High Street, St Ronan's Drive, Kinross. This application is virtually identical to application 18/01189/FLL, save for a slightly differently marked location drawing. Application



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18/001189/FLL had been withdrawn due to a small technicality. Application 18/001189/FLL had been discussed at the August meeting and the CC had agreed to submit a comment regretting the loss of off-street parking provision. As the deadline for comments for application 18/01350/FLL was before the September CC meeting, the CC planning sub committee agreed to submit the same comment about parking.

18/01315/IPL Renewal of permission **15/00669/IPL** Erection of holiday accommodation units (in principle), land 250m South of Gellybank Farm, Kinross. The CC did not comment when this application was first made and has no comment to make at renewal.

18/01546/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, Broom Cottage, 17a Broom Road. This involves taking down a lean-to and replacing with solid building. No CC comment.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

18/0128/FLL Chance Inn Farm; application withdrawn.

18/01179/IPL House NE of Monega House, Hatchbank; application refused.

18/00189/FLL House NE of 43 High Street, St Ronan's Drive; application withdrawn.

18/00540/FLL Formation of access road etc, SE of Beaufield, Balado; application refused.

18/00840/FLL 192 High Street, erection of 2 flats (in retrospect); application approved.

Former Kinross High School site: PKC is satisfied with current progress by Persimmon. Cllr Robertson was asked to find out the expected completion date of the renovation of the Edwardian building and also to enquire if the original slate is being used on the roof as per the conditions in the planning consent.

Planning Correspondence and Other Planning Matters

McCarthy & Stone consultation: A public exhibition of the developer's proposals for the Windlestrae Hotel site had taken place on 15 August. Cllr Bryson reported that a resident on Muirpark Road is unhappy at the affordable units overlooking his/her property. Another resident is concerned about the density of the proposal. Cllr Bryson said the residents concerned would like the CC's support. He was asked to circulate their comments to the CC. He confirmed that the residents had submitted their comments to McCarthy & Stone. Cllr Blyth reported that the public access through the site from the woodland track by the golf course was raised by several people at the consultation. The CC agreed to ask McCarthy & Stone to visit the CC again to give another presentation before a formal planning application is submitted by McCarthy & Stone to PKC.

Beaufield, Balado (18/00540/FLL): The CC had received notification from PKC that the applicant intends to appeal following refusal of his application by PKC.

Planning workshops: Reminders received about these events on 27 Oct and 24 Nov.

Lochside House (car auction): Cllr Cuthbert had written to ward councillors to point out breaches of conditions applying to planning consent ref **18/00959/FLL**. The case officer contacted the applicant who had been unaware of the conditions due to the applicant's agent being away. The applicant is now aware and will comply. PKC will monitor. Cllr Cuthbert will keep an eye on this.

Reports from P&K Councillors

Local Development Plan 2: Cllr Purves reported that this had been discussed at the Kinross-shire Forum and at a meeting

of full Council at PKC.

Council agreed to object to all new sites brought forward by developers.

This version of the LDP had been drawn up with minimum and maximum figures allocated to housing development sites. Officers deemed this not to be enforceable if developers have 'exceptional circumstances'. Council passed a motion (by 33 votes to five) asking the Reporter to make the allocation ranges rigid so that the maximum figures cannot be exceeded. This was supported by all Kinross-shire ward councillors.

Another motion put forward by Cllrs Purves and Watters asks the Reporter to consider reference to Route Action Plans for the A977, A911 and B9097. This was unanimously approved.

Toilets at pier: Cllr Robertson reported that, due to regulations changing, a different temporary toilet building is required. This has caused a delay but it should be installed soon.

Dog fouling: Cllr Robertson has received complaints about fouling of the school lane and also the lane from Bowton Road to the GS Brown houses. Residents or community councillors should contact Cllrs Robertson or Purves if they see more fouling. The councillors will arrange for the dog warden to visit. Cllr McKay said that vets are no longer being supplied with free poo bags to hand out to dog owners.

Illegal parking: Cllr Robertson has noted vehicles being parked on pavements and double yellow lines. He has asked the parking wardens to visit. The CC asked that the parking bays from the Doghouse to the Central Café chip shop be checked also; parking is meant to be limited to an hour, but some vehicles appear to be parked there for hours on end. Cllr Robertson confirmed that wardens do come back to check; they will patrol Kinross, then go to Milnathort, then come back to Kinross after at least an hour. Community councillors also mentioned drivers failing to give way when required to do so at the Give-Take at the Salutation Hotel.

Paths: Cllr Robertson reported that there is a budget for installation of pavements and paths. Kinross-shire has some on the list, e.g. junction 6 on the north side of Springfield Road and from Balado House to the crossroads. He will send details to Cllr Thomas to put in the *Newsletter*.

Reports from CC Representatives

Kinross-shire Fund: Cllr Colliar reported by email that £2000 has been awarded to the Kinross-shire Partnership to part-fund two new mobility scooters for the Heritage Trail.

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Kinross-shire Forum: Cllrs Cuthbert, West and Davies attended. Topics discussed included LDP2 and the traffic model, which indicates that delays are caused by traffic turning into Moto. There was also a discussion on local democracy. Cllr Purves is going to send CCs information about more decisions being taken in Kinross-shire.

Kinross-shire Partnership: Cllr Freeman attended a meeting recently. A joint website sub-committee is due to take place on 4 October.

Correspondence: Over forty emails had been received. Most had been circulated to community councillors on email and a summary produced. Items mentioned at the meeting were:

Portmoak CC proposal to change boundaries: Portmoak CC wishes the boundaries to be changed so that Kinross, Milnathort and Portmoak CCs all have some of the loch within their boundary. Currently the loch is within the Kinross CC area. Cllr Purves had produced a map showing a possible division of the loch. It was queried whether the three CCs could have overlapping boundaries for the loch area. There was a brief discussion; the CC was split over the proposal to change the boundary from the status quo. A position will be agreed when the formal consultation takes place (after full Council on 3 October). Cllr Purves will enquire of PKC whether overlapping CC boundaries are permissible.

Garden refuse: The CC and ward councillors had been copied in to an email by a resident to the chief executive of PKC complaining that he had been turned away from the recycling centre with his garden waste as the centre was 'full'. He asked various questions about PKC's change in policy in respect of garden waste. Cllr Purves informed the CC that the council's calculations regarding garden waste were based on an estimated 50% uptake of the new permits. Uptake has been more than 50%. Both Cllrs Purves and Robertson have asked the resident to get back in touch with them if he is not satisfied with the response he receives from the chief executive.

SPARKS meeting: Cllr McKay and Cllrs Purves, Robertson and Watters attended this meeting about changes to care at home charges. COSLA had proposed changes to thresholds which PKC had approved in a budget prior to this year's. However, the changes meant some people would be worse off financially. At a special meeting of a council committee, it was decided to defer the introduction of the new thresholds. A consultation will be undertaken and consideration given to how the costs should be met.

Other Business

Wilson Court: Cllr McKay had received complaints of vehicles parking overnight in the turning bay. This has been reported to PKC. It is likely that the area will be marked 'no parking'.

Inconsiderate parking: This has been noted on Springfield Road, with pavements partially blocked.

Dog mess highlighting: If those community councillors spraying dog mess with highlighter send mobile phone photos to Cllr West, he will create a map.

Public services at Balado: A PhD student researching community perspectives with regard to rural services had been in touch. She thought Balado would be a possible subject for her research. Cllr Barnacle has set up a meeting with the researcher and interested residents for 10 September.

KCCNL charitable fund: Cllr Davies reported that there have been two applications so far in time for the autumn deadline. Cllr Colliar had mentioned by email the possibility of

applying for funding for the war memorial rail. An application form will need to be completed and submitted and assessed against the charitable aims.

Music tuition: Cllr Bryson asked councillors to consider that rising fees risk making tuition elitist or perhaps lost altogether. Cllr Purves said PKC is trying to widen access for those who would find the cost most prohibitive.

Bridge repair: Cllr Jack notes that the damage to the bridge at Burnbrae caused by a vehicle in January has not yet been repaired. Cllr Robertson said it is in the programme of works.

Former Town Hall: Some of the land in front of the former town hall belongs to the building, i.e. it is not all public pavement. Cllr Cuthbert said that the developer has sold this land with the flats. Cllr Cuthbert anticipates there might be issues in future depending on the use the residents might wish to make of this. He also reports that the developer is hoping to carry out an excambion with the owners of the Carnegie apartments in order to obtain land to the rear for parking.

School Wynd junction: Cllr Cuthbert feels there is a problem with sight lines for drivers exiting School Wynd on to Swansacre. He wonders if the priority should be changed so that drivers coming down Swansacre have to give way to vehicles exiting School Wynd. It was suggested he discuss this idea with residents of Swansacre. Cllr McKay said the army cadets are moving out of Swansacre in September.

Boundary Commission: Cllr Cuthbert gave a brief report of the Boundary Commission Scotland position on a review of Westminster constituencies with respect to the constituency into which Kinross-shire would fall. An earlier proposal to put Kinross-shire with parts of Fife has been rejected in favour of a constituency involving south Perthshire and Stirlingshire. The matter now goes to Parliament for debate. [Post meeting note: Cllr Cuthbert provided further information by email to say that the proposal is to call the constituency "Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross". The matter is still to go to Parliament.]

Streetlights, Muirs: Cllr Freeman reported that these are now working.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council takes place on Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

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Milnathort Community Council News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 13 September 2018 were: Cllr C Williams (chairman); Cllr C Flory (secretary/vice chairman); Cllr E Kirkham (treasurer); Cllrs M Leach and C Lawson; P&K Cllrs C Purves and R Watters; minute-taker E Rougvie and 15 members of the public. Apologies were received from P&K Cllrs W Robertson and M Barnacle.

Police matters: No police were in attendance but the following incidents were noted: graffiti in Bridgefauld Road outside the school and vandalism in the school grounds.

Matters arising: Wester Loan flats: The bright exterior lights on the new flats are still to be checked to see if they cause an environmental health issue for neighbouring residents.

Planning applications submitted: Extension to house at 22-24 Church Street. Noted.

Planning applications determined: Siting of three storage containers in Stirling Road (approved).

Alterations to house at 26 Linden Park Road (approved).
Extension to house at 80 South Street (approved).

LDP2: Cllr Purves advised that PKC had considered the local development plan in consultation with all six CCs in Kinross-shire and had suggested amendments. Principally, councillors want to change the way in which housing development sites are zoned to prevent developers building significantly more houses than originally indicated. Recent developments have caused concerns about the impact on local infrastructure. If the proposed amendment is accepted by the Scottish Government Reporter, it would mean a maximum would be imposed and any applications that exceeded that number would automatically be refused. The Reporter's decision is expected within six to nine months.

New matters and correspondence:

Stackyard: Cllr Kirkham said that, contrary to previous information, residents at the Stackyard had not been visited by flooding officers but by students, who were not in a position to give advice about how to protect their gardens from flooding. Cllr Purves will investigate.

Questions from the floor:

Pace Hill development: A lengthy discussion followed amid concerns about the impact of heavy traffic on Wester Loan and North Street during construction work at Pace Hill. Eight lorries an hour are expected to use this route while building is taking place. Cllr Purves said he had asked PKC traffic officers if Hattonburn Road could be considered as an alternative route but was told that it was unsuitable due to the extra distance involved and that Wester Loan was deemed suitable. It was agreed that the CC will write directly to the developer expressing their concerns in the hope that they will wish to foster good relations with the community. Any local residents can also write.

Cllr Purves will follow up the following issues: A **drain cover** is missing from outside the Town Hall, which could prove dangerous in the dark. The **pavement** at the top end of North Street is badly cracked. Two **street lights** are out at Burleigh Castle. Such issues can be reported directly to PKC via the MyPKC customer portal.

Cllr Purves said that he had also asked about alternative access to the proposed **Pitdownies development**, but again distance was an issue. He confirmed that **Stirling Road** was among the locations to have a vehicle-activated speed sign installed, with work due to begin in October. Cllr Watters will

ask whether speed checks have been carried out in **Burleigh Road**. Both councillors will take up the issue of a vehicle-activated sign in **South Street** and ask for the 20mph zone to be extended. The possibility of **raised zebra crossings** being located in South Street, Stirling Road and New Road will be considered when an ongoing traffic surveys are complete.

David Drysdale bequest: Cllr Kirkham advised that a number of local groups had applied for funding from the £5000 legacy left by David Drysdale to benefit the local community. Following discussion and feedback from members of the public, it was decided that CCTV at the Cross; sound panels in the Town Hall; improvements to Tillywhally Wood and Christmas lights were all projects worthy of a contribution. It was agreed to take this forward.

Rural Events Fund: Funding totalling £100,000 is available for start-up events aimed at attracting visitors from outside Kinross-shire. Applicants must draw up a business plan that demonstrates how the proposed event would boost the local economy.

Councillors' reports:

Cllr Purves: A community investment fund totalling £1.2 million over the next two years is available for local projects. The beneficiaries will be decided by a panel that will include councillors and community councillors.

CC review: A review is currently taking place with regard to CC boundaries. Portmoak CC has put forward a proposal that the boundary around Loch Leven is changed, as at present the shore falls within Milnathort, Portmoak and Kinross areas, meaning that an individual CC may not be alerted to planning applications that could affect them. The loch itself is entirely within Kinross CC area. There is also a proposal that the area from Stronachie to Path of Condie is included in the MCC area, and a suggestion that MCC's name is changed to Milnathort and Orwell Community Council. All the above proposals will be put out for public consultation.

Cllr Watters: A total of 50 social houses are being made available thanks to new housing developments currently under construction, helping to fulfil an urgent need. Applications are open to anyone in Perth and Kinross and will be prioritised.

Vacancies: More CC members are urgently required. Anyone interested should speak to a Cllr and will be asked to complete a simple application form.

The next meeting of Milnathort Community Council will be held on Thursday 11 October 2018 at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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Fossoway and District CC

News from the September Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 4 September 2018 were: Cllrs C Brown, A Cheape, T Duffy and C Farquhar; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, C Purves and R Watters and eight members of the Public (MoP).

Apologies: CCllrs G Pye and J Donachie; P&K Cllr W Robertson.

Police report: Unfortunately, no officer was able to be present at the meeting. There were no incidents to note in our area since the last CC Meeting from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch.

Matters Arising:

Blairingone School Estate Transformation: A statutory consultation meeting will be held on Thursday 6 September at Fossoway Primary School. A further meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 September at Blairingone Primary School. The basis of this consultation is formed around the earlier paper presented to committee allowing parents and members of the public to make comment – this will inform the final paper presented to committee. Cllr Barnacle was assured that parents in Blairingone have been informed of the dates of the meetings, he has taken measures to ensure due procedure has been followed. Cllr Barnacle suggested the option of a shared headship between schools allowing the building to be kept open has not been fully explored. Cllr Duffy called for a parent from Blairingone School to join the CC as an associate member. Tam Carroll of Barnhill Farm volunteered to become an associate member and informed the meeting that local parents have been active in going to the press and Scottish Government on this issue.

Roadworks: The closure of Rumbling Bridge for resurfacing was completed three days early, allowing the 23 bus service to resume its normal route. Cllr Barnacle discussed this matter with the public transport unit requesting reasons as to why the alternative 23 route provided did not offer a service equal to that which had been disrupted. Cllr Duffy received numerous comments from local parents that there was not enough notice that this bus service was to be disrupted and it is felt a community transport initiative is now desperately needed.

Lambhill: The Reporter's decision on the appeal against the refusal of application **17/01227/FLL** Change of use of agricultural shed to general storage and distribution has been received. Although the Reporter upheld the appeal she imposed conditions on operating hours, dust and noise control.

Hydro Scheme Fund: George Lawrie will attend the November meeting of this CC to update us with the plans for the new bridge.

Crook and Drum Growing Together: Cllr Duffy reported that the village came second place in the Kinross-shire Civic Trust Best Kept Village competition and that it was felt the village is looking much better. Bulb planting will be starting soon, keep an eye on local notice boards and the Community Council's Facebook page for updates.

Powmill in Bloom: Cllr Farquhar attended the Presentation Evening for the Best Kept Village Competition hosted by the organisers. It was a lively and informative evening where all the villages and hamlets were encouraged to continue their efforts and take part in future competitions.

Powmill Play Park: Cllr Farquhar reported that the play park is due to be refurbished in the next financial year. At the

previous CC meeting there was local interest in a cricket pitch at Powmill Play Park, the Sports Hub have offered to help apply for a grant that will hopefully provide this.

Fossoway Gathering: Cllr Duffy reported that the gathering will go ahead on Saturday 25 May 2019. The group are currently looking at finalising a location for the event.

LDP2: The final version of the plan was approved by the full council on 29 August without the inclusion of any additional sites. Two amendments were added by our local members. The first sought to strengthen the policy on the number of properties in a development area. The second amendment asks the reporter to ensure that any developments should consider impact on the roads through our villages, and make appropriate mitigation, including developments outside our county. The next stage will be the appointment of a reporter to decide on the proposed plan, which will then take a further six to eight months to form a final decision.

Ivy Cottage: Cllr Barnacle reported that it has been suggested that the CC and Bloom Group write to PKC raising concern that little has been done to improve this property to a habitable standard.

Blairingone War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle reported that a meeting has been held between Profile Projects and PKC Roads Department. It is hoped this will result in the project to relocate the memorial moving forward once existing planning issues are resolved.

Matters Arising with no update since last meeting: Crook Moss Travellers Site and A977 Mitigation - No information at present.

New Business

40mph Speed Limit, Drum: A member of the public corresponded with the CC regarding the 40mph speed limit at Drum and whether it was going ahead. Local councillors confirmed it will be going ahead.

Kinross-shire Forum: Cllr Purves attended the meeting where a traffic model for Kinross and Milnathort was presented; this looked at traffic flow, junctions within the towns and connections to surrounding areas. Cllr Watters found the ability to identify pinch points, such as outside schools, particularly Kinross primary, could be useful in testing amendments which could then be put in place to improve the flow of traffic. It was felt the model was a good tool for forward planning. Cllr Duffy reported that there was a lack of information presented relating to public transport with the focus being primarily on cars. Cllr Purves reported that there was considerable discussion on local democracy

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bringing decisions to a more local level, Cllr Purves will be circulating further information in the future and mentioned the possibility of an area committee being established. It is hoped these meetings will take place quarterly. One MoP raised concerns about community transport, Cllr Duffy felt that this forum could be a good platform to spend some time on the issue of community transport. Cllr Waters mentioned that this was discussed at an earlier Action Partnership meeting and this could be part of this group's remit. This could take the form of a community bus, examples of which are already in place in Auchterarder.

Post Brexit: The Scottish Government is preparing a new Electoral Franchise Bill that will preserve the rights of EU citizens resident in Scotland to vote in local elections. This means that such residents are able to stand as Community Councillors.

Community Council Business - Meetings Attended

Kinross Fund: Cllr Cheape reported that there has been an application for mobility scooters at RSPB Vane Farm which was granted.

Sports Hub: Cllr Farquhar reported that the Sports Hub meeting has been postponed until later this month. The possibility of a sub-group for Fossoway is being explored. A questionnaire about possible improvements at the Kinross Skate Park has been uploaded to the Fossoway CC Facebook page.

P&K Councillors' Reports

Mike Barnacle: The owners of Devonshaw Quarry have been established, and a letter has been sent regarding the existing state of the site. The planning bill is at Stage 2 for which Cllr Barnacle has suggested amendments relating to prioritising development on brownfield sites, equal right for third party appeals on major applications, and maintaining the 20m rule for neighbourhood notifications. There is a road closure on the B9097 from east Coldrain Junction from September 11. Two roads in Fossoway are being explored for adoption, Station Road Rumbling Bridge and Drummond Park. Two members of the public commented on the condition of the road to Seamab School and the Riding School and the possibility for this road to be improved or adopted. The Back Crook at Drum is due to be resurfaced from Monday 3 for two weeks. The World War One Commemoration Committee has a meeting one week on Wednesday in the Village Inn, if anyone has any interest or information they are welcome to attend. Any farmers looking to apply for the farmer's scheme for winter maintenance should start now. There is a conference on the Ochil Hills on the 10 November at Stirling University.

Callum Purves: The Community Investment Fund will be open for applications on Friday 14 September until Friday 18 October. It is a £1.2 million fund for the next two years, which means that there will be £50,000 available for Kinross-shire both this year and next year. The concept of the fund is to allow community groups and local organisations to apply for funding for projects that will benefit the local community. The decisions about funding for Kinross-shire will be made by a panel of Kinross-shire representatives, which will include ward councillors, a representative from each community council, and community members from the local action partnership.

Richard Watters: Action Partnerships – There is currently one application in for a representative on the partnership

but there is still a place for more members, preferably from more rural parts of Kinross-shire to provide a more balanced group to help tackle rural issues and inequalities. The Life Long Learning Committee has a position for more members from other faiths and religions.

Planning Matters

New applications

18/01355/FLL Erection of a dwelling house, land 20m east of Craigielin, Gartwhinzean Loan, Powmill. No CC comment.

18/01389/FLL Erection of dwelling house at land 100m SE of Briglands Lodge, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

Decided applications

18/00873/FLL Alterations to dwelling house, Hillsvie, Powmill. Approved. The CC did not comment.

18/01296/IPL Renewal of permission (15/01053/IPL) residential development (in principle), land 30m NW of Sunnyside, Drum. Approved. The CC did not comment.

18/01018/FLL Alterations to dwelling house and erection of a fence, Vernon Mount, 2 Mill Gardens, Powmill. Approved. The CC did not comment.

Correspondence: All correspondence was available for viewing:

AOCB: One MoP raised concerns over public transport in the area and that transport links here need a major overhaul e.g. schoolchildren not being able to get a school bus from Rumbling Bridge to Fossoway School and having to walk along the main road. Cllr Barnacle felt there is definitely a need for a community transport solution to these problems.

Draft Agenda for Next CC Meeting

Welcome and Apologies, Declarations of Interest, Community Policing, Minutes of last meeting.

Matters arising: A977 Mitigation, Blairingone School Estate Transformation, Lambhill, Hydro Scheme Fund, Crook & Drum Growing Together, Powmill in Bloom, Fossoway Gathering, Blairingone War Memorial.

Community Councillors: Meetings Attended, PKC Councillors' Reports, Planning, Correspondence, AOCB

The next meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 2 October 2018 at 7.30pm in Fossoway Primary School. All Welcome.

Fossoway & District CC minutes are posted on the website www.fossoway.org and on their Facebook page, along with other community related information. Search for Fossoway & District Community Council on Facebook.



Cleish & Blairadam CC

News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 6 August 2018 were: F Gillespie (Chair), P Fraser (Secy), M Traylor (Treasurer), R Cairney, R Kitchin, and 7 members of the public. Also in attendance was P&K Cllr Barnacle.

Apologies: Hugh Somerville, Fred Whalley, Cllr Purves, Cllr Watters and Cllr Robertson and the police.

Great War Exhibition: Cllr Barnacle is on a committee based in Fossoway with a view to organising an exhibition about the Great War. They are looking for input from the public with regard to anyone who had relatives in the Great War. There is a move to include Blairingone and Cleish. The exhibition is to take place in Crook of Devon on the 11/12 November. There is a memorial on the side of Cleish Church Tower to all in the parish who lost their lives in the Great War with 14 names on it. If anyone would like further information on the names please contact P Fraser (patty@cleish.net).

Community Challenge Fund: Dave Cuthbert has applied to this fund for £31,000 to be shared between the 6 community councils in the Shire. If this is successful then it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Financial Update: The accounts have been signed off and there is approval from PKC for our top up grant. Funds stand at the moment at £97.31.

Newsletter Update: Fran feels he needs to pass over some of the newsletter responsibility and also maintenance of the website as he has taken on Chair of the CC. It was suggested that perhaps a competition to write the newsletter introduction was started - watch this space.

Planning

Residential Development (in principle) land 60 metres South West of Burnside House, Benarty Road, Kelty. This is pending consideration but there is concern re discharge into the Kinnaird Burn.

There is still concern re the building of two houses at 27A **Keltybridge**. The builder is now following the revised plans but there is still concern that the north house is still not in the correct position.

Greenacres is still the subject of planning concern. A large parking area has appeared in the middle of the site and there are still buildings erected without planning consent. The CC would like to see a level playing field as far as Planning and Greenacres is concerned.

Cllr Barnacle wrote to Nick Bryant regarding **Boreland** and is still waiting for an outcome.

Lochran Signs: waiting for the Traffic Network Team to produce and erect these signs.

A member of the public raised the subject of **Benarty Road**; this is a private road not adopted by the council and there is concern regarding the building work going on and the state of the road. There are also concerns re the **Blairfordel Development** and the road issues and also the contamination of the **Black Burn**.

Village Updates

Keltybridge and **Maryburgh:** Potholes filled, verge cutting done and they were winners of the Best Kept Hamlet.

Cleish: Tilhill is looking to remove 900 tonnes of timber during Autumn 2018 into 2019 and the lorries will come down the hill road, then onto the B9097.

AOCB:

Cllr Barnacle intimated that LDP2 was up for discussion and he was keen that the AGLVs in the parish were reinstated. The Westfield application has been approved so this enhances the need for the B9097 route action plan.

The B9097 will be closed from the Mawmill Crossroads to its junction with the A977 at Crook of Devon from 11 September for 5 weeks for road improvements.

The next meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 1 October 2018 at 7.30pm at Cleish Village Hall.

Portmoak Community Council

Portmoak Community Council did not meet in September due to a cancelled meeting.

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 7.30pm in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell.

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Since our last report, we have enjoyed two most pleasurable occasions. The first was a very informative "talk & taste" about the story of Unorthodox Roasters, delivered with infectious enthusiasm by Chris. Many thanks to Chris for such a productive morning.



Cathy Watt and Maureen Allan tasting coffee with Chris from Unorthodox Roasters, and Anne Milburn in the background

Our second event was a social get-together for the volunteers and a good time was had by all; delicious food, fine wine and excellent company. Even the weather was kind! A fitting reward to mark all the hard work put in by our volunteers. A special thank you must go to Bill Freeman for so ably manning the barbecue.

Project: Our project for October, the first of our new financial year, is ShelterBox Emergency Disaster Relief. Historically, this is an "emergency relief" charity. ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits contain all the essential tools needed to start rebuilding homes straight away. They include items such as tents, cooking sets and solar lights. Currently 85 million people worldwide have been made homeless by natural disasters and conflicts. ShelterBox are working to change this.

Project Lunch: Our next project lunch will be on **Wednesday 10 October** with a speaker from Project Sachibondu in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort at 12 noon. Following the speaker there will be a lunch of homemade soup, bread, tray bakes and Fairtrade tea or coffee. Everyone is welcome. See our website for more information.

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

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

Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association Community garden apples

take first prize

Members of the Milnathort and Kinross Allotments Association recently entered produce in the Fossoway and District Horticultural Show. This included cooking and eating apples from the community garden, which carried off both first and second prizes in their classes.

The award-winning apples were turned into delicious apple pies and sold at the Allotment Society Open Day, held on Saturday 1 September. Despite the weather being poor we had lots of visitors to look round the plots and garden, enjoy some great home-baking (the chocolate and beetroot cake went down a storm), and pick up some homemade produce.

Many thanks to Kinross Fire Brigade who brought along the fire tender, which the kids loved and to our members who contributed raffle and tombola prizes, homegrown produce and some wonderful jams and chutneys. Special thanks to the members who helped out on the day and managed to stay cheerful despite being soggy. Funds raised will go towards buying the materials to provide a rain harvesting roof on the tool shed, just in case we get another scorching summer next year!

Our monthly meetings are open to all members. See the notice by the gate for dates and times. Our AGM will be held in November and all members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in getting involved, whether for the community garden or to put your name down for an allotment, please contact our secretary via the website.



Crook and Drum Growing Together

Having had some more rain in late summer, our plants are still blooming well in mid September. However, we will soon be thinking about "rescuing" some of them to keep under cover over the winter, for use again next year, and renewing the planting for the months ahead. We will have a planting and tidying session on the morning of **Saturday 13 October**, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am, and all are welcome to come along to lend a hand.

We have recently attended award events for the Beautiful Scotland competition, and Take a Pride in Perth and Kinross. We were given a bronze award for our first entry in Beautiful Scotland, and silver at the ceremony in Perth on 12 September. We would like to thank everyone in the community who has helped and supported us this season, and we look forward to working together to keep improving the environment of the two villages.

We would like to congratulate the other more established Bloom groups in Kinross-shire who also had success in the competitions, and thank them for their friendship and advice. If you would like to find out more about how you could help our group, or suggest any future developments, please contact Amanda on 01577 840809, or at amandajames1577@gmail.com.



Kinross & District Rotary Club

Fundraising

We had a very unlucky day with the weather for the Great Escape Boat Race. Wet and windy sums it up – but it did NOT dampen the spirits of those who came along! The atmosphere was magic and there was an amazing camaraderie to be had from sitting in the rain in wet boats fighting the wind – amazingly, everyone had a great time!

Congratulations to the Queensferriers who won with an astonishing time of 3 minutes 9 seconds! And their 'Mary' - Peter Collins - won the best dressed Mary this year. Our thanks go to them and to the other teams, in order of how they placed: Kinross Complete Amateurs Football team, Mary Marauders, Kinross Rotary Club, Kinghorn Rowing Club and Swansacre. Well done to you all!



The "Queensferriers" team, with best dressed "Mary" Peter Collins

We'd like to recognise the support of the Kinross & District Men's Shed, and Swansacre Playgroup for their stalls on the day. And we must express our sincere thanks to Professor David Munro MBE for the fine display and information about the history of Mary Queen of Scots that he brought to the event.

Also thank you very much to the Inner Wheel of Kinross & District for their hard work on the food service. With their help, and with the support of the competitors, the community, and our sponsors we raised much needed funds which will all go to good causes.

Youth activity

We were delighted to see 20 young people attending our kick-off meeting for the Interact club at the high school. It looks like being a very strong year for the club. In addition, we plan on running these events with the high school: Young Chef, Young Musician, Mock Interviews, RYLA and maybe more. We'll also have a Primary Schools Quiz and a Young Writer competition – something new this year.

Recent speakers

Gray Smith

Our breakfast talk on Tuesday 21 August was from Rotarian Gray Smith. Gray spoke about his life, which started off pretty hard, meaning he didn't really engage with school. At 15 he started work as a bingo caller, and at 16 was selling tea door-to-door in Scarborough. He realised he had an aptitude for sales, which was to come in useful later on. He decided to join the navy as an engineer, which he really enjoyed. Skilled at sports, he was selected for the Navy under-21 football

team. After being deployed to the Gulf War, he moved to Rosyth and met the lady who became his wife. Wanting a more settled life, he left the navy and started to work in sales in financial services, moved on to Telewest and now works at Virgin Media. His interest in property led to him not only investing in it but doing numerous self-build and extension projects. He and his family are now settled in Kinross. As well as Rotary, Gray takes a keen interest in the local Colts football team and is their coach.

Harbour Counselling Services

The following week Catherine Wallace spoke to us about the charity Harbour Counselling Services in Perth. The charity provides a free counselling service for those with mental health issues. Clients get a safe space to talk about their problems with 15 part-time trained counsellors who focus on trying to know and understand the client through quality listening. These services are much in demand since counselling can be expensive. We applaud the work the service is doing and encourage everyone to spread the word about this worthwhile organisation.

Sand Dams

We also had a very informative talk from Carol Stewart of the Elgin club. Carol is the district chair of the Rotary Foundation which is the Rotary charity supporting humanitarian projects. She has been working with club member Alistair Smith on the Sand Dams project in Kenya that we have been supporting. Did you know that 844 million people in the world haven't got access to a clear, pure supply of water? Horrifyingly, a baby dies every second in the world due to waterborne diseases. For the last four years Kinross Rotary Club has been contributing money (with other Clubs in our District) to the construction of sand dams in Kenya, which will enable over 7,000 people to have a year-round supply of clean water. Sand dams are an affordable way of providing safe water for drinking, domestic use, farming and livestock. Sites are selected at villages close to a river. Formwork is built from local timber to form the dam up to 2.5m high, and concrete is mixed from the provided cement and local sand and then placed in the formwork to create the dam. When the next rainfall occurs, rain washes the sand down behind the sand dam where it is retained, along with the water. A drain is fitted at the bottom of the front of the dam to allow water to be drawn off. Because water is stored within sand behind each sand dam, it is protected from contamination, evaporation and disease. The dam retains enough water to provide a clear safe supply of water for the village for a year.



A typical sand dam

The overall objective of this specific project in Makueni County, Kenya, was to build five water sources providing a year-round sustainable source of clean water for drinking, domestic use, farming and livestock which would then support climate-smart agriculture techniques and improve food production.

This was achieved through the construction of two new sand dams and three extensions to existing sand dams, providing communities with year-round access to safe water, even during droughts. Water is safe as it is stored within the sand, protecting water from evaporation and contamination, reducing the incidences of waterborne diseases.

As well as hygiene, safe water gives communities the ability to cook and to irrigate their fields, so they can grow crops for personal use. In time, they can grow enough crops to sell at local markets and to their neighbours.



Local communities are committed to achieving water and food security

Nduku Muli explains the community commitment: “We remain focused as a group – we hold regular meetings and our goals will never be swayed out of achieving water and food security for the group members and the community at large.”

Kinross Rotary Club has raised and donated £2,500 to the development of these dams in Kenya, through the generous giving of the local community here in Kinross. This is a project of which we are very proud. Clubs all over the world are taking part in the provision of safe water in deprived countries and we will continue to do so.

Upcoming speakers

We look forward to welcoming the following in the next few weeks:

- Barry Douglas will tell us about KYTHE (Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise).
- Bela Simandi will talk about ‘Hungary, my early years’.

If you would like to come along please get in touch.

Join us! Where to find us

The Rotary Club of Kinross and District meets most Mondays in the Kirklands Hotel, Kinross at 6.30pm. On the third week of the month the Monday meeting is replaced by a Tuesday breakfast meeting at 7.30am, also at the Kirklands. Come along and find out what’s happening in the club and meet some of our members. KDRC Contact and information: Contact Brian Timms the Club Secretary at: secretary.kdrc@gmail.com to find out more or visit us at www.facebook.com/kinrossrotaryclub/

Inner Wheel

Members of the Inner Wheel held their first meeting at The Boathouse after the summer break. President Elaine Matthew welcomed everyone back and extended a warm welcome to Sean Bolton, the Rotary President, who was our speaker for the evening. Sean began by presenting the club with a cheque for Inner Wheel’s help at the recent Mary Queen of Scots event and he thanked members for their involvement. Sean then talked about his vision and goals for the Rotary Club in the coming year and beyond. The talk was very interesting and informative for all members.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 8 October** at The Boathouse with a reception at 6.30pm. Our speaker, Jackie Sutherland, will be giving a talk entitled ‘The Quilt’, an inspiring story about a quilt created during WW2 in Changi prison, Singapore.

For more information, email admin@innerwheel.co.uk or visit www.innerwheel.co.uk.



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



We started our new season on 12 September with a visit to the Scottish Conservation Studios at Hopetoun House. The studio is not usually open to visitors, so this was a special privilege for us. It was fascinating to be shown the work in progress by our four guides. We started by seeing the pictures on which Helen had painstakingly worked. She explained the way each print was washed to remove stains, though this was not always possible. We next saw the beautiful fabrics being saved from further damage. The conservator showed us many fabrics including a large banner that she was working on and photos of one that was packed to be returned. She told us how she had repaired some small holes in a very damaged sampler. Next we were shown some rescued prints from the dreadful fire at The Glasgow School of Art. Many articles were lost altogether but those at the studio had been damaged by the water used to extinguish the blaze. Our final trip was to see the work being done on metals, stone, pottery and leather.

The studio is mainly concerned with conserving the items as they are now, with only a minor amount of restoration. The studio is a private concern, not part of Hopetoun House. This enables them to work for private clients and museums as well as Hopetoun House itself. It was a really interesting day out for us all and all our questions were answered.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 10 October** at Fossoway Church Hall when Graeme Cruickshank will be returning to speak about Scottish Ceramics.

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Kinross JAC strip off in aid of charity

Members of Kinross JAC have taken a break from their daily jobs to do something a little different to raise money for charity. They have the ambitious aim of raising over £5000 to split equally between local charity Kinross-shire Heartstart, who aim to buy a defibrillator for the local community and the club's charity of the year, MS Scotland. The group of 15 young farmers posed on the farm naked for a 2019 charity calendar. The club has been very fortunate to receive sponsorship from 12 local companies which has covered the cost of the printing, allowing all proceeds made from the sales to go to charity.

Calendars will be sold at £10 and postage is an additional £2. To order your calendar please contact emma@cheapephotography.co.uk



Kinross JAC demonstrate the pulling power of naked farmers!

Kinross Centre

The weather may be starting to change but the fun is ongoing at Kinross Centre. This month we have had a few day trips including Dobbies, the beach, and some really fun afternoons including a pamper afternoon, singing group and Tai Chi session. Our morning activities include exercise classes, indoor curling and morning worship and are also very popular.

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



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Kinross-shire Historical Society



The 2018-19 winter season of talks starts on **Monday 15 October** at Kinross Parish Church at 7.30pm. Members should all have received their programmes by now. The first talk "Rooted in Royalty at the Queensferry Crossing" will be given by James Lawson. This will be very interesting, looking at how a small village situated between the ancient and modern capitals of Scotland has survived over the centuries.

The talks over the season are a good mix and range of subjects, some local and some from other parts of the world. Members are asked to pay their subscriptions to the treasurer, Mrs Anne Milburn, before the first evening to avoid standing in a queue in the cold. To cover increasing costs, the fee has risen this year to £7.50 for everyone except junior members (18 and under), who are free. New members are always welcome, as are visitors who are asked to pay a £2 entrance fee.

Members are reminded that there are now some parking spaces at the top of the church lane. Free teas and coffees will be available at the end of meetings as usual.

For the full 2018-19 programme, see Notices, p. 91.

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Boys Brigade and Girls Association

The 1st Kinross Boys Brigade and Girls Association has started its 98th session with all three sections back in action. Perth Battalion is also celebrating 125 years of service and all three sections (Anchors, Juniors and Company) attended the Landmark Centre in Carrbridge for a day of fun.

We operate from the Kinross Centre on Friday evenings and have a few vacancies in all of our three sections (no waiting lists). Anchors caters for boys and girls in primaries one, two and three and meets from 6pm to 7.15pm.

Juniors caters for boys and girls in primaries four, five and six and meets from 7pm to 9pm.

The Company section caters for boys and girls from primary 7 to age 18 and meets from 7pm to 10pm.

All three sections carry out our national programme which focuses on interests,

community and physical, through a wide range of practical activities. The first Battalion competition of the new session is due in late September at Bell's Sports Centre. The Company also

intends to enter national competitions in badminton, chess and the masterteam quiz.



Boys Brigade and Girls Association: Anchors, Juniors and the Company Section

Portmoak Film Society

www.portmoakfilmsociety.org.uk

The new Portmoak Film season got off to a strong start in September with 'Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri', the by now famous film with the unwieldy name. A sizeable audience gave it a 91% good rating on our very own audience satisfaction gauge made of marbles (come and see for yourself!). Our next film on **Saturday 13 October** is the 1961 classic, 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'. This was selected because we know our audience likes classic films, as well as for its light-heartedness after the previous offering. It also features an award-winning score including the swoony 'Moon River', and the gorgeous Audrey Hepburn as social climber Holly Golightly looking for love and money (or is it the other way round?). Set in New York, it is based on the novel about the social mores of the time, written by Truman Capote. Treat yourself to a relaxing and entertaining night out! Films start at 7.30pm in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell, and you can chat over hot drinks and film-themed refreshments afterwards. You may also bring your own bottle.

A season's membership costs £32, available from Stuart Mackenzie at the Pottery in Kinnesswood (phone 01592 840638) or you can pay £5 on the door. To find out more about all the featured films and the 2018-19 dates visit our website.



Milnathort in Bloom

Autumn is here and we are enjoying the change in the seasons. This is a quieter time for the Bloomers, planning for next year's planting in the village. Our sunflower competition closed on 30 August and we were delighted to announce that Archie McGregor won first prize with an impressive flower reaching 238cm. This was followed closely by a sunflower at 236cm high grown by Gretchen and Freddie Cobb, and by Katie Spence with 110cm. We'd like to thank everyone who entered and the parents who encouraged the children in the spirit of the competition. Awards for 'Take a Pride in Perthshire' were announced on 12 September and a group of us attended the annual event. Awards are made, not only for the planting and displays around towns and villages, but to recognise the community and the part they play. So we'd also like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement for this year's achievement; the award of Silver Gilt. The judges made special reference to the 'wow' factor in the centre of the village.



Sunflowers were reaching for the sky in Milnathort this summer!

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Opening Times

Monday*	10am-1pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday*	10am-3pm

* Mondays 10am-1pm and Saturdays 1pm-3pm: Limited service, provided by volunteers (FOLLCL, see page next page).

Regular Sessions for Young Children

No need to book, just come along:

- **Bookbug Rhymetimes:** Saturdays 10.30am-11am and Wednesdays 2pm-2.30pm.
- **Pre-school Story Time:** Tuesdays 10.15am-10.45am. Parents, grandparents or guardians and toddlers will be made most welcome at these free, open sessions.
- **Stay and Play:** Wednesdays 2.30pm-3.30pm. Saturdays 11am-12 noon. Pop into the library where you can meet other parents, have a coffee, chat, read a magazine or just relax while your child plays. Toys provided. Family-friendly. These sessions are suitable for pre-school children and their parents or guardians.

Book Groups at the Library

We currently have three book groups for adults running at Loch Leven Community Library:

Crime: Once a month on a Tuesday evening, 6.45-7.45pm.

General: Once a month on a Friday morning, 10.30-11.30am.

Café: Once a month on a Saturday morning at 11.15am. The next meeting is on **13 October**.

Please contact the Library for the other book group dates.

Book Groups for Children:

- **Chatterbooks** is for children aged 7-11 years and meets on the first Friday of each month. The next meeting is on **5 October**, 4pm-5pm. New members welcome. Please contact the library to book a place.
- **Code Club** gives children aged 7-11 years an opportunity to learn to code, no matter who they are or where they come from. The project introduces coding concepts to allow children to build their knowledge incrementally. Every Thursday, 4pm-5pm. New members welcome. Please contact the library to book a place.

IT Help Sessions

Free sessions, but booking essential. The next session is on **Thursday 18 October**, 2pm onwards.

Coffee and Crochet

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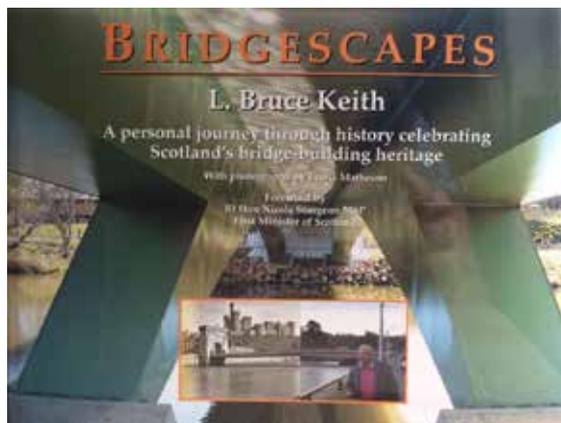
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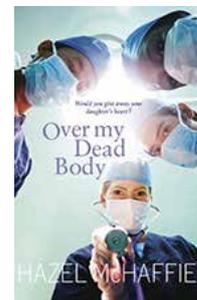
The talk takes place on **Tuesday 2 October** at 7pm. **Tickets are £5 and booking is essential.** Book at the library or online at www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on

'Jump into libraries' for National Libraries Week Wednesday 10 October

Come along and celebrate libraries and National Library Week.

Programme of Events

- **10am-12 noon: Community Coffee Morning and Book Sale.** *Free entry. Coffee & Cake & Books.* We are holding our first ever coffee morning to celebrate National Libraries Week. Everyone welcome.
- **2pm-3pm: For the Kids.** BookBug Rhymetime followed by Stay & Play plus Lego time.
- **2.45pm onwards:** Talk by Holistic Practitioner followed by taster sessions. *Free event.*
- **7.30pm: Author Talk** by Hazel McHaffie. *Free event. Please book a place. Adults only.* "When it's time to say 'enough!'" Imagine the trickiest dilemmas thrown up by modern medicine today. In a former life, Hazel McHaffie was a researcher in the field of medical ethics, trotting the globe lecturing. She now beavers away at home creating engaging family dramas bringing these complex psychological issues alive in her novels.



Foodbank: The library is now a foodbank collection point for Broke Not Broken.

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**Friends of Loch Leven
Community Library (FOLLCL)
Opening times reminder**



Just a wee reminder about our new opening times: the Friends of Loch Leven Community Library now open the library on **Saturdays from 1pm to 3pm** and on **Mondays from 10am to 1pm**.

We're always happy to see you and help out where we can. It's really helpful if you bring your library card with you as you will need this to access some of the services we can offer you.

FOLLCL is a group of independent volunteers who staff Loch Leven Community Library on Saturday afternoons and on Monday mornings. For further information, please contact Richard Scott on 07999 510500 or find us on Facebook.

Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The monthly meeting is on **Thursday 4 October** when the speaker will be Mr W Nicol, talking on "Experiences with the BBC."

Notices: The membership fee of £3 is due this month.

Away Days

- 11 Oct** Three Glens.
- 25 Oct** Glamis Castle.

The bus leaves the Green Hotel at 9.15am. Contact Mrs P Crawford, 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

- 5 Oct** Along Wallace Road to Bridge of Earn.
- 19 Oct** Pitlochry autumn walk. **NB:** This leaves at 9am.

Walks leave from the Green Hotel. Contact Ian Simpson, 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

- 12 Oct** Glen Isla Anne/Kate 8.30am
- 26 Oct** Kingsbarns Robin 9.00am

Contact Pauline Watson, telephone 01577 862685.

Activities

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

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

Keep Fit class meets every Monday at 2pm in the Masonic Hall. Contact Val Oswald, 01577 864020.

Craft Group meets Wednesday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Elizabeth Smith, 01577 861387.

Fly Tyers meet each Monday in Millbridge Hall. Contact Ian Campbell, 01577 830582.

Carpet Bowls: Meet Monday at 2pm in Millbridge Hall. Contact Helen Duncan, 01577 863248.



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Weekend Walks

Sunday 14 October: The Darn Road, Dunblane to Bridge of Allan, 6 miles.

A scenic circular walk from Dunblane along an ancient track by Allan Water to Bridge of Allan, with great views of the river.

Saturday 27 October: Alan's Memorial Walk, Menstrie Glen Circular, 5 miles.

After an initial short (nippy) climb up old pony trail, this is a beautifully scenic walk up the east side of the glen to Jerrah Farm. Cross burn below Lossburn Reservoir to return along the old drove road on west side. Alan loved this walk.

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

For further details of where to meet us, or for general enquiries, please call our Group Secretary, Ann Eve, on 01577 863887.

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 9 October: Dysart and West Wemyss.

A choice of two walks; an easy linear walk along the Fife Coastal Path or a circular route which returns from West Wemyss through Chapel Wood and involves a fair degree of pavement walking. Many historic points of interest on both walks.

Tuesday 23 October: Lochore Meadows.

A slightly different route from our previous walks here. Through woodland and round the loch, viewing the mine shaft and other remains of the area's historical past.

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Kinross-shire U3A



We were delighted to welcome Alistair Smith from Kinross Civic Trust to talk to Kinross-shire U3A for September's meeting - especially after we'd worked out how to get into the church for the meeting to begin! We also hope our secretary will get the hang of the microphones for the next meeting. We have seven interest groups up and running, and always welcome offers to set up new groups. More details are available on our website "U3Asites.org.uk/kinross".

Our next monthly meeting will be at 2.30pm on **Tuesday 2 October**, again at Kinross Parish Church, when the speaker will be Jamie Montgomery from Loch Leven Brewery.

Circle Dancing

Circle dancing is in full swing, and we are enjoying a lovely selection of new dances which are "hot off the press". If you have never tried this before, then now is your time to do so. Taster session is free, so come along and see what we do. Tuesday mornings in the Millbridge Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm, and Wednesday mornings in the new dance studio in Junction Road from 10am to 11am. All dances are walked through first. No previous experience is required.

If you would like more details, please phone Lynne on 01259 742173.

Kinross Garden Group



In September the Garden Group had a very successful outing to Dumfries House. The guides around the house were entertaining and very informative and the garden was amazing!

Our first meeting of the new season starts on **Thursday 11 October** in the **Millbridge Hall at 2pm** with Ian Sinclair, Vice-President of the Scottish Rhododendron Society. His talk will be 'Plant Hunting Adventures, Primarily in Sichuan'.

Membership fees are £10 for the year and £2 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts you will be made very welcome. Doors will be open from 1.30pm. For more details, contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

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It's hard to believe that a report is now due for the October *Newsletter*. Where did summer go? It has been a glorious season, though not without the difficulties of continuous watering to cope with the prolonged dry weather. We are not complaining though. Mention should go to those who watered planters and hanging baskets throughout the village: Shelagh, Carol, John and Pat Nicol.

Now that school is back, we have had a couple of sessions tidying up Portmoak school grounds and harvesting some of the crops. Primary 6/7 planted out strawberry plants and gathered in the tatties from the tattie barrels, using their maths skills in the process. This year they grew oats in one of the raised beds, then the crop was harvested and dried. Everyone had a go at winnowing the oats by tossing them in a sheet so the chaff would blow away. Next month you can hear how they used the oats.



Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Crunchy Apple Crumble

Ingredients

1kg Bramley apples
sugar to taste
1 tablespoon water or apple juice
100g plain flour
75g butter
50g rolled oats
100g demerara sugar

Method

Preheat oven to 200°C. Wipe the apples, cut into quarters and remove cores. Cut into slices, put in a pan and add sugar, a tablespoon of water or apple juice and cook until the apples start to soften.

Transfer to a greased ovenproof dish. Rub butter into flour until it looks like breadcrumbs and stir in the oats and brown sugar. Sprinkle over the apples and bake for 30 minutes or until it is crisp and golden brown on top.



Kinnesswood in Bloom at the Beautiful Scotland Awards

Saturday work parties continue, weather permitting. Look for the list on the village noticeboard if you would like to join in. Five of us attended the Beautiful Scotland Awards in Haddington on the evening of 6 September. It was a lovely evening, starting with a welcome drink in a marquee, youth jazz band playing and a chance to socialise with the other groups. This was followed by dinner in the church of St Mary's, a magnificent, atmospheric venue and part of Haddington's 700th year of celebrations. We were delighted when it was announced that once again we were the best small village in Scotland. We were also awarded a Silver Gilt certificate. The trophy has once again come home and is displayed in the window of Buchan's garage. Thank you, David, for your support and also the celebration bottle.

Our last award ceremony was at the Take a Pride in Perthshire Awards in Perth on 12 September. Once again we did extremely well with Gold, Best Small Village and Best Work with Schools. This made our efforts very worthwhile.

The next day there was more good news when we heard that we had been successful in our application to the Scottish Landfills Community Fund. This last piece of funding was necessary because the costs of developing Benarty View have risen over the last couple of years. We now have a contractor and work will be starting very soon.

Thank you to all our sponsors, schools, businesses, supporters and gardeners who have helped contribute to our success this year. We couldn't do it without you.

Kinross & District Probus Club

Our first meeting of the season was held in our new venue, the Orwell Bowling Club in Milnathort. The club would like to thank the Bowling Club committee for the warm welcome we received and we look forward to the forthcoming season in our new friendly venue.

Our speaker for the day was one of our own members, Robert Walker, who gave us a talk called 'Not 366'.

Robert is a long standing member of the Kinross Camera Club. If you are interested in photography, you may be interested in the club too! The club was founded in 1985 and caters for all abilities. It attracts members from Kinross-shire, Fife and beyond. They are a very friendly and sociable club and look forward to welcoming new members throughout the year. You don't have to be a budding David Bailey; they are just a group of people who like taking photos and socialising.

Robert's presentation was based around his experience of taking part in a photographic challenge to take a picture every day for a whole year. Each picture had to be different and Robert explained how he tried to cover many different topics, and show the changing seasons. He also ensured that he made some social comment with his pictures. Deciding which picture to choose each day was a challenge and, on average, Robert took 22 pictures a day before deciding which one to submit.

It was a fascinating insight into the life of an amateur photographer and of a 'challenge' we could all potentially undertake.

The vote of thanks was given by Sandy Smith.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

August Draw

1st	No 47	Andrea Drummond, Kinnesswood
2nd	No 18	John Spencer, Kinnesswood
3rd	No 95	Anna Garner, Scotlandwell



Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

In our 43rd year of twinning, a small group travelled by community minibus to Portsmouth. After an overnight stay in a hotel, we departed as foot passengers on Sunday 29 July. Our ferry encountered heavy rain, strong winds and rough seas on the crossing but this had passed as we arrived in Ouistreham. Minibuses then carried us to the welcome reception in the old butter hall beside the Chateau in Gacé. It is typical that our exchange visits include a mix of more official meetings or group outings alternating with less formal activities with our host families. Monday was a free day, allowing us to relax after the trip and giving opportunities for getting to know new exchange partners and locations in the local area while old hands resumed long standing acquaintances.

for its focal point, a single tower above a central altar. The combination of colours in the columns of stained glass windows within this tower draws your sightline upward. At night, the lit windows create a beacon effect across the city centre.

After a picnic lunch or meal in a seafront restaurant, we headed for the heights above the city to a Napoleonic fort renovated as 'Les Jardins Suspendus' where the former internal parade ground had been transformed into a botanic garden under glass featuring display of flowers and plants from around the world.

We spent Wednesday at a grange in the grounds of la 'Jauniere'; a small chateau and home of the Bernascon family who visited Kinross in 2015. Instead of an evening reception as in the past, we

exchanged gifts; four whisky glasses engraved with our twinning logo, housed on a barrel stave from Kinross. Gacé presented a marquetry illustration of Mont St Michel. Another focal point for chat and memories was the series of photo albums covering all the years of twinning and school exchanges.

On the final official outing on Thursday, Christophe took us south. The Chateau of Carrouges is a stately home with historic links and contemporary use as a tourist attraction and conference venue. After a picnic lunch near an old cider press, we spent the early afternoon at the Abbaye biscuit factory, whose products have often been gifts for twinning in Kinross as much as shortbread has been for our friends in the Gacé area.

Before returning to Gacé, we took a break in the spa town of Bagnoles de l'Orne with its 1920s architecture, flowers and shopping as well as drink or ice cream opportunities in the over 30 degree heat.

Our contact with host families remains a feature of our twinning exchange and it fosters an insight into life in the area. On our free days we enjoyed the hospitality of their homes and also less formal visits around Gacé.

Some of the group spent time at well-known attractions like Haras Du Pin, the national stud, but even for old hands there were attractions not seen on previous visits. We also had the opportunity to enjoy a meal in a new restaurant in Gacé. The restaurant is run by Xavier Lebas who visited Kinross for the first time last year. Xavier was leader of the team who created our meal for the Wednesday reception.

After the wet and windy start to the trip, most of our week was marked by hot, sunny conditions with temperatures well above 30 degrees.

All too soon we gathered for our trip back with suitcases bulging with souvenirs and gifts for other twinning who could not make this year's trip.

Early on Monday 6 August we walked off the ferry to pick up our minibus for the trip north to Kinross.



The town twinning group in Gacé

Tuesday was our first group outing to Le Havre. We were delighted that Christophe Rouille (our driver for many trips here and in Scotland) one again took the wheel. As we travelled north across the Pont du Normandy, one Gacéan enquired if we had copied the design for our Queensferry crossing. The main visit of the morning was the church of St Joseph in the city centre, rebuilt after extensive bombing damage during WWII. We were impressed by the simple construction of poured concrete

started at midday with aperitifs and chat in glorious sunshine as the group gathered. We enjoyed a full four-course meal with musical entertainment and magic by Patrick, an old friend from our sound and light days. Mme Bernascon played her harp while her daughter sang and played the viola. Marie France Brodin also played accordion for a few dances.

After speeches by our presidents, Michel Brodin and Dale Coldwell, and the local mayor, François Dreux, we

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Kinross in Bloom

The days are getting shorter, there's often a slight nip in the air, and, judging by the noise, geese are coming back. These are all signs that autumn is here, but I'm glad to report that our baskets and planters are still blooming, although it will only be for a further week or two before they are emptied for another year.

It has been a difficult year, what with the long and wet winter and spring, then the long hot spell, where our solar-powered watering system worked overtime to keep the plants in good order, so much so that we had to call in the services of the local fire service to refill our water tanks on three occasions! We appreciate this very much and thank them again for coming to our rescue. Once all this kerfuffle was over and the baskets were hung and the planters planted, it was just a matter of looking after them and making them look as good as we could, so here's a message from our chairman:

As many of the local people of Kinross will be aware, Kinross in Bloom took the decision to enter the 'Take a Pride in Perth and Kinross' competition for 2018. This decision involved a lot of hard work to get the hanging baskets and planters through the town ready for judging, this work being carried out by a dedicated group of committee members and helpers working right up to judging day. A special mention should be made for our group of 'waterers' who made sure the plants were looking their best for the day, and we thank them for that.

The award ceremony for the competition was held on Wednesday 12 September, in the Salutation Hotel, Perth, and was attended by five members of the committee. As Chair, I am thrilled to say that Kinross in Bloom won a Silver Gilt award in the small country town category, and also a special award, The '2018 Award for Endeavour', both of which will be most cherished.

I would personally like to thank all my committee members and all other helpers for their hard work and dedication in helping to achieve these awards, and, who knows, maybe it will be Gold next time.

Graham Barnett, Chairman

Meanwhile, work still continues; we have to plan our spring display and look after the plants when they arrive. We also need to take down baskets, clear planters, tidy the storage hut and polytunnel. Then we can relax.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 3 October** at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, Kinross.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 7 November** at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, Kinross.

Milnathort Bridge Club

The club meets every Monday evening to play Board Bridge in Milnathort Bowling Club. Play starts promptly at 6.45pm with a break for tea at half-time. We average eight tables most evenings and would welcome visitors and new members. If at all interested, do come along or contact the Secretary on 01577 863590.



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Kinross-shire Action Partnership

The Kinross-shire Almond & Earn Action Partnership has decided it is beneficial for the group to separate into two areas. This is to provide better opportunities for the groups to meet and discuss the budgets and needs based on their own areas. We now meet as the Kinross-shire Action Partnership. The Action Partnership area division has also led to discussions about the way the Kinross-shire group will operate as we are evolving into a more community led group. There have been meetings to discuss local issues which resulted in identifying some of the inequalities faced by people in Kinross-shire. The first meeting was led by one of the community representatives; the outcome of that discussion has highlighted the inequalities caused by the need for an accessible community venue. Further discussions are now taking place around the possibility of supporting funding applications to address this.

Prior to separating the Kinross-shire, Almond & Earn Action Partnership held four successful Participatory Budgeting events when local community groups benefitted from funding totalling just over £55,000.

With future funding being announced we are looking forward to an interesting and rewarding time ahead for Kinross-shire.

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.

Fossoway & District Horticultural Society

The Society had an incredibly busy and successful 100th Show on Saturday 18 August in the Village Hall, Crook of Devon. We had a record number of exhibitors in every section, many entering for the first time.

We were delighted to see so many visitors and the hall, colourfully decorated with bunting and balloons, was buzzing with much chatter and activity. The raffle, which is always very

popular, had lots of good prizes and lots of folk enjoyed visiting the Nelson's of Culross ice cream van (despite the grey weather) for a delicious treat. The wee room where teas were being served was full to capacity with people (and food!) and kept the ladies very busy indeed.

The Show was kindly opened by Gillian Galbraith, author, who spoke about the quantity and quality of exhibits and the impressive number of years the show

has been held. She also presented the many trophies and awards.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave very generous donations, raffle prizes, attended, exhibited and helped at the Show to make it the resounding success it was. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

The Trophy Winners were:

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points)	Mr R Wilkie
President's Shield (runner up)	Mr R Buchanan
Bob Wilkie Cup (Pot Plants)	Ms A James
Moir Cup (Cut Flowers)	Mr R Wilkie
David De Boer Cup (Gladioli)	S Lamond
Drummond Trophy (Sweet Peas)	Mrs R Carmichael
G A & G Kendrick Cup (Vegetables)	Mr R Buchanan
Vida Young Trophy (Best Exhibit, Vegetables)	Mr S Dobson
J M Fraser Cup (Open Section)	Mr J Gardiner
Stalker Cup (Baking & Industrial)	Mrs M Wilson
Barden Trophy (Baking)	Mrs M Wilson/Mrs F Harley
Miss Pirie Cup (Industrial)	Mrs J Forrester
Nicolson Black Jug (Preserves)	Mrs M Wilson
Stewart Rose Bowl (Floral Art)	Ms A James
Mabel Ross Trophy (Article in Wool)	Mrs J Forrester

Liz Wilkie Trophy (Best Exhibit, Industrial) Mrs M Grant

Addison Trophy (Best Exhibit, Single Rose) Ms Z Fawsitt

Children's Sections

Ramage Dawson Cup (most points overall) Isla Campbell

The Aldridge Cup (under 10 years) Chloe Harley

J M Fraser Cup (over 10 years) Isla Campbell

Spinningdale Trophy (Article in Wool) Chloe Harley

Good Yarn Trophy (Writing) Iona Wilson

Special Prizes

Best Exhibit, Pot Plants Ms A James

Best Exhibit, Cut Flowers Mr R Wilkie

Collection of Vegetables Mr R Buchanan

Collection of Potatoes Mr R Buchanan

Best Exhibit, Vegetables Mr S Dobson

Best Exhibit, Open Section Mr J Gardiner

Best Exhibit, Baking Mrs F Harley

Our **AGM** will be held on **Thursday 25 October** in the Village Hall, Crook of Devon at 7.30pm. All very welcome to attend, particularly folk who would like to join the committee!

Kinross and Milnathort Scouts

On 1 September Scouts from Kinross and Milnathort held a jumble sale to raise money to go the World Scout Jamboree. The World Scout Jamboree is a unique experience where Scouts from around the world meet every four years, share laughter and make memories together. In 2019 the 24th World Scout Jamboree is being held in West Virginia and three Scouts from Kinross, Caroline, Ashlie and Ailsa, have

been selected to go. Over 40,000 people will be attending the Jamboree, around 4000 are from Britain. The 24th Jamboree has three main themes; peace, friendship and adventure. The jamboree unites people of different nationalities in Scouting. Thank you to everyone who came along to support our fundraising efforts.



Ashlie, Caroline and Ailsa are going to a jamboree in West Virginia

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Portmoak Community Woodland

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We have apples galore in the Portmoak Community Orchard and, if you are very quick off the mark in reading this news, our **annual apple day** is on **Sunday 30 September**. We're very lucky to have apple expert Andrew Lear (aka 'appletreeman') to help us identify any apples that people bring along. Andrew will also talk about his own display of the fantastic variety of apples which grow in Scotland. Remember to bring one or two fruit as well as a twig and leaves, so that he can work out what you're growing.

If you're reading this after the event, do visit the orchard anyway, where there will still be some fruit.

It's been another good year and Andrew will bring his apple press so that we can make juice. It's a perfect way to use up excess fruit, so come along with lots of apples for this, as well as containers to take it away.

There'll also be home baking and tea and coffee. The event is free but we'd like a donation for the refreshments please.

'Apple Day' will be from 2pm to 5pm in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell. If it seems odd to be holding this event inside, rather than in the orchard across the road, it's because we are protecting newly seeded grass. We

have now completed the re-profiling and re-grassing project, thanks to seed generously donated by local company, Turffit.

Our project is in memory of a former member of the Portmoak Community Woodland Group, Chris Vlasto, who sadly died last year. We have made a level play area in the orchard gully across the road from the village hall.

The grass is growing really well and we hope it will be ready for use before too long.

You can easily access the fruit trees on either side of the gully and please feel free to pick apples. You can tell they are ready if they come off easily when you twist the stem. We planted a wide variety so they are ripening at different times. The 'Discoveries' are always first, bright red and looking like picture book apples, dotted about the tree.

This is a great time of year for walking in our community woodlands, either Kilmagad Wood up on the hill, or Portmoak Moss on the south side of Scotlandwell. The latter offers a much easier walk and a bit of shelter from the rain. As ever, you'll get a warm welcome at our regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in The Well Inn, Scotlandwell.



Louise Batchelor picking Discovery apples at the Portmoak community orchard

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Kinross and District Art Club



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Members are now settling back into the regular art sessions on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, after the excitement and success of the Annual Art Exhibition held at Kinross Parish Church in early September. With an audience of around 100 guests, the exhibition was opened by the provost of Perth and Kinross, Provost Dennis Melloy, on his first official engagement in Kinross since taking up office. In an uplifting speech, the Provost congratulated club members on the magnificent display of artworks and thanked all members for making the Club the success it is today before formally opening the 2018 Exhibition.

Over the three-day exhibition, it was a delight to welcome a steady stream of visitors who chatted to Club members, browsed the crafts, viewed the paintings and tribute boards, purchased the produce and sponsorship tickets, stopped for refreshments and took time to watch short demonstrations by two club members, Sybil Galbraith and Elma Milne. This year a record 60 works of art were purchased, as well



Elma Milne demonstrating painting on silk

as a good selection of crafts including the Club's first calendar. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event in so many different ways, and to the many who commented on the high quality and wide range of work on offer. A large amount of visitors to the

exhibition also enjoyed participating in the "Peoples' Choice" vote, choosing the following three paintings as their overall favourites: *Winter Sun* by Irene Thorogood; *White-tailed Eagle* by Stewart Niven; *Blackrock Cottage, Glencoe, in Winter* by Mary Nobbs. Well done to all three artists.

Kinross and District Art Club meets 2-4pm on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at Millbridge Hall. If you are interested in joining KADAC, please contact us via our website.



Provost Dennis Melloy opening the Exhibition with Mrs Melloy (right) and Club President, Gillian Ross (centre) looking on

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Crime, comedy, mystery and lots more at Kinross-shire Winter Festival

Hop on the **Gruesome & Ghastly History Mystery Bus Tour** on **Sunday 18 November**. There will be two tours, one at 11am and one at 2pm. The bus leaves from The Court House. Tickets are £10 (£8 concession). This is a bus trip not to be missed! Come along on this bus tour and hear about some of the horrible gruesome crime and mystery stories that happened in the recent (and not so recent) past around Kinross-shire. The bus will stop at all the relevant places and the stories will be brought to life by local storyteller Irene McFarlane. There will also be some live music on the bus. A fun way to spend a November Sunday. You never know what you will learn! Tickets are limited so book quickly to avoid disappointment.



The Court House welcomes the Kinross Winter Festival Gruesome & Ghastly History Mystery Bus Tour. Join them for a free hot drink to warm you after your chillingly ghostly experience!

Other Winter Festival events

All Dance Event: Friday 9 November, 7pm, Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets £5 (£3 concession).

Winter Festival Comedy Night: Saturday 10 November, 8pm, Masonic Hall. Tickets £10.

Kinross Kacophony Orchestra: Wed 14 November, 8pm, Loch Leven Community Campus. Free.

The Bevy Sisters: Saturday 17 November, Kinross Parish Church, concert at 7pm. You can take part in a singing workshop with the Bevy Sisters from 2pm to 4pm. You will then perform with the Bevy Sisters in the concert at 7pm. Tickets: Concert £10 (£8 concession) and £15 participant (includes concert ticket).

Hairspray: Friday 16 November and **Saturday 17 November**, 7pm, Loch Leven Community Campus, Tickets £9 (£7 concession).

Choirs Together: Sunday 25 November, 7pm, Loch Leven Community Campus, Tickets £5 (£3 concession).

Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross

The Festive Street Market and Light Up Kinross event will take place on the High Street of Kinross on **Saturday 24 November** from 4pm until 7pm. Like last year there will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment! If you are a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail info@kleo.org.uk.

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

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Crime author events

KLEO is a Bookweek Scotland partner and together with Loch Leven Community Library we hope to bring an exciting crime and mystery themed programme!

The following events all take place at **Loch Leven Community Campus**:

Ann Cleeves, the international best-selling author of BBC One's *Shetland* & ITV's *Vera* on **Thursday 22 November** at 7pm. Tickets £5.

Quintin Jardine, known for his Bob Skinner series will be talking on **Tuesday 20 November** at 7pm. Tickets £5.

Local crime authors **Gillian Galbraith** and **Shirley McKay** will talk about crime-writing on **Wednesday 21 November**, 7pm. Tickets £5.

Robin Stevens, author of the 'Murder Most Unladylike' series will be in Kinross on **Friday 30 November**, 6pm, Tickets £5 (£3 concession).

Children's author **David MacPhail**, will do a fun interactive event for children aged 8 and over about his *Top Secret Granddad and Me* books on **Tuesday 20 November**, 4pm. Tickets £2.

For more crime and mystery events, keep an eye on the KLEO website.

Upcoming KLEO Events

Kinross Farmers' Market

The next Kinross Farmers' Market will be on **Saturday 27 October** on the High Street of Kinross.

Leven Voices and Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

Leven Voices is for anyone who just wants to sing and have fun! You can join in anytime. The sessions are led by Horsecross Arts tutor Alice Marra on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Kinross Parish Church. You pay as you go: £4 (£3 concession). There is a £6 registration fee which is used to pay for the hall for the 10-week period. Just come along, sing and enjoy!

The Kinross Kacophony Orchestra with conductor Dougie Flower is for any adult who would like to play their instruments in a group. It is on Wednesdays from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. All abilities welcome. Reading music is handy. Weekly fee £5.

For more information

For more information about KLEO events, go to our website or email info@kleo.org.uk. Winter Festival tickets are available at Macbeth Currie Estate Agent's, Light Up My Heart in Milnathort and from our website.

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Kinross Museum

As we approach Armistice Day in November, museum volunteers are assisting those in the various parishes of Kinross-shire by organising special Remembrance events marking the 100th anniversary of the end of hostilities in 1918.



Six soldiers who enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery in 1914. Can you help us identify them?

An invaluable source of information on those 'killed in action' is the Roll of Honour compiled by Sgt Alastair Smith and lodged in the museum. In particular, the museum will be taking part in planting memorial crosses on 26 October. This will be done in a Kinross-shire Garden of Remembrance in front of Kinross Parish Church. This will be followed by an official opening at noon on **Saturday 27 October**.

Over the past five years the museum's 'Lest We Forget' exhibition has featured many photographs of Kinross-shire men who went to fight in the trenches during World War I. We have numerous photos of unidentified soldiers such as the one included here which features six men of the Royal Field Artillery. This photo, sent as a postcard from Glasgow on 25 October 1914, was received by William Millar of Lathro Farm. The message written to 'Dear Willie' says 'I think you will know me here', the sender being one of those local men recently enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery. Can you identify any of the artillery men in this photo? The picture forms part of a collection now in Kinross (Marshall) Museum gifted some time ago by Pat Ramsay, Milnathort.

The museum will soon be launching its annual Christmas Quiz. This year, the quiz is all about Kinross-shire. The winner and runner up of our 'How well do you know Kinross-shire?' quiz will receive a Christmas hamper. Entry is £1 and completed forms should be handed in to the museum by **Saturday 8 December**.

Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

We got off to a great start in September with Dave Hunt of Wildgrass Studios talking on 'Alchemy and sunlight: the world of vintage photography'.



In October we will be treated to some hard-hitting documentary photography from Glasgow's David Gillanders, a photographic journey along the Fife Coastal Path by our own Wallace Shackleton, and a guide to 'Night Vision – photography after dark' from Ian Potter of PK Perspective in Perth.

We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, 64 High Street, Kinross, except on the first Thursday of every month when we're in the Thistle Hotel, Milnathort. We also have a Digital Group which meets informally in The Inn, Crook of Devon, on the last Tuesday of every month. Full details and the syllabus are available on the website. Please contact

secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk with any questions.

We look forward to welcoming new members and you can try up to three sessions for free before committing to a membership. Hope to see you along at Kinross Camera Club soon!



'Shaggy Inkcaps' by Anne Thomson

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Kinross U3A

The Chairman was very pleased to give a talk to the newly created U3A in Kinross on the Kinross-shire Civic Trust. He described the origins of the Trust, how long it had been formed (just over 25 years), and the activities that it came to be involved with.

In terms of planning, the Trust has always made comments on the new Local Development Plans as they were being evolved. The creation of the Local Development Plans requires a considerable input from landowners, developers, local residents and interested local parties. The Scottish Government encourages the participation of local groups who may have local knowledge or experience that may make a notable contribution to the development of the plan.

The Trust also receives the weekly planning application lists from PKC. These are reviewed on a monthly basis by the Trust Planning Committee. Any comments made are based on strong planning grounds. The Trust would always want to make positive comments where possible.

The Trust also runs award schemes. The Best Kept Village Competition has just been completed with the presentation to winners. (See opposite for more details.) There are also Architectural Awards schemes for new build and restoration as well as Environmental Awards. (See opposite for more.)

The Trust's fundamental concern is to care for the Built and Natural environment of the county. We live in a very beautiful part of Scotland and it is our duty to pass that beauty on to future generations who we hope will continue to care.

Annual Dinner

A date for your diary: The Annual Dinner for the Trust will be on **Wednesday 20 February 2019** at the Grouse and Claret. We are very pleased to announce that the speaker will be Peter Nurick, who will be talking about the new V&A Dundee. That will be something to look forward to and the Trust will be following that up by arranging a visit to the V&A shortly after.

The Japanese Garden, Cowden

You may have seen the beautiful Japanese Garden at Cowden on the BBC Programme *Landward*. The Japanese Garden is now open. For directions and opening times look at the website www.cowdengarden.com. We will be organising a visit in the new year.

Best Kept Village and Hamlet Awards

The Presentation of the 2018 Awards took place in the Masonic Hall, Kinross, on 22 August. Professor David Munro presided and congratulated all participants on the work they had done, the winners for coming first and all the organisers for their energy and enthusiasm.

All participants received a certificate of commendation. The winners, Kinnesswood for the villages and Maryburgh & Keltybridge for the hamlets, also received the cup and a £25 voucher from Dobbies Garden centres.



Prof. Munro (right) presents the cup for the Best Kept Hamlet, won by Maryburgh & Keltybridge



Representatives from Kinnesswood in Bloom with Prof. David Munro, President of Kinross-shire Civic Trust

This was followed by a "brains trust" in which questions and comments were put to a panel of judges and others. The most valuable suggestion was that the organising group should meet the organisers later in the autumn.

The evening ended with a short presentation by one of the judges, Lisa Edwards, BID Manager of Dunfermline Delivers, who showed slides of improvements made to the Dunfermline town centre.

Architectural Award for Conversions, Renovations and Extensions

The competition for this award will be held in 2019 and is intended to encourage building designs that enhance the neighbourhood and wider environment. Anyone who wishes to put their development forward for consideration is welcome to get in touch at drhmarshbrook@gmail.com.

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Change on menu at September Networking Breakfast

Autumn, with its glowing golden light and magical morning mists, has arrived in Kinross-shire. The morning of 5 September was particularly stunning, making the journey undertaken by local businessmen and women to Loch Leven's Larder to network even more rewarding than usual.

The 20 plus attendees who tucked enthusiastically into their full Scottish breakfast at this first Kinross-shire Partnership networking event of the new season, were testament to the amazing richness of entrepreneurship in and around Kinross-shire. Each business or organisation present was invited by host Richard Scott to introduce themselves and their services, in turn, to the other breakfasters.

With evidence of the changing seasons in the magnificent colours of the trees outside the venue, it seemed somehow fitting that inside, change was the topic being addressed by speaker Richard Jeffrey. The proprietor of two successful Kinross-shire businesses, Richard was refreshingly frank when sharing his own personal experiences of dealing with change throughout his career.

After initially completing a degree in civil engineering, he held a fascinatingly diverse range of roles in the following years, including being Managing Director of Edinburgh airport at a high point and joining an Australian infrastructure investment fund at a slightly less propitious moment – two months before the financial crash!

In 2013, his constant readiness to



embrace change in his own professional journey led him to purchase an existing Kinross-shire business (*Tyrefair*) and then, a year later, to set up *Motorhome Adventure Scotland* in partnership with his wife, Liz.

Speaking about change in general, Richard cited the example of the technological revolution in transport over the past 150 years, with humans moving in a relatively short period of world history from using horse-drawn carts to electric (imminently driverless!) cars. The key in any business, he



Breakfast speaker Richard Jeffrey
Photo: Vincent Johnston

emphasised, is to be alert to the prospect of change in your industry, well before it happens, and to identify what you need to do next.

Richard quoted British social philosopher Charles Handy, author of the book *The Empty Raincoat*, who believes that everything in life follows a sigmoid curve (a letter 'S' tipped sideways to the right).

We all need to be aware of which point we are at on that curve in our own lives, and to make changes before the curve heads downwards. The difficulty is that when life is 'comfortable', one doesn't always perceive a need for change, yet that is the very time when we should look ahead and ensure we take action before the optimum moment to do so has passed.

Referring to two UK companies that have recently got this wrong, Homebase and House of Fraser, Richard pointed out, "You will never know if you changed too early, but you will always know if you changed too late." Wise words indeed, and Richard's presentation will have given many people in the room food for thought.

The next Networking Breakfast will take place from 7.15am to 9am on **Wednesday 3 October**. Please email Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk to book your place in advance so we can let Loch Leven's Larder know how many eggs to fry!

For details of the next breakfast speaker, see p. 91.

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Kinross High School

Scottish Space School

During the summer holidays, S6 pupil Freddie attended a week-long Scottish Space School held at Strathclyde University. The residential course comprised a mixture of space-related lectures, labs and workshops which were delivered by academics and researchers from Strathclyde University, as well as visiting NASA representatives.

The main purpose of the Scottish Space School is to encourage students to study engineering subjects at university level and it has certainly inspired Freddie:

“The Scottish Space School is an amazingly fun week, which allows you to explore the awesome world of engineering and experience what it's like to be a student at Strathclyde University while living in the company of astronauts. I would recommend applying to every S5 student who has an interest in maths, engineering and science subjects.”

Girls' Fitness Suite

Over the past five years, our Girls' Gym Club has quite literally gone from strength to strength! With over 80 girls now attending, participation is the highest it's ever been.

Set up by our Active Schools Co-ordinator and our Community Link Worker, these sessions provide a space where girls feel comfortable taking part in physical activity. They can feel safe, have fun and socialise, all while improving their fitness levels and general wellbeing. The girls have been enjoying getting stronger physically, emotionally and socially as they work together to practise lifts, perform dance routines and demonstrate gymnastic challenges. Our pupils appreciate the friendly and motivating environment saying, “It's pretty chilled and you can pick what you want to do.”

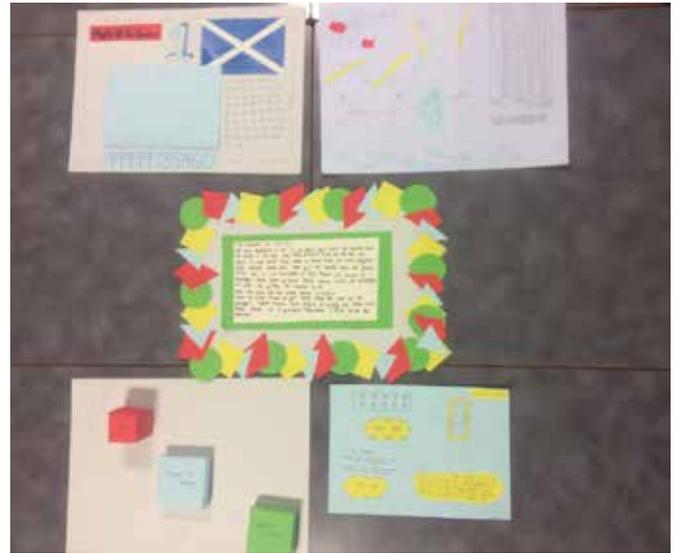
Our Sports Ambassador encourages young women by promoting the mantra ‘Be you, be brave’ and challenging the overwhelming social pressures on young ladies. She said, “Over the years, the girls have helped each other through discussions in an atmosphere that allows everyone to feel listened to, valued and supported.” It's wonderful to know that these young women are building strong bonds with each other while improving their overall health.

Folly Café

The Friends of Loch Leven Youth Café (or Folly Café) is run by pupils in S1-S5 with some members of staff from the Support for Learning Department there to lend a helping hand. The pupils spend their morning whisking, mixing and sieving to get the cakes and bakes ready for hungry members of the public. The young people involved also develop their people skills and their sterling efforts contribute towards Personal Achievement Awards. There are always tasty treats on offer at the Folly Café, open every Thursday from 10am until noon. We look forward to welcoming you.

Maths Week Scotland

Maths Week kicked off on Monday 10 September with a number of fun activities in school. A group of S1 pupils also visited North Inch Campus to see Andrew Jeffrey's amusing Mathemagician Show which aims to subtly change attitudes towards mathematics. Along the way, Andrew mixes comedy with magic to motivate learners and encourage them to see that we often solve problems without realising we are using maths. Pupils in the maths department also took part in the nationwide ‘Maths Wi Nae Borders’ challenge. We hope our pupils agree that the various activities have been a great addition to the curriculum.



A very creative submission for the Maths Wi Nae Borders mini-competition

Stirling University Library

Some of our Advanced Higher pupils from the English, History and PE departments were in ‘book heaven’ on their recent visit to Stirling University Library. With access to a world class range of resources, they spent the morning developing their research skills in preparation for their dissertations. As newly fledged external members of the library, they can return throughout S6 to make use of the excellent facilities. We are very grateful to the staff at Stirling University for allowing us to experience a scholarly setting.

The Battlefields Experience 2018

Recently, the Kinross 5th Pals Battalion travelled to Belgium and France as part of the Battlefields excursion. They spent their time visiting the authentic trenches and museums which were full of fascinating war memorabilia, and exploring the grand church and make-shift hospital bunkers where soldiers were treated. Whilst the trip was harrowingly emotional, the guide also focused on camaraderie and the more light-hearted aspects of a soldier's life.

A particularly poignant memory was seeing the vast cemeteries containing 12,500 unmarked graves and endless list of names of missing servicemen. The group took part in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, laying a wreath of poppies in respect for the soldiers of the Great War. As the pipes played and the band marched, our Battalion reflected on their journey, realising just how much every monument, every gravestone, every story had impacted them. Moved and inspired by the trip, fifth year pupil Aimée wrote a poem to commemorate the fallen soldiers:

The blood that the brave soldiers shed,
Is remembered by the poppies, red.
We won't forget the courage and pride,
Of those who lived and those who died.

We stand on the land, now caked in only mud,
That was once a gruesome battlefield, drenched with blood.
We grieve with your children, sisters and wives,
Who, in late 1918, didn't see you alive.

We hope that you all can lay in peace,
Knowing that your legacy will not cease.
For as we place this wreath down out of love and care,
Know your stories stay with us, anytime, anywhere.

Sports News

Kinross Road Runners

<http://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>

With autumn very much upon us, we've now shifted to our winter schedule for the months ahead. This year we have a refreshed calendar of training sessions planned for Winter 2018/19 and, as always, extend a welcome invitation to any newcomers who'd like to join us. Getting the motivation to get out for a run when it's dark outside is made that little bit easier in the company of a club, not to mention catching up with familiar faces whilst getting in some fresh air and exercise all at once. Our training sessions fit all abilities – whether you're new to running, looking to improve or just wanting to keep fit and active through the winter. There is something for everyone. Loch Leven Parkrun continues to flourish and is on every week at 9.30am on Saturday mornings at Loch Leven's Larder. It's fantastic to see many new faces at the event each week whether it be 'parkrun tourists' visiting the area or locals new to running and discovering the parkrun phenomenon. If 5K is



a bit much and you're aged 4-14, there's always the 2K junior parkrun event held at 9.30am on Sunday mornings down at Kirkgate Park.

This month we hold the fourth annual running of the Path of Condie half marathon on **Saturday 27 October**. Anyone who knows the route will tell you this is a testing hilly 13.1 mile route with breathtaking views of Loch Leven. Not perhaps one for the first-time half marathoner, but a rewarding race for those looking to set themselves a challenge.

Club training for October is outlined below. We meet for all sessions at 7pm at the health centre opposite the campus. Tuesday nights will focus on hill work with a programme of sessions designed to improve your running strength whilst Wednesday evenings are mainly speedwork to put you in tip-top shape. We have a couple of less formally structured torchlit trail runs where we head out on the quieter trails with head torches. We meet up for an informal Sunday morning run every week at 9am at the health centre car park for either a trail or hill run at a very leisurely pace.



KRR at Highland Perthshire half marathon in Aberfeldy



KRR at Stuart Duncan memorial 5K race in Glenrothes

Programme for October

Tuesday 2 5 mile street-lit run
Wednesday 3 2 mile time trial, followed by kit sale and hot chocolate
Tuesday 9 Hills: Intervals
Wednesday 10 Pyramid reps/ Parlaufs
Tuesday 16 Hills: Pyramid

Wednesday 17 5 x 4min intervals
Thursday 18 Torchlit trail run
Tuesday 23 Hills: Reps
Wednesday 24 KGV Diagonals
Tuesday 30 Hills: benchmark
Wednesday 31 Hallowe'en torch run

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End of Season

The 2018 season was certainly one of two halves, as football pundits would say. April to June saw great weather and lots of cricket. July onwards was nothing but rain and only one match from six was actually played. Amazingly, the weather did improve for the three days of the much anticipated Vienna CC touring side coming to Kinross, more later. There were many highlights from the season the biggest of which was the tour to Vienna back in May. The club saw a big increase in senior men coming back into cricket, which was one of our key objectives for 2018. As the playing season closes the club has a pretty good report card and everyone is looking forward to the winter programme.



Kinross-shire Cricket Club Juniors and Seniors

Junior Awards

The junior awards took place at the Loch Leven's cricket ground on Monday 3 September. Over 40 juniors collected awards for both skill and effort achievements. The club welcomed Rob Wakelin, Cricket Scotland's head of participation and Mrs Margaret Able and her niece, also Margaret. Rob outlined some of Cricket Scotland's idea for the future and Margaret presented a new award, The Downie Quaich for the 'Spirit of Cricket' to Duncan Kay for his excellent work during the season.

Vienna Cricket Club

The wet weather during August left the cricket ground in a sorry state and there was real concern from the groundsmen that it would be very difficult to get a pitch ready for the Invitational T20 tournament on Saturday 8 September. Divine providence seemed to take place as there was suddenly a four-day window in which to get everything ready. A big thank you to Anthony

Drew for his efforts in the week leading up to the game as he managed to get a playable grass wicket ready for the Saturday.

On Saturday the weather was bright and almost sunny as Vienna played Kinross Ospreys in the first of the days T20 matches. Batting first Vienna, on a playable but damp wicket, scored an impressive 142 for 3. Openers, Fothergill and Simpson both passed 50 before losing their wickets to Will Clayton. In replay, the Ospreys struggled to get momentum going and lost wickets at regular intervals. At the end of the 20th over the Ospreys were 74 for 8 and Vienna had the first win of the day.

After a truly spectacular lunch, produced by club volunteer, Elizabeth Porter, Vienna played a Perth and Kinross Select XI. This was a team

to veteran players David Roe and John Ross to keep the KCC hopes alive and get close to the Vienna first



innings score. The Roe/Ross partnership built steady momentum as they passed the Vienna total and ended the session on 138 for 9. Tea was taken, and Vienna started their second innings 18 behind KCC. With two hours of play left in the day Vienna had to get ahead of the KCC score and judge the perfect time to declare and give themselves the chance to bowl KCC out.

With 45 minutes left to play Vienna declared their innings with a lead of 64 runs. James and Andy set to the task only for Andy to be adjudged LBW on his first delivery. The new partnership of James and Anthony Drew started to make headway until James was bowled with the score on 38. Chris Sale came to the wicket and immediately started to hit out. With one over to play KCC needed 7 to win. Chris hit a single, Anthony hit a single then Chris picked out a short delivery and hit a boundary 4. With three balls left to play and one run needed Chris retired to allow 12-year-old Duncan Kay the chance to bat and get the winning run. After the first delivery passed safely beyond the stumps, the crowd watched as the penultimate deliver beat the bat and hit the wicket. With one ball to face and one run needed junior batsman of the year, Joe Jennings, took guard. As the ball came down the wicket, Joe struck out, missed the ball but immediately set off for the run. With the keeper well back, Joe's fast actions took the Vienna side off guard and he and Anthony made their ground making the run which was given as a bye. The win went to Kinross-shire.

Post-match drinks and BBQ were provided by Kinross House and everyone recognised that this had been a successful tour for Vienna. Duncan Kay received special mention from the Vienna side and he was awarded his very own Vienna cap.

With the playing season finished thoughts move on to the winter programme.

Junior cricket starts at the campus on Monday 22 October at 6.30pm.

The senior side have a full programme of indoor cricket and other social sports events over the winter.

For more information, watch the club Facebook page and club website.

representing clubs and area squads from across the county. Again, batting first, Vienna amassed 139 in their 20 overs. In reply the Select XI were unable to reach the target and Vienna had two wins from two. After the match the club ran a BBQ and the Vienna chairman presented commemorative plaques to club chair Anthony Drew and Perth and Kinross cricket development officer, Richard Rennie.

The final match of the tour was on Sunday with a double innings timed game at Kinross House. Batting first Vienna scored 78 for 6 when lunch was taken. Vienna continued to bat into the second session before declaring on 120 for 8. KCC got off to a great start as openers James Ross and Andy Nicholson batted fluently to get to 58 without loss. Ross was then bowled, and a rather fragmented period of play saw batters come in then head out again in rapid succession. With 20 minutes left in the session it was down

Kinross-shire Community Sports Hub

Celebrating Two Years of the Hub

The Hub is a coalition of sports clubs and local people working together to improve sports and recreation opportunities. Launched in September 2016, we have achieved a lot in our two years of existence. Over 300 people attended our fun 'come and try' which showcased the fantastic range of sports available within the community. We received over 500 responses to our community consultation asking how we should help local people to get more active and, based upon community needs, we developed the following projects:

You Said: 'We'd like more opportunities to take part in running, jogging and walking'.

We Did: We established two parkrun events. Firstly, a 2k parkrun for young people aged 4 to 14 held at Kirkgate Park every Sunday at 9.30am. There's also a 5k parkrun on Saturday mornings at 9.30am at Loch Leven's Larder. All parkruns are free!

You Said: 'Elderly people in our community encounter loneliness and isolation'.

We Did: We've developed a 'Cycling Without Age' project in Kinross-shire. This allows elderly people, and those who are unable to cycle for themselves, to come out on cycle rides to



feel the wind in their hair on specially adapted Trishaw bikes. This project commences this autumn.

You Said: 'We'd like to know about sports and activities in our community'.

We Did: We set up a Sport Hub Facebook page and 563 of you have 'liked' this so far. Check out our page at www.facebook.com/KinrossCSH.

You Said: 'The current skatepark at Kinross is too advanced for younger children to participate'.

We Did: We're currently undertaking a community consultation to understand the views of local people and develop a plan to upgrade and extend the skatepark making it more accessible for younger children and families. Please give your views online using the webpage www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KRSPT7S.

You Said: 'We want our clubs to be well managed, organised and safe'.

We Did: We're supporting local clubs to access funding for training and projects and achieve the Perth and Kinross Accredited Club Excellence Scheme (PACES).

Looking ahead, we're hosting a 'Save a Life' event on **Tuesday 23 October** at Loch Leven Campus. This is open to the whole community and we aim to get people of all ages confident in simple CPR.

The sport hub is free and open to all. For more info, please email Kirsteen Ross at KRoss@liveactive.co.uk.



The new 5K parkrun in Kinross

Orwell Bowling Club

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By the time the *Newsletter* goes on sale we will have reached the end of our season. The weather has been very mixed. We had a really good spell of weather in the middle of the season but, unfortunately, it didn't last.

We have played six friendlies, including one senior and one ladies fixture. These resulted in three losses and three wins. Results were as follows: 18 August away to Perth Caledonian, Orwell 42, Perth Caledonian, 62; 19 August away to Ladybank, Orwell 52, Ladybank 63; 25 August away to Broad Street, Orwell 64, Broad Street 54; 28 August home to Auchtermuchty

Seniors, Orwell 55, Auchtermuchty Seniors 52; 1 September home to Aberdour, Orwell 74, Aberdour 56; 4 September away to Perth Ladies, Orwell 16, Perth Ladies 26.

We have two friendlies left to play before we close on Saturday 29 September.

The Open Pairs held on Sunday 26 August were a great success although the rain refused to abate until the semi-finals and final. Twenty-four pairs entered and the winners were Graham and Keith Duncan with runners up Bobby Brian and Paul Allcoat.

A big thank you to all who helped in any way on the day with donations of soup and baking and to those behind the bar, in the kitchen and setting out the green. Thanks also to all those who played on the day with a cheerful disposition in

such appalling conditions.

The Gents fellowship game was played on Thursday 23 August against Markinch.

This resulted in a win for the home team and a defeat for the away team.

The **Presentation Dance** this year is on **Saturday 27 October** so keep the date clear. Members are welcome to invite family and friends.

Although we are closed for bowling we have winter activities in the club. The Milnathort Bridge club play on Monday evenings and there is whist on Tuesday evenings. We also have a bingo tea once a month and regular quiz nights throughout the winter. Please check local shops and notice boards for posters advertising these events.



Volleyball

St Andrews University was the venue for a weekend of junior international volleyball with the first ever 'Flying Scots' invitation tournament for boys and girls aged under 17. Four teams competed for the gold medals, namely Scotland East, Scotland West, Northern Ireland and North West England.

Kinross High School pupil Matthew Maloney featured in the Scotland East team playing middle hitter/blocker and they opened the tournament playing against North West England boys on the Friday afternoon. After a slow start the Scotland East boys eased past their English counterparts 25-15, 25-14 to start the tournament with a vital win.

On Saturday morning the Scotland East boys played a tall Northern Ireland and it all looked to be going wrong with the Scots losing out on four set points to lose 30-32. The second set saw the Irish continue where they left off leading 13-6 but, in a remarkable turnaround, the Scots levelled the match with a 25-21 scoreline, following

this up by scraping through the third set decider 15-13.

The Saturday afternoon fixture against Scotland West proved a tougher challenge with the West boys dumping their East cousins. Other results went East's way which set up a final against Scotland West on the Sunday afternoon.

The first set of the final between Scotland East and West saw the East

gain some revenge for their Saturday defeat by winning 25-9. The second set was more evenly contested and West levelled the match with a narrow 26-24 win to set up a third set decider. The third set saw East back in the ascendency with a 15-7 win to secure the gold medal position. Flying Scots East 2 v 1 Flying Scots West (25-9, 24-26, 15-7).

Matthew was also voted 'Best Middle Blocker' of the tournament and received a photo certificate from Margaret Ann Fleming MBE, Chief Executive Officer of the Scottish Volleyball Association and Yvonne Kennedy, chair of the Flying Scots Parent Steering Group. What a great start to the volleyball season!

Kinross Volleyball Club has resumed indoor training on Monday evenings at the Loch Leven Community Campus from 8pm to 9.45pm. We now desperately need new members to fill the gaps in our teams left by the senior pupils who have moved away to attend college and university.



Matthew Maloney with photo certificate

Kinross Rugby Club

Youth Section

Minis

The Kinross RFC Minis **annual festival** will take place this year on **Sunday 30 September** at KGV Park from 11am onwards. This is a fantastic showcase of youth rugby in Kinross with teams visiting from across East Scotland to take part. Approximately 250 children compete on the day, cheered on by about 500 family and friends. We are grateful to the people of Kinross for their ongoing support of this event. Thanks also to Jamie Montgomery for the use of Market Park as a car parking facility and to KLEO for the use of their marquee. **Members of the community are invited to come along** and encourage our local sporting talent, as well as enjoying the home baking on sale.

On the same day, Kinross Hockey Club are also hosting a Midlands youth hockey tournament at the KAS, so there is no shortage of sporting showcasing taking place in Kinross!

Midis

Kinross High School, along with the support of Kinross Rugby Club, is currently competing in the Midlands T4 Conference at both under 14 and under 16 age grades. To date, they have played Carnoustie High School, Strathmore (Forfar) and Levenmouth Academy, recording some decisive wins at both age groups.

This has been a great opportunity for players both experienced and new to rugby to represent their school, and we look forward to their continued success over the next couple of months.

Morven Clark (Youth Convenor), Kinross Rugby Football Club, KGV, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8BS. Contact 07740589647.



Kinross Badminton Club

We reopened in August for the 2018-2019 season, the 55th year of this club. We meet every Tuesday evening at 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus in the main sports hall, playing until 9.45pm.

New members are always welcome, so please come along if you are a relapsed badminton player and would like to get back into playing regularly at a friendly club. We cater for all abilities so please come along, bring some friends, get some good exercise and have some fun.

The nightly cost is £4 for members, and £6 for non-members. The first night for new members is free. There is an annual subscription of £30 for members. We usually have three badminton courts, but we can request more on the nights when more people turn up.

The AGM was held recently. Long-standing president Bill MacDonald was reinstated as president and treasurer and a new committee was re-elected. We also discussed many club matters.

The club will be entering one team into the Perth and District badminton league this year. This follows on from a successful league last year where Kinross ended the season midway in Division One.

You can follow us on Facebook for the latest club news. If you have any questions, or if you would like further details, please contact Bill MacDonald on 07933 164167 or Matt Brown on mnbrown37@gmail.com.



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Fossoway AFC

www.fossowayafc.co.uk

Photographs: J19 Photography

After a stunning summer of football in Russia, you may have caught the footballing bug and, luckily, there is live football at your back door right here in Kinross! Fossoway AFC play in the top flight of the Kingdom of Fife Amateur Football Association and are looking to improve on their sixth placed finish last season as well as looking at a run in the Scottish Amateur Cup. They face Colquhoun United in the second round in October.

The team are led by Kinross resident Allan Moody and his coaching staff of Andy MacFarlane and Steve Clark. Moody is not the only local person involved in the football club; the majority of the playing squad have grown up or lived in the town or surrounding area at some point.



Some more of the local lads featuring this season include Callum Deas (son of ex-junior footballer Bruce Deas) and Gavin Smith amongst a host of other members of the squad. Of course, we have to mention the top goal-scorer so far this season. It's Andrew Smith with seven goals in just four appearances.

Fossoway play home games at The Myre in Kinross. Check out when we play by visiting our website. So, head down to a match and even grab yourself a pie and a coffee at the game; the usual football diet. Make sure you check us out and go support the lads. Mon the Foss!



Lewis Caulfield



Coach Allan Moody

The squad is a good mix of youth and experience. The youngest player is Greg Stapleton who just left school this summer. Other members of the squad to have recently left Kinross High School include defenders Lewis Caulfield and Sean Cowe and attacking midfielder Liam Murray.



Fossoway AFC

Kinross Netball Club

Adults

We train every Friday from 7pm to 8.30pm at Loch Leven Community Campus in the large sports hall. The aim of our sessions is to have fun, make new friends and enjoy playing netball. Our sessions are for all abilities from 18 years old. The first session is free, then £4 per week. If you'd like to come along, feel free to pop into any of our sessions or contact us via Facebook or by email at kinrossnetball@hotmail.com

We are not just a fitness club, we like to get out and about in the community and do some socialising. Here's what we've been up to recently.

We had our very own tournament in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. This is the second year running in which we have hosted a charity tournament and we're delighted to have raised £2,517.79

for Macmillan. Everyone had a great day with lots of fun, laughs and netball! A big thank you to those who donated prizes, baking, bought raffle tickets and supported this great event.

On Sunday 30 September we will be playing in another charity tournament in aid of Maisie Moo Magical Moments. We will be entering a mixed team of ladies and gents so watch this space for some photos!

In October we're hoping to enter a BBN team into a mini tournament to be held in Perth.

Under 13s

Training has started off well for the U13s. They are showing lots of good progress and skills. We've had good numbers so far and still have plenty of room for more. If you'd like to be a part of this new team please contact Kim on 07833 914289. Alternatively, get in touch with Perth and Kinross Netball Network by email at pknetballnetwork@gmail.com or via Facebook. We train on Friday nights from 6pm to 7pm and sessions cost £3.



Kinross Netball Club

Kinross Golf Club

www.kinrossgolfclub.co.uk

Congratulations to all winners in this year's Ladies Open Stableford. The results are: Elsie Revie Memorial Trophy and overall winner, Anne Moore, Kinross (37 points); Silver Division, 1st Ann Smith, Kinross (36 points, BIH), 2nd Katy Alexander, Blairgowrie (36 points), 3rd Lorna Arthur, Kinross (35 points, BIH), 4th Lorna Mckinlay, Dunnikier (35 points), 5th Laura Walker, Muckhart (34 points, BIH); Bronze Division, 1st Mary Graham, Kinross (31 points), 2nd Margaret Healy, Canmore (30 points), 3rd Avril Hendry, Muckhart (29 points, BIH), 4th Ann McCrorie, Muckhart (29 points, BIH), 5th Susan Dudgeon, Canmore (29 points); Nearest the Pin 13th, Morag Wardrop, Turnhouse; Nearest the Pin 16th, Cathryn Buckham, Melville; 2s at the 11th, Lyn Murray, Kinross, Morag Wardrop, Turnhouse; 2s at the 16th, Ann McCrorie (Muckhart), Lorna Mckinlay (Dunnikier), Cathryn Buckham (Melville).



Simon Dunn (Sidey Commercial Sales Manager) presenting the cheque to John Fraser (Assistant Junior Convener)

The raffle raised £235 for 'Tayside Children with Cancer and Leukaemia (TCCL)'. Thanks to Trish Anderson who organised the raffle and to everyone who generously donated prizes and bought tickets.

The Ladies section recently had their 'Away Day' at Glenbervie Golf Club where they played in the Glenbervie Ladies Open. Congratulations to Audrey Thomson who had our best score and wins the Trophy for this year. Heather Gough was second, Rena Duncan third and Ann Smith lowest scratch. Well done all and thank you to Heather for once again providing the prizes.

Many thanks to Sidey for their generous donation to the club to help with funding for junior prizes, purchase of equipment and coaching costs.

Perth and Kinross County Golf Union held their Gents Strokeplay Championship on 1 Sept over 36 holes on the Montgomery course. David Murray and Glenn Campbell of Blairgowrie finished in joint top position with a score of 146 so a play-off will be required.

Ladies 'winter' golf starts Thursday 4 October and will continue every Thursday morning, weather permitting, until March 2019. Tee times will be posted on the noticeboard in the ladies locker room. All lady members with or without a handicap are welcome.

The clubhouse Christmas menu will be available from Monday 3 to Friday 21 December and bookings are now being taken for Christmas lunch, dinner and afternoon tea.

Upcoming social events

Saturday 6 October – Golf Bingo.

Saturday 20 October – End of season dance with 'Velour Amour'.

Saturday 3 November – Prizegiving night with Golf Speaker Alan Tait and Table Magician 'Magic Bri'.

Check our website for more information about golfing or social events, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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The new curling season started on 10 September, with everyone being impressed with the extra space provided by the new extension. As with all projects of this type, there are still a few things to finish off, but they are minor and do not affect the curling.

We are excited about the potential of the larger lounge. Please take time to visit our rink and enjoy the bar/café. (Opening times vary.)

The 'formal' opening of the extension will take place during the bonspiel to celebrate Kinross CC's 350th anniversary on 28 September – this makes them the oldest club IN THE WORLD! We are thrilled that Kate Caithness, the President of the World Curling Federation, will be our guest of honour. There are several opportunities for new curlers to try our sport.

Try Curling sessions provide a great taster to the sport with an introduction to the basics and information on how the game is played. There are sessions at Kinross on **Sunday 7 October** at 12.15pm, 12.55pm and 1.35pm. The cost is £3 per person for a session.



A **Beginners Course** starts on **Sunday 21 October** (3pm-6pm) with further parts of the course on Sunday 28 October (3pm-6pm) and Saturday 3 November (12.15pm-3.15pm). The course costs £50.

To find out more about Try Curling or the Beginners Course, please contact Robin Brydone by email at robin@scottishcurling.org or telephone 07715 673041 or check out the website www.trycurling.com

At Kinross Curling we also offer the chance for '**Company Curling**.' This is where a curler brings three friends, colleagues or customers to try out the sport. Contact the ice rink to find out more.

If you would like to receive our regular newsletters, please contact Phil Barton by email: philbarton@kinrosscurling.co.uk

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Kinross Vaulting Group

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Scottish Championships 2018

The journey down to this year's Scottish Championships at SNEC, Ecclesmachan on Saturday 1 September was an eventful one to say the least. After coping gallantly with the arduous journey to Hungary and back in August, the KVG team lorry owned by Liz Mackay had a breakdown on the sliproad at Kinross en route to the Championships. Clouds of black smoke created a scene of drama but, fortunately (two fire engines later and a hair-raising jaunt to the Kinross park and ride where the horses were unloaded from the lorry and reloaded onto an awaiting trailer!), everyone was then delivered safely down to SNEC, albeit a couple of hours behind schedule.

Despite this rather unfortunate start, and after a long, challenging and competitive day, KVG were delighted to bring home five Scottish Championship titles. These were: Novice Individual, Zoe McColl; Junior Female 1*, Sophie Wilson; Senior Female 1*, Yazmin Williamson; Junior Male 2*, Atholl Pettinger; Senior Pas de Deux, Kirstin Henderson and Atholl Pettinger.

KVG are very proud of these achievements. We are hugely grateful to all the lungers, grooms, drivers and parent helpers who assisted, making the day run as smoothly as possible. Special mention must also go to the fabulous horses competing for KVG. All eight of them performed with true professionalism and good grace.

KVG's full results from the Scottish Championships were as follows: Pre-novice Walk Class, Samuel Wilson 2nd; Pre-novice Canter Walk class, Hazel Wilson 5th, Isla Kinns Brown 2nd; Novice Individual class, Lana McDougall 11th, Catrina Mackie 10th, Tabitha Peck 8th and 6th, Beth Robertson 4th, Zoe McColl 1st; Walk Pas de Deux Open class, Zoe McColl and Iona Robertson 2nd; Walk Pas de Deux Novice class, Beth Robertson and Catrina Mackie 7th, Lana McDougall and Isla Kinns Brown 5th; Female Child 1*, Iona Robertson 8th and 7th; Female Junior 1*, Sophie Wilson 1st; Female Senior 1*, Heidi Ballantyne 5th and 2nd, Yasmin Williamson 4th and 1st; Female Senior 2*, Hannah Ballantyne 5th, Kirstin Henderson 4th, Hannah Ballantyne 3rd, Molly Turner 2nd; Male Junior 2*, Jack Wilson 2nd, Atholl Pettinger 1st; Senior Pas de Deux, Molly Turner and Hannah Ballantyne 2nd, Kirstin Henderson and Atholl Pettinger 1st; and finally, in the Walk Squad class, KVG came 2nd (Lesley Campbell, Kirstin Henderson, Yasmin Williamson, Iona Robertson, Zoe McColl and Tabitha Peck).

Congratulations to all our vaulters. KVG continues to go from strength to strength and this is evident in the commitment, determination and team spirit demonstrated by our vaulters, both in training and in competition.

The final event for KVG in this year's competitive vaulting calendar is the 2018 British Championships, which takes place on 20 to 21 October at Bridgend in Wales.

To find out more about KVG and how you can get involved, contact Liz Mackay by email at lizmacward@hotmail.com



Above right:
Zoe McColl and Ulisco de Montsec
Photo: Sinclair Photography

Above left:
Walk pas de Deux featuring
Rum n' Coke
Photo: Sinclair Photography

Opposite:
The KVG team at prizegiving at the
Scottish Championships.



Kinross Kobras

Junior Hockey

www.kinrosshockey.org

The new season is well under way and training sessions are busier than ever. To accommodate younger players we have added extra sessions at 5.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings led by the experienced coach Stuart Neave. We would like to thank Stuart for his help in setting this up.

After a wet tournament in St Andrews at the end of July, we were slightly disappointed to get soaked again in Dundee at the end of August. The Scottish summer! Despite the weather, Kinross fielded six teams across the U10 to U14 age groups who all played with skill and enthusiasm against other local teams.

As development exercises, these tournaments provide a good competitive environment for youngsters to put their training to use. Year on year the numbers of players and quality of the play improves. Many thanks to the coaches and parents who make it happen.

The next Midland District junior tournament is being hosted by Kinross Hockey Club at the end of September (the same day as the Kinross Rugby Club Junior Tournament is being held. KGV will be busy that day!) and we hope to see similar numbers of players turning out for that. In preparation for this tournament some of the older Kobras have been put through umpire training so that they can umpire the U10 games. Many thanks to Monty for running these sessions and we wish the junior umpires well in their first matches.

Congratulations also go to Rachel Leslie for selection into the Midland District U16 Girls squad. They will hopefully make it through to the final squad for the upcoming inter-district tournaments. Rachel has been part of a girls development squad organised by Kirsty Dunn. The squad is now starting to feed players into the Kinross Ladies teams for the coming season. We would like to thank Kirsty for her efforts in supporting this initiative.



U10 players from the August tournament in Dundee

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

With the final Grand Slam of the year completed (congratulations to Jamie Murray on successfully defending his mixed doubles title) and GB's Davis Cup ties finished for the year, many will be thinking that the tennis season is nearly over. However, in Kinross, tennis is played all year round!

Our Wednesday evening (from 6.30pm) and Sunday morning (from 10.30am) club sessions for adult members continue throughout the winter whilst the Thursday afternoon (from 1.30pm) social tennis group will continue outdoors for a few more weeks before moving to play indoors at Gleneagles later in the year. Why not pop down and join us at the courts next to the primary school?

Club Championships

Most of the senior championship finals were played on 2 September with the following results: Mens Singles champion Mauro Salmi, runner-up Tony Greener; Mens Doubles champions Mauro Salmi and Jordan Doig, runners-up Oliver Hill and Johnnie Walker; Mixed Doubles champions Gail Nelson and Andrew Adam, runners-up Mauro Salmi and Margaret Hamblin.

The ladies doubles final will be played when all players are finally available at the same time! Hopefully we will be able to report the result in next month's *Newsletter*, along with news of the social tournament which was rescheduled to 30 September due to wet weather in August.



Thanks to Tony for organising the championships, well done to all who took part, and congratulations to the champions.

League Matches

The ladies team finished third in the Perth and District Ladies Doubles Division 1.

Tennis for Tots

These popular sessions for our youngest players (mainly pre-schoolers) will move indoors for the winter, with sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings. Contact Siobhan by email at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com for details and bookings.

Junior Coaching

Coaching continues with the Autumn term outdoor block finishing on 2 October and the first indoor block at the Campus starting on 30 October. Contact coach Daniel Reed by email at dartennis@gmx.co.uk for information about the indoor blocks.

AGM

Members are reminded that the AGM is due to take place at 7.30pm on **Thursday 22 November** in the KGV clubhouse. Please mark the date in your diaries now and plan to come along and support your hard-working committee.

Non-members and Visitors

Sands the ironmongers can provide access to the tennis courts for a small fee.

Further information about the club can be found on our website.

Out & About

Loch Leven NNR



www.nnr.scot

The summer is now a distant memory and autumn is well underway. The weather turned a bit colder and a south west wind blew for many days. I've written this article from a few different places over the year including Shetland, Orkney and Gloucestershire but this one I'm writing from the Luton Town's Kenilworth Road while I'm on the road following my beloved Bristol Rovers.

The most anticipated part of the nature calendar at Loch Leven occurred on 12 September when the pink-footed geese started to pour in. A vanguard arrived on the weekend before but really big numbers started appearing. There are now many thousands feeding on the spilt grain around the loch. Their usual roost haunts of St Serf's and Scart Island are busy in the evenings.

A few birds of note were found during the month. A Ferruginous duck from southern Europe and a Lesser Scaup were found in Vane Bay. A Yellow Wagtail was at Findatie feeding with the horses and a Marsh Harrier terrorised the returning wildfowl during the month. The Marsh Harrier carried two uniquely marked wing tags so it'll be interesting to hear where the bird has come from. Low water levels mean there has been a reasonable showing of waders around the sandy edges with regular sightings of Black-tailed Godwits, Greenshank, Ruff and Dunlin. Extra excitement occurred when I was lucky enough to find a family of Goshawks to the west of the reserve.

The volunteers have put in a real shift with the last of the verge cutting round the trail. We've also been mowing the meadows at Burleigh, Mary's Knowe and Findatie. It's always a busy time of year with the machinery but we've been lucky with the weather.

We've also been fortunate enough to borrow the Softrak (a multi-terrain vehicle) from the EcoCoLIFE project. The Softrak helps us cut in areas that we cannot get tractors into. We helped run a training course for new drivers and did some cutting for the RSPB. We shall be cutting and using the chipper again with it early next year.

This year is the Scottish Government's Year of Young People and this month we've had the first-year conservation students from Elmwood visiting for a day to look at the nature reserve. We also had an education day at the RSPB centre for the new

intake of S1s from Kinross High School for a day of wildlife recording and getting amongst nature.

The weather has been a bit cold and the skies clear but I've persisted with the moth-trap and been lucky, catching a Melville de Jour and an unseasonable Poplar Hawk Moth. The latter very occasionally have a second brood in the autumn which I've not experienced before.

There has been lots of content on the Loch Leven blog and plenty of wildlife shots from around the reserve. I'm still out with my camera regularly.

I am leading an early morning guided walk to look at the geese leaving their roosts in the morning on **Sunday 4 November**. I thought I'd try something different and look from Burleigh instead of the Kirkgate. The idea is to try to get the geese to fly right over the group's heads. We will start at 6.45am.

It's nearly time for kick-off so I'll sign off.

Jeremy, Reserve Officer

Gardens Open in October



There are still some beautiful gardens open this month, where you can enjoy stunning autumn colours:

Hollytree Lodge, Muckhart, Dollar, FK14 7JW Open by arrangement until the end of October. Contact elizwyatt@aol.com Tel: 07973 374687

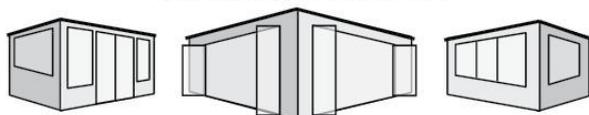
This garden featured in the January 2018 edition of *Country Homes and Interiors*. It is full of unusual shrubs and trees which colour magnificently in the autumn.

Drummond Castle Gardens, Crieff PH7 4HZ Open daily 1-4.30pm.

For further information about these gardens and many others open for charity throughout Scotland, please visit www.scotlandsgardens.org

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Osprey, osprey, osprey! What a month for wildlife at Loch Leven. We have had daily sightings of osprey on the reserve this September, including up to 12 individuals spotted in one day. A slightly more unusual sighting of a ferruginous duck (like a rust-coloured pochard with a white underside) caused quite the stir with our twitchers. The bird seems to have blended in with a large flock of pochard and tufted duck on the bay. Other wildlife highlights include regular sightings of red squirrel in the woodlands, a sighting of an otter swimming across the bay, and the trickling return of our pink-footed geese arriving for winter.

The reserve team have been hard at work over the past month cutting vegetation on the wetlands to ensure it is ready for the next breeding season. It is important the grass levels are kept low enough to be managed for next year before the geese start to arrive to minimise disturbance.

The underpass is coming along nicely and the accessible path leading down to the tunnel has now been filled. The project is scheduled to be finished by the end of October and all the staff here at Loch Leven are looking forward to its completion. Once again, we would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time.

We are looking forward to hosting our spooky half term **Halloween treasure hunt** here at Loch Leven this October. The event will run from **8 to 21 October**. No booking is required; simply drop into the visitor centre anytime between 10am and 4pm and see how many objects you can find! Expect nature wonders, spooky stuff, and, of course, the odd trick. The treasure hunt is suitable for children of all ages and no booking is required. It costs £2 per sheet.

We will also be hosting the return of our **dawn goose watch** events. Wake up with the flock and join our head warden

for this yearly spectacle as thousands of pink-footed geese take off from their night-time roost on the loch. We have two dates available this year on which places can be booked: **Wednesday 31 October** from 6am until 8.30am and **Saturday 17 November** from 7.15am until 9am. This includes a much-needed breakfast roll in our café afterwards!

An **introduction to stargazing** is also taking place on **Tuesday 20 November**, 7-9pm. Turn your sights to the skies over Loch Leven for an unmissable space discovery evening. Experts from Dalgety Bay Astronomy Club host this special event, bringing with them top kit and tips. Booking is essential; RSPB members £10 (child members £4) non-members £12 (child £6).

Booking for all our events can be done via our Eventbrite page at rspblochleven.eventbrite.com.

Rachel Gooday
Visitor Experience Officer

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross

Located on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, this is one of Scotland's oldest castles, probably built in the early 1300s.



Mary, Queen of Scots spent a traumatic year in captivity here, when she miscarried twins and was forced to abdicate. She dramatically escaped in 1568.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier (Pier Road, KY13 8UF) where there is parking and a Historic Scotland shop and ticket office.

Due to limited capacity, it is recommended that all visits are booked in advance. This can be done online at www.historicenvironment.scot/lochleven-castle or via the local ticket office. Phone 01577 862670 for further information. Access times for 2018:

26 March 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 £7.50, Child £4.50, Conc £6. HS members free. (includes ferry trip)

Weather



August Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	81.4mm = 3.25ins
Heaviest rainfall	9.5mm (10th)
Total sunshine for the month	137.2 hours
Sunniest day	9.9 hours (29th)
Minimum temperature average	8.41°C
Lowest temperature	1.6°C (8th)
Maximum temperature average	17.66°C
Highest temperature	22.9°C (2nd)

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Farming

I don't know where two months have gone since my last article and, by jings, how things change. There is a distinct autumnal feel in the air and the weather has become changeable again. Harvest has become very tricky, with combines working in between the showers. Getting straw baled in good condition has been a challenge, as most of it has been rained on soon after the grain has been harvested. Even getting a second and third cut of silage done is proving to be a very stop-start affair. The rain was certainly welcome to begin with, as grass was really struggling to grow for a while, even in the dampest of soils. The lush, late season growth will be welcome for helping to build up essential feed stocks for the fast-approaching winter, although the supplies of feed available across the country are looking to be very tight.



Here at Backward Farm, we definitely enjoyed the dry sunny weather of earlier in the summer but the rain was welcome. It gets very tedious when it rains almost every day! But as you know, we farmers are never entirely happy with the weather. Our lambs have grown well and we have a good number of them sold already, although their growth rates had slowed down when we last had them through the weighing scales. It wasn't really a surprise when you consider how cool and damp conditions have been, even though the lambs have a plentiful supply of lush grass.

I normally steer clear of politics when writing these articles but I will make a rare exception to mention the outcome of the Brexit trade negotiations which could affect sheep farmers throughout the UK. Over 60% of the lamb produced in the UK is exported to Europe. A "no deal" outcome resulting in trade being conducted according to World Trade Organisation rules would result in hefty tariffs being imposed

on sheep meat exports to the EU. It could wipe out that market overnight, or slash the price to way below the cost of production.

On a lighter note, we made a start to our own harvest the other day when Andrew and George braved the hazardous journey in their green dinosaurs to the badlands of the Backward Farm barley fields. The rain made an appearance (predictably) but it wasn't enough to stop their progress, so we got the two fields done with a pleasingly healthy pile of barley in the shed. We even got the straw of one field baled just before the rain came down. The other two wee fields weren't ready but they should be done by the time you are reading this.

The pig numbers on the farm continue to grow and they are getting ever more adventurous. Even the "racing pigs" who made a reluctant appearance at Kinross show have got the taste for travel and made their way from their apparently well fenced paddock along the road to the farmyard. Someone ought to have made sure that the gate was more secure! They were certainly free range on that day.

John



Escapee "Racing" Pigs from Kinross Show taking themselves for a walk

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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) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

7.30pm: 'Crossfire' (£1 upwards) in church centre (In October, meets only on 28th because of school holidays).

Monday: Evening House Group: contact office for details.

Tuesdays: 10am: Pram Service. Afternoon House Group: contact office for details.

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, Church Centre.

1.30pm: Craft Group. 3.05pm: 'Talkback' for P6/7 in Upper Room.

Evening House Groups: contact office for details.

Fridays: The Brigade, church centre.

Anchor Section 6 – 7.15pm, Junior Section 7 – 9pm, Company Section 8 – 10pm (Contact: David Munro 862126).

Saturdays: 10am -12noon 'Coffee Stop', Church Centre. Coffee, cakes and book sale most Saturdays.

Other Events and Services

September

Sun 30 10.30am: **Harvest Thanksgiving**. Harvest Appeal for 'Christians Against Poverty', especially its work in Scotland (SC039942).

5.30pm: Harvest Supper at Church Centre – supper intertwined with worship and a focus on Malawi. If possible, collect a (free) ticket in advance, for catering purposes.

October

Mon 1 8am: Silent Meditation.

Tue 2 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

4pm: Service at the Sycamores.

7.15pm: Guild – 'Guild Project, Boys' Brigade', Church Centre.

Sun 7 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Sat 13 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (if possible, names in advance to office).

Tue 16 7.15pm: Guild – 'Seeking the Way – Theme Night', Church Centre.

Thu 18 9pm: late-evening service of Compline.

Sat 20 11am: All Friends Together.

Sun 21 12.15pm Cheese Roll and a Chat: a chance to meet, chat and discuss some questions, following the 10.30am Service. Finishes 1.30pm.

Sun 28 6.30pm: 'Out of Darkness, Light' - Celtic style service.

Tue 30 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

7.15pm: Guild – 'The Middle East – Rosemary Johnston, past National Convener', Church Centre.

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Sunday Services 11.15am

October

Mon 1 3.15pm **Messy Church** in the Village Hall. Open to all children and their carers.

Sun 7 11.15am **Morning Worship and Junior Church** followed by refreshments in the Village Hall served by Guild members in aid of Guild funds. Traidcraft Stall.

Sat 13 8.30am **Men's Breakfast Meeting** in Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway.

Sun 14 11.15am **Morning Worship***

Sun 21 11.15am **Morning Worship***

Sun 28 2pm **Morning Worship and Harvest Festival** followed by **Harvest Lunch** in the Village Hall.

Mon 29 2pm **Cleish Guild Fund-raising Tea** with entertainment by **St. Serf's Singers**. Tickets £4.00. All welcome.

* Please note that refreshments will be served in the Young Room after Morning Worship. All welcome.

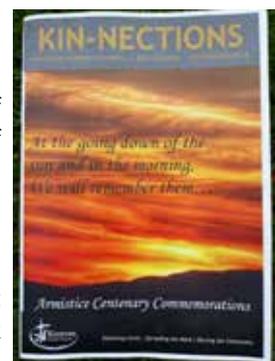


Cleish Parish Church

Kinross Parish church Kin-nections

The new *Kin-nections*, the magazine of Kinross Parish church is now available. Pick up your free copy at the church, Church Centre or library.

The centenary of the Armistice of the First World War is a focus of this issue. Other articles include a report on the church's team which visited Hungary this summer, the importance of Holy Communion and suggestions of different approaches to prayer which folk have found useful.



St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY Telephone: 01577 864299

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Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector. Telephone: 01577 863795

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You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

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

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.

1st Mondays

10am Pastoral Care group (Side chapel).

Tuesdays

11am Informal Holy Communion (Side chapel).

Thursdays

10 for 10.30am Thursday Morning Discussion Group (10 Holy Habits). *An interesting fresh take on Bible study and discovering new habits to love God and our neighbour better.*
1.45pm – 2.45pm Rector's Hour. An opportunity to drop in and speak to the Rector in the Church Office (*please note change of time*).

Forthcoming Services and Events - all welcome

September

Sun 7 Pentecost 21 (Proper 27)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 14 Pentecost 22 (Proper 28)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

Sun 21 HARVEST SUNDAY

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Whole Church Sung Eucharist.

Sun 28 SIMON AND JUDE (APOSTLES)

8.30am Holy Communion.

11am Sung Eucharist.

5.30pm Said Evensong with hymns.

Kinross Gospel Hall

Montgomery Street, Kinross

www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Sunday	10.30am	Breaking of Bread
	12.30pm	Sunday School
	4.00pm	Gospel Meeting (1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, Friends and Neighbours Tea)
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study
Thursday	9.30am	Toddlers Group (Montgomery Toddlers)

St James' Catholic Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329

www.catholickinross.com Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com

m.facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/

m.facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/

Regular Services

Mon	7pm	Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Prayer Group at 8pm in the church hall.
Tue	10am	Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30 - 9.50am).
Wed	10am	Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30 - 9.50am). Teas / Coffees after Mass, in the church hall.
Thu	10am	Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30 - 9.50am).
Fri	10am	Holy Mass preceded by Morning Prayer and Confessions (9.30 - 9.50am).
	3pm	Divine Mercy Devotions.
Sat	10-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions (first Saturday of every month Holy Mass at 10am).
	6pm	Vigil Mass.
Sun	9.30am	Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall).

Confessions also on request.

Prayer Group meets on a Monday, 8pm-10pm, in the church hall and is open to all.

Children's Catechism class meets every Monday during term time, 3.45pm-4.30pm in the church hall.

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



St James' Catholic Church

Trinity Church

A new Church ... A new Beginning.

Trinity Church is a **MISSION OUTREACH** of the **UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**, led by **REVEREND JEROME O'BRIEN**.



Crook of Devon, Station Road, KY13 0PG

www.trinity-church.co.uk

Sauchie & Fishcross United Free Church of Scotland, Scottish Charity No. SC009740.

Sunday Service

We meet every Sunday at the Crook of Devon Village Hall. The service starts at 10.30am for teas and coffees, with the gathering to worship God commencing at 11am. After the service, there will be refreshments and conversation. For more information about who we are and what we do, visit our website.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Minister - Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison

Telephone: 01577 863461

Email: angusmorrison3@gmail.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 the 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 30 mins 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.

Messy Church in Orwell Hall on 27 October from 4 to 6pm.

Dates and events for your diary

- 2 Oct** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm: 'To Windsor to meet the Queen'.
- 7 Oct** Joint All-age Service in Portmoak Church at 10:30am. No morning service at Orwell Church.
- 9 Oct** Guild Autumn Tea in Orwell Hall 2-4pm.
- 16 Oct** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm: 'Playlist for Life'.
- 26 Oct** Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room from 10:15am to 11:45am.
- 27 Oct** Tullis Community Band plays in Orwell Church at 7:30pm. Tickets £8 including refreshments.
- 28 Oct** Harvest Thanksgiving Service in both churches.
- 30 Oct** The Guild meets in Orwell Hall at 7pm: 'SSAFA – Forces Charity', Andy Middlemiss.

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.

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

www.fossowaychurch.org.uk

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

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

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com

Our church is a very warm and welcoming place situated in the Crook of Devon, a small village about six miles from Kinross. Come and join us, we would love to meet you.

We have prayer time every Sunday before worship, 9.15 - 9.30pm. All are welcome.

Sunday Services at 9.45am. All are welcome.

October

- Sun 7** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Morning Worship.
- Sun 14** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.15am Morning Worship.
- Sun 21** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.15am Morning Worship.
- Fri 26** 7pm Harvest Supper.
- Sun 28** 9.15-9.30am A Time for Prayer.
9.45am Harvest Thanksgiving service.

Café Refresh

Thursdays, 2 - 4pm. Time for coffee, cake and a blether.

messychurch@fossoway

Our next Messy Church will be on Friday 26 October at 3.15pm in the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

Lots of messy fun; all are welcome but remember that all children need to bring an adult.

Christianity Explored

7.30pm in the Church Hall, October 4 and 25 and November 1 and 8.

Christianity Explored is a relaxed and informal way of sharing the best news you can ever hear, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life. All are welcome.

Film Evening

7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Church Hall.

On Friday 5 October we will be showing: *Finding your Feet* (rated 12), The 'feel good' movie of the year starring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall and Joanna Lumley.

On Friday 2 November we will be showing: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* (rated 12). In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war.

Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn.



Fossoway Parish Church

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Playgroups and Toddlers

Milnathort Babies & Toddlers

Orwell Church Hall, Milnathort

Friday 9.30am-11.15am

A relaxed and friendly group
Healthy snacks, tea & coffee
Children from birth to 3 years
(5 years if attending with younger sibling)
Great fun for the kids, mums, dads and carers!

PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!

To join in the fun
call 07745 804539
Email milnathortbt@gmail.com
Or find us on Facebook



SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP SCIO

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Reg Scottish Charity No SCIO7748



Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392 235

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

Garden Guddle: Mon 9am - 3pm.

Playgroup: Children from age 2 years welcome.

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 9.05am - 11.50am

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

Rising Fives: Tues 12.55pm - 3.10pm, optional Lunch Club beforehand, 12.10-12.55pm. 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 12.45 - 2.45pm

Unfortunately this group is not on at present as there is no one to run it. Should anyone wish to volunteer to start the group up again, please contact Swansacre Playgroup.

The premises are available to hire for Private Functions. For more information, please contact Louise on 07926 600 0657 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 Debbie Kennedy 07545 339494,
debileighs@hotmail.com

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.

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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



We are a friendly and relaxed group welcoming children under 5 years and their parents/carers. 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 group!

Session times: Tues & Fri 9.45am – 11.30am.

Sessions are £2 per child (£1.50 for under 1s) and 50p for each additional child. A snack is provided.

For all queries please email
portmoakplaygroup@hotmail.com
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

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



**Potager Garden
Coffee Morning and Raffle**
in aid of
Macmillan Cancer Support
Saturday 29 September
10.30am – 12 noon
Plants for sale. All welcome.



Glenfarg Village Folk Club

*The club meets at "Backstage at the Green",
Green Hotel, Kinross, on Mondays*

Doors open 7.30pm Music starts 8pm

*Entry fees: Guest nights: Members £6, Non-members £9;
Singaround: £2 for all*

For more info, see: www.glenfargfolkclub.com

1 Oct: Daria Kulesh and Tristan Seume. Two hugely interesting artistes now joined in an exciting new collaboration. Daria is a singer-songwriter with Russian and Ingush roots and Tristan is one of the UK's leading young acoustic guitarists.

8 Oct: Singaround. Autumn in Scotland means colours, so let's go with one of our favourite and easy themes.

15 Oct: Findlay Napier. Having heard Findlay at the Club with his various bands such as The Bar Room Mountaineers, it is with pleasure that he returns tonight as a solo performer. At the heart of Scottish folk music, he is an excellent guitarist and songwriter with a distinctive voice from the Highlands.

22 Oct: Hannah Rarity and Innes White. A warm welcome awaits two of Scotland's finest young musicians. Hannah, the winner of the Young Trad 2018 award, has a crystal-clear voice, and is accompanied by Innes, a young man well respected in the Scottish folk world for his guitar skills. Great to see such young artistes at Backstage.

29 Oct: Singaround. As we look forward to our Club Weekend Away in the Highlands, our theme for tonight has to be "Beautiful Scotland". All welcome as always.

The Thursday Group

This is a women's group, meeting on the first Thursday of the month in the lower hall of the Church Centre at 7.30pm. Existing and new members very welcome. Contact Elaine on 01592 840266.

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| 4 Oct | Heavenly Chocolate (Gwen McQueen) |
| 1 Nov | Beetle Drive |
| 6 Dec | Christmas Meal Outing |
| 3 Jan | Cycling without Age (Kirsteen Ross) |
| 7 Feb | Jewellery (Gillian Skene) |
| 7 Mar | Woodland Trust (Ian Baird) |
| 4 Apr | Aero Space Kinross (Alisdair Stewart) |
| 2 May | AGM |



Loch Leven NNR Events Programme 2018



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| Sun 30 September | Fungi Foray,
2pm-4pm, Levenmouth |
| Sun 4 November | Goose Walk,
6.45am, Burleigh Sands car park |

All dates and times are subject to change. All our events are free and booking is essential. To book your place on any of the above events, please email: LOCHLEVEN_NNR@snh.gov.uk

Skeins & Bobbins Classes

Primary and Senior knitting classes resumed in August. Please note, **Thursdays are fully booked.** For Tuesdays and Fridays, please book in advance.

Primary classes take place on Tuesdays and Senior classes on Fridays. For confirmation of dates and availability of places, please contact the shop.

Knitting and crochet group for adults continues on Saturdays, 2pm-4pm.

Skeins & Bobbins, 120 High Street, Kinross. Tel: 01577 208107.



Kinross Garden Group

2018/19 Season

Thursday 11 October

at 2pm, Millbridge Hall, Kinross.

'Plant Hunting Adventures, Primarily in Sichuan'

All welcome to join us.



Friends of Dollar Museum

Scottish Charity SC022185

MY LIFE, MY TIMES

A talk by The Right Honourable Sir George Reid



Music Auditorium, Dollar Academy

Friday 19 October 7pm

Tickets £10 to include wine and raffle.

Available from Cecilia Condal (07712 841963) and the Dollar Deli

Sir George reflects on the global changes he has witnessed at home and abroad as a journalist, MP, MSP and director of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in wars and disasters.

Carnbo SWI Coffee Morning

Saturday 20 October

10am -12 noon

Home baking, sales table, tombola, raffle.

Adults £3, children £1.

Carnbo village hall. All welcome.

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.



**Networking Breakfast
Wednesday 3 October**

At Loch Leven's Larder, 7.15am-9am

Kinross-shire Partnership are keen to tell you about the next Networking Breakfast meeting, taking place on **Wednesday 3 October 2018**. Fix the date in your diary to make sure you enjoy the relaxed networking and excellent breakfast on offer. Cost of the networking and full Scottish breakfast is £10 - our inspirational speakers give their time for nothing!

In October, we are delighted to introduce entrepreneur and businessman Drew Drummond. Drew is Managing Director of Drummond International, an Edinburgh based Leadership Consultancy business which helps individuals and organisations worldwide deal with change, culture and conflict. Drew has a national and international reputation in the field of conflict resolution and is highly regarded for enabling ownership and belief through the power of inspirational story-telling and lived experiences.

As always, the meeting will be at Loch Leven's Larder from 7.15am to 9am and we welcome local businesses, individuals and groups to come and network, find out about each other's organisations and get to know one another. Whether you're new to Kinross-shire and looking to find out what services or businesses are in the Shire, or you'd like to make new contacts in the area, we'd love to meet you. We'd love you to tell your friends, colleagues and fellow Kinross-shire dwellers how good these meetings are, and encourage them to come along with you on Wednesday 3 October 2018.

To book your place, please email Karen Grunwell at mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk . You can choose whether to pay online in advance or in cash on the day and full details are available when you book. The meeting cost, including a full cooked breakfast, is £10 per person.

www.kinrosspartnership.org.uk www.facebook.com/visitlochleven
www.visitlochleven.org www.twitter.com/VisitLochLeven

The Gaelic Society of Perth

After a great start to the season in September with wonderful performances from Deirdre MacTaggart, Norman MacKinnon and Joyce Ramsay, **The Gaelic Society of Perth** will hold their next Cèilidh at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St, Perth on **Friday 26 October at 7.30pm**. The performers will be the Perth Gaelic Choir and the Mòd Gold Medallist Calum Angus MacDonald.

Admission is £6 for Members and £7 for Non-Members – for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! Membership of the Society is £1 for the year – excellent value.

Further cèilidhs will take place on: 26 October, 16 November, 7 December 2018 and 11 January, 8 February and 15 March 2019.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589. You can also access our website at www.gaelicsocietyofperth.com and find us on Facebook – we are **Gaelic Society of Perth**. On the Facebook page you can also find lots of information about Gaelic events in Fife as well as Perth and Kinross.

KINROSS CENTRE

64 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AJ



Open day and night

Tuesday 23 October

Afternoon 1.30pm - 3.30pm, Evening 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Refreshments Available



Come along, bring your friends and see what we get up to on a day-to-day basis. Feel free to become a member and join us for lunch each day and get involved in our activities.

- ♦ Great for meeting new people ♦ Reducing isolation and loneliness ♦ Nutritious daily meals ♦ Transport included to and from Centre ♦ Activities include curling, arts & crafts, exercises ♦ Day trips, for example Pitlochry Theatre, Ratho Barge
- ♦ Annual holiday

For more information contact Nan Cook, 01577 863869
Registered Scottish Charity no SC004968

Music In Dollar

Music In Dollar will hold their next concert on **Saturday 6 October** at 7.30pm at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy. The acclaimed Romanian pianist Daniel Ciobanu will perform Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition', Stravinsky's 'Firebird Suite' as well as works by Enescu, Prokofiev and Scriabin. This should be an amazing concert so do not miss it!

Programme for 2018-19

- Sat 6 Oct** Daniel Ciobanu, solo piano. At 7.30pm.
- Sun 20 Jan** Ayman Jarjour, solo guitar. At 3pm.
- Sun 24 Feb** Emily Mitchell Vocal Ensemble, with a mixture of opera, songs from musicals and traditional airs. At 3pm.
- Sat 16 Mar** Alistair Savage, traditional fiddle group. At 7.30pm.

Please note that the January and February concerts will be held at 3pm. All concerts are held in the Gibson Hall at Dollar School.

We hope this eclectic mix – both of musical styles and time – will tempt you to come and try the Society out if you have not been before, and we hope you will renew your membership if you have been a member previously.

Further information is available from the Concert Secretary on 01577 864589 or the Society website www.musicindollar.org.uk.

Kinross-shire Historical Society

Meetings are held at Kinross Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross, at 7.30pm. Membership entitles free entry to all six talks of the season. Membership: adults £7.50; under 18s free. Visitors: £2 per talk.



Programme for 2018-2019

- 15 Oct:** **Rooted in Royalty at the Queensferry Crossing** – James Lawson. How a small village situated between the ancient and modern capitals of Scotland has survived and prospered over the centuries.
- 19 Nov:** **East Lomond Hill Fort** – Dr Oliver O'Grady & Joe Fitzpatrick. Re-assessing Pictish Fife.
- 10 Dec:** **Oor Ain Game O' Curlin'** – Prof. David Munro MBE & Jim Paterson. The 350-year story of Kinross Curling Club.
- 21 Jan:** **My Jute Journey** – Sandra Thomson. The History of Jute from 800BC to the present day, with stories of travels in India and Bangladesh.
- 18 Feb:** **Bounty Whalers and the Inuit** – Dr Eric Graham. The effect of whaling on native communities.
- 18 Mar:** **The Klondike Gold Rush** – Dr Martin Hepworth. The search for gold in America in the nineteenth century.

Milnathort filmhouse at Milnathort Town Hall

27th October 2018

3.00pm (Doors Open at 2.30pm)

COUNT DRACULA AND COMPANY PARTICIPATE IN A CRUISE FOR SEA-LOVING MONSTERS, UNAWARE THAT THEIR BOAT IS BEING COMMANDEERED BY THE MONSTER-HATING VAN HELSING FAMILY



Child	£4.00	£6.00
Adult		£6.00
Concession		£4.00
Family (2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children)		£16.00

Tuck Shop With All Your Film Treats and Drinks Available

Guarantee Your Seats By Booking Your Tickets Online

8.00pm (Doors Open at 7.30pm)

IN THE AFTERMATH OF WORLD WAR II, A WRITER FORMS AN UNEXPECTED BOND WITH THE RESIDENTS OF GUERNSEY ISLAND WHEN SHE DECIDES TO WRITE A BOOK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES DURING THE WAR



Over 18s Only - BYOB

Tuck Shop with Movie Snacks and Soft Drinks

Adult	£6.00
Concession	£4.00

Information and Online Booking at milnathortfilmhouse.com

Tullis Community Band
Saturday 27 October

at 7.30pm in Orwell Parish Church
Tickets £8 including tea/coffee during the interval.
This is a fundraising event for the proposed church improvements at Orwell Church.

All welcome to attend an evening of entertainment to suit all.
Tickets will be available from Orwell and Portmoak Church Office in South Street, Milnathort.

Flutterby Fitness Pilates & Kinross 50 Plus Keep Fit Group



Afternoon Tea

all proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support



Tuesday 30 October

2-4pm in the Masonic Hall Kinross

- Tea & delicious home baking
- Various stalls for early Christmas shopping!
- Traidcraft cards & gifts Neal's Yard Organics
- CHAS Christmas cards Flamingo Paperie cards
- Jennie Wren's cards and candles
- Scarlet Goose gifts & more!
- Raffle
- Entry by donation All Welcome



Handbags & GLADRAGS

The Boathouse, Kinross - Thurs 8th Nov from 7pm
Tickets £7.50, which includes glass of fizz and snacks

The chance to sell and buy quality new or nearly new dresses, hats, fascinators, scarves, bags and more.

To sell, bring up to five quality items you no longer want and the price you would like for them. Once sold, half the money goes to you and half goes to charity.

Fashion show and new clothing line by Integro Image Consultants and more stalls on the night

Proceeds to Cycling Without Age Kinross

All info on tickets.

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE  For more information and tickets, please contact Kinross Tangent on Facebook or on 07845 791318 or buy tickets from the Boathouse



REFRESH

In association with Light & Life
Wednesday 14 November
7.30pm – 9pm

Angel Cakes Tearoom, 157 High Street, Kinross

This will be the third in a series of events organised by the team who previously ran Healing Rooms in Milnathort. We are now working with "Light and Life" who have events throughout Scotland.

"Refresh" is an opportunity for you to relax in a friendly environment, enjoy Angela's delicious cakes, tea or coffee and also experience some relaxing therapies such as hand massage, encouraging words, healing prayer and prophetic art. There will also be uplifting live music to enjoy and opportunity, if you wish, to have a chat with some of our trained volunteers.

There is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be on sale.

Homebrew Autumn Concert

 Come and support local talent at Kinross Parish Church on **Saturday 3 November at 3pm.** Any donations received (after costs) will go to Strathcarron Hospice. Further details from Margaret Sikora, Email: margaretsikora9@gmail.com 

End of British Summer Time

Clocks go back one hour at 2am on **Sunday 28 October**

KINROSS HUB THE CARERS CAFE

1 October 2018
Technology Enabled Care
(PKC Staff)

5 November 2018
Men's Shed
(Roy Gilmour)

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





**LOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS
KINROSS**

1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am—12noon



Contact Gail Booth
Tel. 01577 867306
Or Annette Bond
01738 567076



Orwell, Portmoak and Glenfarg District Girl Guiding

Due to an increase in guide numbers and the new exciting programme recently rolled out, we are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to open a unit in Portmoak and a unit helper for our Milnathort unit.

There will be full support from our great team. If interested, please give Alison a buzz on 07764 750212.

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts. Bikes are refurbished by qualified expert mechanics and sold on to the public at affordable prices with a three-month warranty.

Donated bikes and parts are collected from all Perth & Kinross Recycling Centres, including the Kinross centre at the Bridgend Industrial Estate.

Bike sales are held at The Bike Station, 284 High Street, Perth, PH1 5QS, Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm.

The Bike Station also offers a Repair Service, a Fix Your Own Bike facility and a Dr Bike mobile service.

Tel: 01738 444430. Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

The Perth Bike Station is an accredited Revolve organisation.

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

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

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

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

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

KINROSS CARERS THERAPIES



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* you can be an unpaid carer and still receive benefits such as Carers Allowance

IF YOU ARE AN UNPAID CARER* REGISTERED WITH PKAVS CARERS HUB YOU COULD ENJOY A FREE COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY SESSION!

BOOKING IS REQUIRED & DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

Therapy Days are the 2nd Monday of each month with Shirley Morgan @ Heart and Soul Centre, High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AN

f @PKAVSCarersHub
pkavscarershub.org.uk

For more info on support for unpaid carers in Kinross contact Carer Support Worker Annette Bond on 01738 567076



CRYSTAL
THERAPY

Bookings open the 1st Monday of each month. Please call the Carers Hub on 01738 567076 to book an appointment.

Befriending Kinross



Are you new to the Area?
Would you like someone to talk to?
Someone to have a coffee with?
Help to feel less socially isolated?

If you would like to request a befriender please contact us and we will arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the process.

ptb.kinross@bethanyct.com

t: 07747 018 550



We are a
Fairtrade
Zone

Look for products with this Mark

Perth & Kinross – Proud to be a Fairtrade Zone

Ceilidh Dancing

Mondays: From 2pm until 3pm every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun. Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit. All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Monthly Sunday Ceilidhs: These take place in Milnathort Town Hall, 2pm until 5pm with a break at 3pm for tea and biscuits. Cost: £5. There is no pressure to dance; what better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than hearing these top players? People wishing to learn dances could attend the Monday classes (see above). All money left over after paying the band and hall will go to charity. To make charity suggestions, contact Vi Todd, 01577 863244.

21 Oct Scott Band
25 Nov Liam Stewart **16 Dec Ian McCallum**

Scottish Mining Trust Holidays Blair Castle, Culross

Charity number SC036188 www.blaircastle.net

Subsidised holidays for retired miners and relatives

If you worked in the mining industry, or if you are related to a miner or someone who worked in the mining industry, you may be eligible for subsidised full bed and board holidays at Blair Castle in Culross. Blair Castle is set in beautiful grounds with stunning views over the Forth Estuary. Excellent facilities: 28 well-appointed en-suite rooms, disabled accommodation, games room, quiet rooms, social lounges etc.

Call 01383 880307 or email charles@blaircastle.net to find out more and ask for an application form.

Find us on Facebook: Scottish Mining Trust Culross

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.

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.



Give a Greyhound A Home

Look on our Website

www.greyhoundrescuefife.com



 * Forever homes needed *
 * for rescued Greyhounds *

Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!

Please call or email for details
 Phone: 01577 850393 (evenings)
 Mob: 07826244765 (daytime)
 email us on femiejimrnyf@aol.com



Kinross Recovery and Conversation Café

This weekly group is for anyone with an interest in improving their wellbeing and needing support on their recovery journey from addiction or substance misuse. The café aims to get people speaking about recovery and wellbeing in all its many forms and provides the opportunity to:

- share ideas, information and resources
- explore support networks and ways of moving forward
- breakdown isolation
- improve health and wellbeing

The café takes place **every Tuesday**, 1pm-3pm, at Millbridge Hall, Kinross. Drop in and have a cuppa and a chat.

For more information, contact:

Shona Fowler: 07896 280843, shonafowler@nhs.net

Richard Lister: 07885 971298, richard.lister@cairscotland.org.uk



Supported and funded by Broke Not Broken, a local charity tackling the effects of poverty.

Broke Not Broken

Drop off donations at:

Sainsbury's, Kinross
Glenfarg Village Shop
Co-operative, Kinross



Open to clients:

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 2pm

The Beacon, St Paul's Church, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU

Contact: Tel: 07518 913107

Email: admin@brokenotbroken.org



Broke Not Broken. Tackling the effects of poverty. Scottish Registered Charity SC046033

Grants for good causes

**Kinross Community Council
 Newsletter Limited (KCCNL)**

Charity No. SC040913



All profits from the *Kinross Newsletter* are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are:

31 March and 30 September

More information is available on the kinross.cc website. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, Tel 01577 865004 or email barrydavies57@btinternet.com

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.



Newsletter Deadlines

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
November	Friday 12 October	Saturday 27 October
December	Friday 16 November	Saturday 1 December



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**



La Leche League meetings in Kinross

First Thursday of the month, 10am – 12 noon



St Paul's Church Meeting Room, The Muirs, Kinross

- Friendly, relaxed mum-to-mum breastfeeding support and chat.
- Informal chat and an interesting group discussion.
- Plenty of time for answering your questions.

We welcome any mums (and mums to be) who are interested in breastfeeding. Children all very welcome.

For more details, contact:

Hannah Dalgety (LLL Leader, Kinross) 07886 859461

www.lll-fife-tayside.co.uk

Find us on Facebook: La Leche League Fife and Tayside

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Hedges, bushes or trees causing obstruction

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to cut back hedges, branches, bushes etc to ensure that pavements and public footpaths are not obstructed.

Property owners may be liable if injury is caused to others and may be charged costs if Perth & Kinross Council is forced to take action.

When undertaking work on hedges, check that there are no birds nesting. It is an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. The bird nesting season is usually considered to run from March to August.

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice Surgery

The Kinross surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

9 & 23 October

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.

Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)

Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean is available at Loch Leven Community Campus to provide advice on all benefit related issues. Alongside general benefits advice, Sarah can help with: completing forms (including online), conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, and providing advice and support where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Sarah is available **by appointment only**. Appointments are usually offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays. To make an appointment, call 01738 450599 or email Andrew Scobie (benefits and debt administration) using the following: Andrew.Scobie@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (senior debt adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Looking for a venue that can tick all the boxes?

Crook of Devon Village Hall

- Space** We can seat up to 100 for a formal meal; 120 for meetings, theatrical performance, talent shows; 80-90 for discos, family gatherings, community events. We can even accommodate bouncy castles for that "all weather" children's party.



- Car Parking** - ample parking for the hall.
- Catering** - Kitchen with oven, dishwasher and microwave, plus a great serving area.
- Stage** and back stage area for performances, costume changes, etc.
- Plus the usual facilities - toilets, disabled toilets, changing areas.
- We also offer chair and table rental for functions at home.
- Weekly bookings** taken for activities, e.g. yoga, ballet, fitness classes, badminton, youth clubs.

For all hall bookings and enquiries, including our **special block booking rates**, please contact Jean on 01577 840543 or jeanshearer630@btinternet.com

Mindfulness Meditation Class

Mondays and Fridays, 7pm – 8pm

Loch Leven Community Campus ICT Room

Participants can expect to do some gentle movement, mini sound workshop, relaxation, meditation, mp3 guided meditation, philosophy and reflection.

The sessions are run on a drop-in basis. Entry is by donation. Further information from Vincent Johnston at:

Vincent.johnston@icloud.com



Community Councils

- Kinross:** Secy: Eileen Thomas, 01577 863714
Email: kinrosscommunitycouncil@gmail.com
- Milnathort:** Chair: Craig Williams, 07885 722125
Email: craig@stovestuff.scot
- Portmoak:** Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel, 01592 840459
Email: PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
- Fossoway & District:** Chair: Trudy Duffy-Wigman, 01577 840669
Email: fossoway.cc@gmail.com
- Cleish & Blairadam:** Secy: Patty Fraser, 01577 850253
Email: CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
Jonathan Bryson	4 Burnbank Meadows	
David Colliar	10 Rannoch Place	01577 864037
Dave Cuthbert	85 Bowton Road	07799 750289
Barry Davies	60 Lathro Park	01577 865004
Bill Freeman (Chair)	64 Muirs	01577 865045
Ian Jack	Burnbrae Grange	01577 863980
Lynne McKay	5 Springfield Road	01577 531076
Thomas Stewart	Gellybank Farm	01577 864603
David West	30 Muirs	07824 313974

Portmoak Community Councillors

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Bruce Calderwood	(Treasurer)	01592 840423
Susan Forde		01592 840128
Tom Smith		01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	(Chairman)	01592 840459
Dave Morris		01592 840500
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Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

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Mobile Library Service

Visiting on Tuesdays 9 & 23 October

Glenfarg	Main Street	1200-1300
Forgandenny	Rossie Place	1545-1615

Visiting on Wednesdays 3, 17 & 31 October

Kinnesswood	Opposite shop	0930-1000
Portmoak	Hall	1005-1020
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1025-1050
Portmoak	Hall	1125-1140
Scotlandwell	Leslie Road	1145-1205
Levenmouth Farm		1100-1120
Hatchbank Road	Gairneybank	1140-1200
Powmill	Mill Gardens	1320-1340
Cleish	Phone Box	1400-1415
Crook of Devon	Village Inn	1345-1430
Carnbo	Pitcairnie Lane	1440-1500
Causeway Court	Kinross	1515-1535
Whyte Court	Kinross	1540-1610

For more information, see: www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries and click on 'Services in the Community'

Blythswood Care collection in Perth

The charity Blythswood Care uplifts donations of secondhand goods in Perth at **MacDiarmid Park**. There will be collections there on the following Tuesdays, from 11.30am until 1.15pm: **2 October, 6 November, 4 December**.

Blythswood Care welcomes undamaged and good quality donations of: clothes, footwear, books, toys, blankets, bric à brac, bicycles, soft furnishings (bedding, curtains etc), CDs, DVDs, mobile phones, tools and small items of furniture. All soft furnishings must have a fire label with BS code BS7177 attached. Regrettably Blythswood **cannot** accept electrical goods.

Local Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

Kinross in Bloom: Volunteer group that provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment of Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Iain Todd at: iandmtodd@talktalk.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Children's Hospices Across Scotland: Can you spare a few hours of your time? We are looking to fill the following volunteer vacancies:



Drivers, Complementary Therapists, Nursing Support, Housekeeping, Garden and Kitchen.

Volunteering with CHAS is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and to make a huge difference to the lives of the families who use our services. For further information please visit our website www.chas.org.uk.

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

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

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

Useful telephone numbers

Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252
NHS 24	111
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111
Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

Police, non-emergency 101

Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance

and Coastguard emergencies 999

Gas (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

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

Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages 0345 988 1188

Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)

Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm)	01738 475000
Reporting non-emergency Road and Lighting faults (CLARENCE)	0800 232323

PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

Adult care services	0345 301 11 20
Anti-social behaviour helpline	01738 476173*42*
(*42* telephone and leave a voicemail)	
Child protection	01738 476768
Council housing emergency repairs	01738 476000
Dangerous buildings	01738 476476
Environmental Health	01738 476476
Flooding	01738 476476
Homelessness	0800 917 0708
Mental health services	0345 301 11 20
Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

Traveline Scotland 0871 200 22 33

Weekly Programme

Please note: Day Centre CLOSED Monday 1 October due to public holiday

Monday	Exercise Class 11am (not 1st) Scrabble, cards & other Games 1.15pm (not 1st) Bingo 1.30pm (not 1st) "Stride for Life" Walking Group 2pm (not 1st)
Tuesday	Carpet Curling 11am Relaxation Class 1.15pm Games 1.15pm Singing group with Alex Cant 1.45pm
Wednesday	Morning Worship 10.45am Dominoes, Scrabble & other Games 1.30pm Tai Chi 1.30pm (3rd, 7th, 31st) Fantastic Fun Quiz 2pm
Thursday	Carpet Curling or Boccia 11am Crafts 1.30pm Film or music Afternoon 1.30pm Dominoes, Scrabble, cards etc 1.30pm Balance & Strength Class 1.30pm
Friday	Balance & Strength Class 11.15am Dominoes, Games or music 1.30pm Bingo 1.30pm

Coffee Bar open to all

8.30am - 4pm

Older Adults Lunches Daily

Our activities are open to everyone.
Please feel free to come in and have
a great afternoon.



01577 863869

kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

**Film shows • Cards
Dominoes • Art Class
Exercises • Chiropody
Trips • Daily Papers**



Additional Events for October

Hearing Loss Support and Advice	11am - 12pm	Date to be confirmed - contact the Centre
Chiropody (Tel 01577 863869 for an appointment)	9.45am - 1pm	Thursdays 4th, 25th
Pitlochry Theatre Trip "Chicago"	All day	Wednesday 17th
Open Day Afternoon	1.30 - 3.30pm	Tuesday 23rd
Open Day Evening	6.30 - 8.30pm	Tuesday 23rd

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

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.**

Dollar Museum

1 High Street, Dollar, KY14 7AY

Open from Easter to Christmas at the following times:

Saturdays 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm

Sunday 2pm-4.30pm

Free Entry

Access also possible by arrangement.

Email: dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

www.dollarmuseum.org.uk

Dollar Museum is a lively, award-winning visitor attraction. It is situated at the top of the Burnside, beside the Golf Club and at the entrance to the Mill Green and Dollar Glen. We have both parking and disabled access.

There are displays on the History of Dollar, Castle Campbell, the Devon Valley Railway, the Japanese Garden at Cowden and Prehistoric items excavated in the local area. New for 2018 are exhibitions on WW1 and the Bicentenary of Dollar Academy.

On **Friday 19 October** at 7pm the Friends of the Museum have organised a talk by **The Right Honourable Sir George Reid**: "My Life, My Times". The talk will be in Dollar Academy Music Auditorium. Tickets are available from Dollar Deli, or call 07712 841963.

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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.

6 Dining Chairs **£200**

Brown faux leather, hardly used.

Seller Details:

Helen McInroy 01577 862004

helenmcinroy@btinternet.com

Antique Corner Cupboard **£75 ono**

Georgian oak, mahogany and ebony inlaid hanging corner cupboard with fielded panelled door. Circa 1820.

Antique Copper Kettles **£15 - £25**

Small or large available. In good condition.

Seller Details for above 2 items:

Pat Hughes 01577 840385

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bras, bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non-recyclable (general) waste.

Bikes and bike parts will be recycled. (See separate Bike Station notice.)

Collection point for Perth College WEEE project: IT equipment will be refurbished and sold on at an affordable price or recycled for parts. Items accepted include: desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones (without the sim card), tablets, keyboards, mouse controls, cables, DVD players, video players, portable music players, games consoles, new or empty printer cartridges, projectors and flat screen working monitors. The project cannot accept Cathode Ray Tube or broken monitors.

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

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2018-19

Term	Start (for pupils)	End
Autumn	Tue 14 Aug 2018	Fri 5 Oct 2018
Winter	Mon 22 Oct 2018	Fri 21 Dec 2018
Spring	Mon 7 Jan 2019	Fri 29 Mar 2019
Summer	Mon 15 Apr 2019	Fri 28 Jun 2018

Holidays and In-Service Days:

Autumn holiday:	Mon 8 Oct – Fri 19 Oct 2018
In-Service days:	Thu 15 Nov and Fri 16 Nov 2018
Christmas holiday:	Mon 24 Dec 2018 – Fri 4 Jan 2019
In-Service & occ holidays:	Wed 13 Feb – Fri 15 Feb 2019
Spring holiday:	Mon 1 Apr – Fri 12 Apr 2019
Easter w/e & In-Service day:	Fri 19 Apr – Tue 23 Apr 2019 (Easter Sunday is 21 April 2019)
May Day holiday:	Mon 6 May 2019

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 see fuller details and to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Weekend Coffee Shop Assistants, Cashmere at Lochleven, Kinross

We are looking for energetic people to join the team in our busy coffee shop. Must have a happy disposition, good customer service skills and be able to work well in a team environment. Experience preferred but full training will be given to suitable applications. Call in for an application form. Interviews will be held shortly. Immediate start required.

Part time Bar Staff, Kinross Curling

To serve meals, snacks and drinks. Variable hours, rota system, to include evening and weekend shifts during curling season (September to April). Experiences in hospitality services preferred but not essential. Hourly rate up to £8.50 per hour depending on experience. Contact Steven Kerr, Manager, giving details of experience. Send CV to iceman@kinrosscurling.co.uk.

Stove Fitter, Kinross Stove and Cooker Centre, Turfhill

Training available for the right candidate. If you have a good range of trade skills and want to add another one there may be a place on our fitting team.

We seek a competent tradesperson who aims for high standards and is willing to learn new skills. You will work with our HETAS qualified fitters initially and, if your ability is proven, then a HETAS course will result.

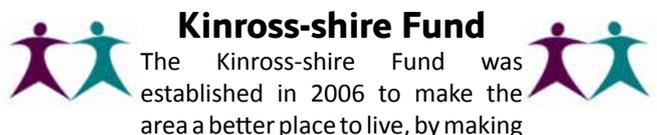
Rates of pay commensurate with your experience and skill level.

Please apply with CV and covering letter/email outlining your experience and any other relevant information to corinne@kinrossstovecentre.co.uk.

Assistant Play Leader, S.H.I.P.,

Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross

SHIP is a charity that runs youth clubs and holiday clubs for children with additional support needs. We need an assistant play-leader for our Kinross group that runs on Tuesdays. The hours would be 6pm to 8.30pm term time. We are looking for an enthusiastic person with some experience with working with children and young people with additional support needs. The successful applicant will be supporting play and some life skills activities. Some personal care may be required. The rate of pay is £8 per hour. Training will be given. Email info@ship-perthshire.co.uk or call 07713 565120 for details.



Kinross-shire Fund

The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the area a better place to live, by making

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

The next deadline is Monday 5 November 2018.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

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