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Letters

Editorial

Welcome to the July issue. We have a particularly varied News and Articles section this month, which we hope you enjoy.

Thank you to those who have 'Liked' our Facebook page. We are still finding our way with this, but in addition to announcing our deadline and publication dates, we have been using it to give extra publicity to some community events. We can also use it to publicise news that comes in between Newsletters, such as road closure information, which followers find useful.

You should receive a T in the Park Guide for Residents with this Newsletter. (See page 12.)

Note to Contributors

A great deal of the Newsletter comprises reports supplied by local clubs and other organisations. These reports are accepted in good faith. Clubs etc should ensure that reports are factually accurate and do not contain material which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the Newsletter.

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Senders must supply their name and address, which will be published with the letter. Letters should be truthful and not contain matter which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the Newsletter. The Newsletter does not necessarily agree with any of the views expressed on the Letters pages. In *special circumstances* addresses may be withheld from publication on request (but must still be supplied to the editor).

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CC: Community Council

CLLr: Councillor

CCLLr: Community Councillor

CORRECTION

In the June 2014 issue of the Newsletter, we published an article by CLLr Barnacle ('All is not well with planning'). In processing the article for the Newsletter, we accidentally altered a date. In the section about the traveller site at Crook Moss, the Newsletter version said that the applicants have been permanently residing on the site since 2 March 2013, whereas it should have read 2 March 2012. We apologise for this error.

Back after Maternity Leave...

DOG-GONE-WALKIN'

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D-G-W is also on Facebook

Former High School Site

The June Newsletter has some coverage of the democratic success in persuading our Councillors to refuse planning consent to permission to Persimmon Homes for the old Kinross High School site.

I'd like to address some of the matters arising from that democratic decision.

The most obvious is that we have refused planning permission to the only organisation willing and able to invest in this site. As I understand it, the only other serious interest was from Sainsbury a few years ago and they withdrew.

Our council now have a £3.5m hole in their cash flow forecast, and it is now over 4 years since the school ceased to be used.

We presumably will get more travelling people to set up home on the site as they have done so often in the past, and the lead on the roof will continue to attract thieves.

The building will continue to deteriorate and will go the way of other landmark Kinross buildings.

The Kinross Conservation area will now be enhanced! We can celebrate such architectural delights as the derelict house at Kirklands Garage, the beauty of the 1960s Police Station, the conversion of the ex-funeral parlour into a van depot for a construction company.

We will still be able to admire the splendid grandeur of the Edwardian façade of the main school building... if we can see it through the weeds.

We have deprived Persimmon of the income that they planned to generate. Much of this income would be paid in wages and salaries, and some would be paid in tax, such as PAYE and Corporation Tax.

People will lose the opportunity to purchase reasonably priced housing in the Kinross area.

Local shops, bars, restaurants and services have lost the opportunity to boost their income by having another 102 families living in the town. Local churches, clubs and organisations have lost the chance of new members joining.

Even at this late stage, I hope there may be some time set aside from self-congratulation to press the council to get Persimmon back to the table to see if a negotiated agreement can be reached on some of the issues of concern.

As someone who lives across the road from this eyesore of a site, I certainly hope so.

Alan Thomson
Easter Dunochil, High Street, Kinross

St Paul's Episcopal Church Appeal for Photographs or Information

St Paul's Episcopal Church, Kinross, is celebrating 140 years over the weekend of Friday 3 to Sunday 5 October with a Flower Festival etc.

Do any residents in Kinross-shire have any old information or pictures associated with the church, and if so, could we photocopy and use it? Thank you.

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Claims for Pothole Damage

In the May Edition of the Newsletter Councillor Robertson indicated that if your car suffered damage, which was caused by a pothole, you can make a claim against the Council. Yes you can but, from my recent experience, I doubt very much you will get any compensation unless you can prove that the Council have been negligent. I suffered the loss of both a tyre and a wheel, in January 2013, as a result of a particularly vicious pothole and in spite of a claim and taking the matter to the Small Claims Court I have received no compensation at all.

The Council will simply quote their statutory obligations at you and unless you can prove that the pothole in question has been reported to them and that they have done nothing to rectify the problem they will admit no liability and certainly make no offer to compensate you for the damage caused to your vehicle.

Your first point of call, following such an accident, is to the Roads Department to both report the offending pothole and to ask to see the log for that section of road, which will enable you to ascertain whether the pothole had been reported earlier. Only if it has been previously reported and nothing has been done to repair it would it be worth pursuing the Council.

It is essential that anyone coming across a pothole reports it to the Roads Department, where it is logged. Do not assume that someone else has reported it!

Patrick Milne Home
Craigow, Milnathort

B9097

Although I appreciate that many of the councillors in the Kinross area will seldom, if ever, have reason to use the B9097 along the south side of Loch Leven, past the RSPB Vane Farm, I feel I must write on behalf of the many drivers using this road on a regular basis.

In 2013 a section of this road, at its western end, was tarred and chipped, while a section at its eastern end was fully resurfaced. At this time many users thought we were at last to get the worst section of the road, between the new surfaces, replaced.

Having read Cllr Dave Cuthbert's section on 'Road works in Kinross-shire' [June 2014 issue], I was dismayed to see that this section of road is not included in the 2014-2015 programme.

Perhaps Cllr Cuthbert and some of the other councillors could take the time to travel along this section of road and consider including it in the programme.

Yours in anticipation,

Jane Turnbull

Balbedie Farm, Kinglassie, KY5 0UE

(My postal address is misleading and three of the farm boundaries are the county boundary between Fife and Kinross.)

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Charity Plant Sale

The weather was reasonably kind on 17 May and we had a "Harrod's Sale" rush until lunchtime but thanks to Effie, Nancy, Ellen, Vi, Chris, Margaret and Jack we sold, packed and trollied plants to cars. By the end of the day we'd made a marvellous £1098, but as the weather was good and I was pottering around anyway, I left the placards up and the final total on Monday evening was £1,241 (and 17p!)

Both charities received cheques for £625 and have asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. The money will help the Day Centre with days out etc and Brimble Hill School is saving hard for another specially adapted minibus to get the children to and from school, so they were two worthwhile causes.

It looks as if another sale is on the cards for 2015 as, even on the sale day, I found myself saying, "Next year I'll need to have more of this, less of that and try to remember what I don't have that people want" – then I might not have to dig plants out of my garden on the day! I'm taking a couple of months just to tidy and enjoy my garden before I start on the merry-go-round of cuttings, sowing and planting again.

I'd like to thank Helen and Jim for the use of their gazebo, the BBs for supplying tables, Effie and Chris for helping me set it all up and the above-mentioned sales crew who worked their socks off on the day. A special mention for Joyce, who donated lovely healthy plants from her very first try at sowing bedding plants, to Michael for all his autumn crocuses and Amanda from the Potager Garden.

Finally, apologies to my neighbours about the number of cars that were parked all around Gallowhill Road.

My thanks again to everybody who came and helped to make such a marvellous amount of money – I hope to see you all again next year.

Jean Miller
24 Gallowhill Road, Kinross

Farm Open Day at Hilton of Aldie

There is always an element of apprehension and anticipation drawing together groups of people for a new type of event. Even for us as family, although we have organised farm and lambing open days over a 20 year period at our farm in Oxfordshire, we always knew this one, our first since moving to the Aldie Road in Scotland, would be different. How different we did not have a clue, or even how many people would turn up. The main challenge would always be the weather, something that certainly came good on the day - well most of it! Our plan was to draw together local organisations and those that support farming and rural activities and showcase them at Hilton of Aldie in a relaxed atmosphere, allowing the public to get up close and personal with the farming community and learn a little of how and where their food comes from.

We are very grateful to the Kinross JAC who professionally undertook the gate and car parking and KLEO who managed the craft and food stallholders and were also in charge of the drinks stall. With 811 visitors, everyone that took part certainly gained exposure and local charities raised money for their individual organisations. The main three amassed over £1400 which we are pleased to be able to help them achieve: Kinross JAC £636, KLEO £602, RSABI £187.

Colin Dawes (www.farmerdawes.co.uk)
Hilton of Aldie



News & Articles

Orwell War Memorial service

by Graeme Stewart, Milnathort in Bloom

With the completion of the renovation project on 15 May, a Rededication Service was held on 7 June. The service was led by the Reverend Duncan Stenhouse of Orwell Parish Church and members of the Navy, Army and Air Cadets, Guides and Scouts attended, as well as many members of the public. Wreaths were laid by members of the organisations as well as Councillors Giacopazzi and Robertson, Milnathort in Bloom and relatives of some of those named on the monument. A wreath was also laid on behalf of the RAF Recruitment Training, Thomson Flight, which was named after Sergeant George Thomson VC, who is named on the memorial. During the wreath-laying, a roll call of those named on the monument was read out by the members of the organisations present.



Members of the Navy, Army and Air Cadets attended the service
Photo: Eileen Thomas

The final cost of the project was £54,000, with the money coming from Perth and Kinross Council, Kinross-shire Fund, Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust, War Memorials Trust, Awards for All, Community Environment Challenge Fund, public subscription, Trilogy Landscaping and Milnathort in Bloom.

From an initial idea of planting some beds at the Memorial Gardens, the project expanded, so by the end, Milnathort in Bloom had refurbished and repaired the monument, walls, railings, gates and replaced the two concrete pillars with stone ones. Two of the plaques were recast and two repaired after their theft and resulting damage. In addition, we changed the grey pea gravel around the monument with red chips and installed a new epoxy path running from South Street to the park. Finally, we got to plant the two beds on the west and east side of the gardens.

Thanks to all the volunteers from Milnathort in Bloom and others who helped with the project; to Zoe Clark for her help and guidance with the fund raising and project planning and to Take a Pride in Perthshire for their support. Finally, to David Lindsay of Stoneworks, for the work he did on the monument and the plaques and his patience with a novice on restoration.

More information on the project and also images of the progress of the project and the Rededication Service can be seen at: www.facebook.com/MilnathortWarMemorial

I hope you all agree that it was well worthwhile.

G Stewart

As well as the Facebook page mentioned above, more photographs of the Rededication Service can also be seen on the Kinross Newsletter website. Go to www.kinrossnewsletter.org and click on 'Articles Online'

Newsletter review of the year

The Kinross Newsletter recently donated over £10,000 to Kinross CC's charitable company, ready to be dispersed to local good causes.

Every year the Newsletter passes any profits it has made in the previous financial year to Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited, a charity operated by Kinross CC. Local groups are encouraged to apply to the CC for grants from this fund. (*See page 100 for more information.*) At Kinross CC's June meeting, Newsletter Director, Cllr David West, presented a cheque to Kinross CC Chairman David Colliar for £11,189. Mr Colliar thanked the Newsletter staff for all their work in producing the monthly community magazine, now in its 37th year.

As part of the Newsletter's review of the year April 2013-March 2014, the Newsletter staff and board of directors would like to thank various people.

We would like to thank all our contributors, including the many club representatives who keep us up to date with their activities. We also thank the local elected members and community councils who keep us informed about local issues and the decisions being made that affect us all. We

would like to especially mention our farming correspondents, **John Buchanan** and **Fiona Turnbull**. They do not represent a club or organisation but take time out of their very busy lives to give us an insight into a life and business at the core of our county. We also thank **Rita Wilson**, who provides the Kinross weather report every month. We paid tribute last month to the late **Malcolm Smith**, who reported on the weather from Cambo for 29 years, and whom we will miss very much.

We thank **Isabel Gillon**, retired Newsletter team member who acts as a hand-in point in Milnathort.

Last but not least, we thank our advertisers, our stockists and of course, our loyal readers.

After presenting the cheque at the June CC meeting, Newsletter Director David West said:

"The Newsletter provides a great service to the county. Not only does it give local groups the chance to tell everyone what they're doing, but all profits go back to the community, helping good causes which might be struggling to find sources of funding."

In recent years Newsletter grants have been awarded to organisations such as the Day Centre, the Rural Outreach Scheme, KLEO and Light Up Kinross.

Unlocking the Loch

The official opening of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail



A ceremony to mark the official opening of the complete Loch Leven Heritage Trail took place on Friday 30 May. The path was opened by Dame Seona Reid, Deputy Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund and Chair of the Scotland Committee. The theme of the ceremony was 'unlocking the loch,' and involved a key to Lochleven Castle, believed to be the one that allowed Mary Queen of Scots to make her escape.

Groups of cyclists, runners, walkers and wheelchair-users took part, bringing symbolic keys from communities and organisations around the loch. They included the Kinross Cycling Club, Kinross Road Runners, Ramblers Scotland, Tayside Disabled Group and local schoolchildren.

The Heritage Trail now runs for a total distance of 21km (13 miles) around the shores of Loch Leven and links together over 30 natural and cultural heritage sites.

The final section of the trail, completed at Easter, runs for 6.5km from Kinross Mill to the RSPB Loch Leven reserve. On its way it provides a new bridge over the Gairney Water and contains a stunning architect-designed viewpoint on a hill overlooking the loch within the RSPB reserve.



Unlocking the trail: Dame Seona Reid of the Heritage Lottery Fund with the Lochleven Castle key, and Neil Kilpatrick, project director, with the symbolic community keys. Photo: John Glen

The trail was created by the charity TRACKS (The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire). Willie Robertson, local Councillor and Chairman of TRACKS, welcomed everyone to the ceremony, held at the new viewpoint. He spoke of the immense popularity of the trail so far and its benefits in enabling healthy lifestyles and boosting the local economy. He also paid tribute to Neil Kilpatrick, project director.

Neil Kilpatrick said, "This new trail section is the final step in completing the route encircling the whole of Loch Leven thus meeting a long standing community objective. We already have over 250,000 visits a year to the existing trail and we expect a significant increase in this figure now that the circuit is complete. The project has only been possible by bringing together willing and helpful landowners around the loch with the statutory resources of Perth and Kinross Council and Scottish Natural Heritage under the umbrella of our funding partners."

Dame Seona Reid said, "Loch Leven is a fascinating and beautiful area of natural heritage, rich in birdlife and historic gems. The creation of this wonderful trail brings the two together to be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. We are delighted to have been part of the project and congratulate

all those that have worked and volunteered along its 21kms to bring it to such successful completion."

Martin Auld, RSPB Scotland Regional Director, commented, "It's great to see the trail now it's complete and RSPB Scotland is very pleased to be part of it. The new viewpoints on our Loch Leven reserve are a great addition, particularly for people who are unable to make the climb all the way to the top of Vane Hill. I'm sure the trail will help even more people enjoy the wonderful wetland wildlife, fabulous views and peaceful surroundings of the loch."

Andrew Bachell, SNH Director of Operations, also welcomed the improved access. "It's wonderful that walkers and cyclists may now enjoy this all-abilities route which provides spectacular views of the loch with its abundant wildlife. I'd like to thank everyone involved for their hard work in getting this route right when working in such a sensitive wildlife site."

Andy Keba, Community Links Project Officer for sustainable transport charity, Sustrans Scotland, was pleased to get people off the road, saying, "Sustrans is delighted to have contributed to the completion of this stunning project. Traffic free routes like this enable people of all ages and abilities to get out and enjoy being active every day."

The Loch Leven Heritage Trail has been the most ambitious project to date by TRACKS. Planning started in 2004 and the project secured £3million in funding from national and local agencies including the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Natural Heritage, Sustrans, the Gannochy Trust, the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust, the Forestry Commission and PKC.

The trail construction started in 2006 and the final section was the fifth phase. As most of the trail passes through the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve, particular care has been taken to screen the most sensitive wildlife spots by planting trees and hedges in appropriate places. The trail is clearly way-marked and there are maps and information at the four main access points. Heritage themes have been incorporated into the trail furniture and artworks. Stone features, seats and illustrated panels all have a story to tell, be it about Loch Leven's role in the birth of curling and fishing, or the escape of Mary Queen of Scots.



Kinross High School cyclists congratulate TRACKS Photo: John Glen

A trail leaflet is available from many outlets around Kinross, including the Boathouse Bistro at the Pier, Loch Leven's Larder, the RSPB Loch Leven reserve and some local shops. An 'app' for Apple and android platforms is also available and provides detailed information on accessing the trail and understanding its many heritage features.

Councillor Giacomazzi

Good news for Kinross...

Mill Street Car Park: One thing that I have learned from my time on the Council, is that things take a lot longer to get done than they do in the world of business. Take the saga of the Mill Street Car Park. Whether the idea had been kicking around for years, I do not know, but it became my first priority on being elected to demolish the old social work office to create extra parking bays. The project had to go through two committees of the Council: Enterprise & Infrastructure, and Property Sub Committee. It failed at the first attempt to get the backing of E&I. Then it transpired that the Council had no title to part of the ground on which the old office stood! Cllr Cuthbert did some research as a result of which an old Trust, the McIntosh Memorial Institute, was reconstituted which has undertaken to transfer ownership of the land in question to the Council, with the blessing of Kinross CC. Property Sub Committee agreed to the scheme on 21 May. Finally, on 4 June, in my capacity as Vice Convener of E&I, I presented a paper to the Committee asking it to note the decision of the Property Sub Committee; a paper which was agreed unanimously. The way should now be open to the creation of up to 18 much needed extra parking bays in this busy and popular car park.

Station Road Roundabout: While the delays in completion have been down to unforeseen Telecom and Scottish Water services which needed to be rerouted, the new roundabout should be completed and in use by the time you read this article. This initiative, which from memory cost in excess of £120,000, was presented by me as Vice Convener to the E&I Committee more than 18 months ago, to be unanimously approved by the members. This new, much needed, piece of infrastructure will be an absolute godsend to motorists exiting Springfield Road onto Station Road, particularly at peak times. I believe that this is the most significant public investment in Kinross roads since the opening of the West Kinross bypass.

... and in Milnathort

The **war memorial** was rededicated on Saturday 7 June with considerable ceremony, military and civilian. Cllr Robertson and I laid a wreath of white lilies, the type of flower used at the original dedication of the memorial. A particular mention should be made of our magnificent and utterly dedicated Milnathort in Bloom team, which supplied the enthusiasm and hard work to bring the project to fruition. Graeme Stewart deserves the gratitude of the community for his unstinting commitment to the refurbishment project. No doubt you will be aware of the mindless damage and theft of some of the plaques bearing the names of the fallen; the success of the refurbishment is a triumph for the vast majority in our community who would create rather than destroy.

Finally, grass cutting ...

Yes, it has begun, as it always does about this time in June. As in previous years Ward 8 Councillors have received comments to the effect that it should have been started earlier.

On a positive note, my request to the Council that extra resources be allocated to grass cutting in the current financial year was accepted. Accordingly we can look forward to more grass cutting this summer; if we get one, that is!



Councillor Barnacle

Below are extracts from the speech I prepared for the Better Together presentation held on 27 May.

The SNP play up their 'positive' future message of a post-independence 'land of milk and honey' with an apparently seamless transition from a 300-year-old union, but I am not persuaded.

It is not necessary to break up Britain in order to tackle Scotland's economic, environment and social problems. I am a federalist, who campaigned for a Scottish Parliament, noting that the parties represented here tonight [Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat] not only continue to deliver more devolved power to Holyrood but pledge more. I would be more impressed by the SNP if they tried to make devolution work rather than promote separatism as a cure for all ills. I believe passionately in the various nations of the UK staying together, seeing benefit (from the 'enlightenment' to the present) for Scotland remaining within it. The Union makes Britain greater but its reform is a continuing necessity, so I have urged my colleagues, if a 'No' vote is secured, to have all-party discussions on an agreed home rule package for further devolved powers.

The SNP Government's Guide on Scotland's future poses more questions than it answers.

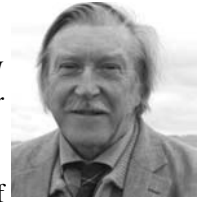
Reference is made to the 'democratic deficit' of the current UK government led by the Conservatives making decisions for Scotland without popular mandate. It ignores the 13-year rule of the previous UK Labour Government with many Scots MPs in major roles. The concept works both ways, however, for I find the SNP very centrist, controlling and corporate at both national and local level; in particular, planning administration with a local democratic deficit and a seemingly indefinite council tax freeze (nine years by the end of its term) virtually imposed on local authorities, with resultant cuts in services; they argue for greater fiscal autonomy but have never used the varying tax powers they currently have under devolution.

I support a sterling interchangeable currency zone from the Channel Islands to Scotland but the recent experience in the Eurozone shows us that currency union is fraught with problems in involving countries of vastly different size and diverse economic and fiscal aspirations. It makes sense to keep the pound sterling strong and the best way to ensure we reform the banking system and maintain financial stability is to keep the UK together.

The SNP's track record on the environment invites scrutiny. I have seen first-hand how hard it is to persuade their Government to protect precious landscapes. They seem more concerned with land ownership reform but I don't believe it is necessary to break up Britain to address this. The previous Labour/Liberal Government delivered the radical Land Reform Act that led to successful community buy-outs in the Highlands and Islands.

The UK has 14 national parks of which only two are in Scotland (both created by the previous Government) but their Guide doesn't even mention the subject.

The planning system is skewed in favour of the construction of on-shore wind farms all over Scotland; often approved by Government Reporters against the wishes of communities and elected local authorities. The Government has completely failed to support them in providing guidance on the most appropriate locations for such development, at a significant cost to our hill landscapes.



Supporting local people with ethical finance

Perth and Kinross Credit Union (PKCU) is now open for business, offering safe, ethical savings and loans to people who live or work in Perth and Kinross.

What is a credit union?

Credit unions are financial co-operatives owned and controlled by their members. They offer savings and loans, plus they are local, ethical and know what their members want. There are currently around 54,000 credit unions in 97 countries serving more than 186 million people.

Each credit union has a "common bond" which sets out who can join it. The common bond may be for people living or working in the same area, or people working for the same employer. In Perth and Kinross Credit Union's case, this bond allows anyone who lives or works in the Perth and Kinross local authority area to become a member.

People, not profit

Credit unions are not for profit organisations, so any money made is re-invested into the business or paid out in dividends to the members. The only shareholders in a credit union are the members who use its services.

Michelle Maddox, Chair of the Board, said: "Credit unions are ethical lenders and part of our remit is financial education. We encourage savings, even at modest levels, and are then in a position to help savers with responsible loans if they need them at a later date. Everyone benefits from having some money put aside, no matter how much or how little. Having savings can allow you to work towards your financial goals and gives you peace of mind should an emergency arise."

If you're interested in investing in a local project that promotes financial responsibility and won't lend to people at rates they can't afford, try PKCU.

Safe and secure

Perth and Kinross Credit Union has been through a thorough and extensive registration process with the Prudential Regulation Authority and Financial Conduct Authority. It is a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and the Financial Ombudsman Service, making it a secure way to save. PKCU is also a member of the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL), the leading trade organisation for credit unions in the UK.

Easy and convenient

A Perth and Kinross Credit Union savings account offers you a safe, convenient way to save regularly and free life insurance on your savings. You can open an account with as little as £1 and save as much or little as you like. You can set up a standing order, pay in cash at the branch, post a cheque or use payroll deduction if you work for an employer partner. Savings can be withdrawn at the branch and by cheque or bank transfer.

Want to find out more?

For more information or to join, please call at the PKCU office at 282 High Street, Perth. We are open Monday to Friday from 10am to 2.30pm. Alternatively, telephone any time in office hours on 01738 624872.

Community Website

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

Britain blooming for fifty years

by Kinross in Bloom

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of "Britain in Bloom", an initiative started by the British Tourist Board to make our villages, towns and cities more attractive for inhabitants and tourists. From the beginnings of what was essentially floral displays organised by town councils, it has evolved into mainly local community groups with over 200,000 volunteers.



One of the tubs planted up by Kinross in Bloom

Kinross in Bloom, re-established in 2003, is just one of those volunteer groups. Our main aims are to improve the environment of the town and quality of life of those living in the burgh of Kinross.

This is achieved by brightening up the town with flowers in tubs, planters and hanging baskets which will all be on display by the time this is printed. Over the years we have also planted crocuses and daffodils at the health centre, Station Road and various other locations in Kinross. The gateway feature into Kinross from the M90 was also a Kinross in Bloom fundraising project in collaboration with other bodies.

We would like to turn our attention to the southern entrance to the town; involvement and ideas from the Bridgend area would be most welcome.

It is a known fact that where bloom groups are most active by making positive changes in their community there are benefits such as:

- A stronger sense of community
- Cleaner and greener environment
- Increased local pride
- Reduced anti-social behaviour
- Regeneration of run down areas

We are a small group but none of this is achievable without the involvement and backing of local residents, businesses and volunteers. To those who have supported us in the past, a big 'thank you' and your continued support is appreciated. If you are an individual or business who feel that you would like to become involved in improving our environment, please contact: Derek Lawrence, telephone 01577 862833, email lawrencecottage27@outlook.com

Deadline for all Submissions

5.00 pm, FRIDAY 18 July
for publication on Saturday 2 August

Stagecoach Fife Service 203 - Take the Bus For a Walk

Now that Loch Leven Heritage Trail's full circuit is open to the public, it is even more reason to "take the bus for a walk". If you want to experience the many pleasures of the Heritage Trail without having to walk the full circuit, then why not either take the bus to your desired starting point or catch it back from your finishing point?

Every Sunday, Stagecoach Fife operates the Service 203 Loch Leven Circular bus service on behalf of Perth & Kinross Council. The bus stops at Kinross, Milnathort, Burleigh Sands, Loch Leven's Larder, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Lochend Farm Shop & Café, Findatie Café, RSPB Loch Leven at Vane Farm, Gairneybridge and Gairneybank.

So whether you choose to walk the heritage trail, do a bit of bird spotting at Vane Farm or enjoy refreshments at one of the cafés or inns around the loch, let the bus take you there.

The bus is wheelchair accessible and operates at the times shown at right.

As well as single journey tickets, Sunday stroller bus tickets can be bought on board the bus costing only £1.50 for adults, 75p for children and £3.00 for families. The stroller tickets allow unlimited travel for the day and so you can hop on and off the bus as many times as you want. National entitlement cards are also valid on this service.

Stagecoach Fife 203	Loch Leven Circular (Sunday Only)				
Milnathort Royal Bank	0940	1110	1240	1440	1610
Kinross opp Green Hotel	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615
Kinross opp Town Hall	0947	1117	1247	1447	1617
opp Gairneybridge Farm	0952	1122	1252	1452	1622
Vane Farm Nature Reserve	0957	1127	1257	1457	1627
Findatie Café	0958	1128	1258	1458	1628
Opp Lochend Farm Shop road end	1002	1132	1302	1502	1632
Scotlandwell opp Friar Place	1004	1134	1304	1504	1634
Kinnesswood Main Street	1006	1136	1306	1506	1636
Loch Leven's Larder road end	1010	1140	1310	1510	1640
Burleigh Sands	1013	1143	1313	1513	1643
Milnathort Bridgefauld Road	1018	1148	1318	1518	1648
Milnathort Royal Bank	1020	1150	1320	1520	1650
Milnathort Royal Bank	1025	1155	1325	1525	1655
Burleigh Sands	1030	1200	1330	1530	1700
opp Loch Leven's Larder road end	1033	1203	1333	1533	1703
Kinnesswood Main Street	1037	1207	1337	1537	1707
Scotlandwell Friar Place	1039	1209	1339	1539	1709
Lochend Farm Shop road end	1041	1211	1341	1541	1711
Findatie Café	1045	1215	1345	1545	1715
Vane Farm Nature Reserve	1046	1216	1346	1546	1716
Gairneybridge Farm	1051	1221	1351	1551	1721
Kinross Town Hall	1056	1226	1356	1556	1726
Kinross Bank of Scotland	1058	1228	1358	1558	1728
Milnathort Bridgefauld Road	1103	1233	1403	1603	1733
Milnathort Royal Bank	1105	1235	1405	1605	1735

T in the Park for residents

Thursday 10 July – Monday 14 July

You should have received a T in the Park Guide for Local Residents with this issue of the Newsletter. In case your Guide is missing, we repeat some of the most important information here.

Campsite music finishes at midnight on Thursday and 2am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (i.e. into the following mornings).

Arena music finishes at midnight on Friday, 1am on Saturday and 11pm on Sunday. There may be **fireworks** on the Sunday, starting no later than 11.30pm.

New Local Resident Enquiry Line: 01577 212040. Line open from the Thursday at 11am. Phones answered by personnel in Event Control during festival (24 hours).

Perth & Kinross Council: 01577 212470. Thursday to Sunday, 8am until 2.30am. Monday: 8am until 2pm.

Police Scotland: 101. The Liaison Officer is Sgt Sandra Williams. There will be a counter service at Kinross Police Station during the festival. (See page 28.)

Roads: There will be temporary traffic orders over the weekend.

A shuttle bus will operate from Kinross and Milnathort to the festival site.

Website: For more information: www.tinthepark.com

Green Route suggestions wanted

Cllr Willie Robertson is encouraging local residents to suggest more roads that could be designated 'Green Routes'.

Sixteen routes in Perth & Kinross, twelve of them in Kinross-shire, were made into Green Routes as part of a pilot study in 2013 and 2014. This followed a similar successful exercise in Clackmannanshire, where Clacks Council wanted to improve the infrastructure for cyclists, walkers and equestrians.

Suitable Green Routes are narrow roads that, due to their nature, already have perceived average speeds of below 40mph or 30mph and are already regularly used by cyclists, walkers and equestrians to get from one community to another. By introducing comprehensive signing along their entire length, reminding drivers that they are likely to meet these other types of road user, and also by introducing speed limiter signs, such roads can successfully become Green Routes.

Anyone wishing to nominate a road for the 'Green Route' treatment is asked to contact their local Community Council or Cllr Robertson. (See p. 107 for contact details.)

Contributors – please send your item well before the deadline if you can

Discovery Day a big hit

Hundreds of people of all ages dropped in on this year's Discovery Day at Kirkgate Park on 8 June.

There were stalls from a wide range of countryside, wildlife and heritage groups and various hands-on activities to try.

This year the event was particularly special, as it is 50 years since Loch Leven was declared a National Nature Reserve.

Jeremy Squire of organisers Scottish Natural Heritage said, "The weather was extremely kind to us with no rain falling until the downpour at 4pm while we were tidying up! The willow weaving and various crafts proved to be very popular. Another great event in our 50th year!"



The Discovery Day pond was a popular way to learn about different breeds of duck

Could you be a Personal Assistant?

PKC is looking for people who are interested in becoming paid Personal Assistants to provide support to people who need social care.

Under the new national system of social care provision called Self-Directed Support, anyone who needs a social care package can choose to employ a Personal Assistant to help them in their daily lives. Personal Assistants can help with personal care, cooking, housework and shopping, as well as taking the person they care for out to social activities to help them live a fuller and happier life in their community. Personal Assistants are employed directly by the person they care for, and it can be very rewarding work for people who enjoy caring.

The Council is particularly keen to hear from people living in rural and remote communities in Perth and Kinross who may be interested in becoming a Personal Assistant and joining the Personal Assistant Scheme.

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Family Week 2014

Monday 4 August –

Friday 8 August

Family Week will take place at Kinross Parish Church from 9.45 until 12.00 each morning from Monday 4 to Friday 8 August.

All children and young people aged 3-15 are very welcome. This year the theme is 'Fit for a King'. It's based on the Commonwealth games and has a very Scottish theme. There will be crafts, music, fun songs, a few crazy characters to get to know, games, drama, puppets, Bible stories and much more.

As well as the morning activities, there will be other events happening too. All week, you can participate in a scavenger hunt around the town in your own time.

On the Tuesday evening, those of secondary age will be travelling to Falkirk to play lazer tag. On Wednesday evening, those going into P6/P7 will be visiting Bowlplex in Dunfermline. There will be a small charge for these trips, but transport will be provided.

Thursday will be film day, with an afternoon film for the younger children, and an evening film for the teenagers, both held in the church.

On Friday evening, there will be our usual family barbecue in the church garden to finish off the week.

Even if you've never been before, everyone is very welcome to just turn up and join in – there are usually at least 200 children and young people who attend, so everyone should be able to find a friend from school there. All the leaders are PVG checked and will provide a safe and fun-filled environment for your child or teenager. It's all free, although if you'd like to give a donation towards costs, there will be boxes available. We ask that you register your child in order for us to have an emergency contact number. You can register any morning during the week as you arrive, or, to avoid the queues, you can pre-register by emailing the church office: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Kinross-shire Better Together launch

Around 150 people attended the Better Together presentation at the Windlestrae Hotel on a very warm evening on 27 May.

Cllr Willie Robertson chaired the meeting, which began with the four guest speakers making a short address each. The panel consisted of Jane Baxter (Labour MSP), Liz Smith (Conservative MSP), Willie Rennie (Liberal Democrat MSP) and Mike Barnacle (Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire).

After the speeches, there was a lengthy question and answer session. Topics covered on the evening included the NHS, defence, the economy, currency and land use. There was criticism of the standard of the Better Together campaign so far in terms of presentation materials and getting their message across.

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News from the Health Centre



New Computer Hardware, 30 and 31 July

Some of the computer hardware which we use is now several years old. A decision has been taken by the IT Department at NHS Tayside to replace the main file server. This is a major piece of work for them and will be done over two days on Wednesday 30 July and Thursday 31 July. On those days we will have no access to our computer system. **We will not be able to make or cancel appointments, give out test results, view a patient's clinical history or check their prescriptions.** There will therefore be no pre-booked appointments for the nurses, healthcare assistants or GPs on those two days. Patients will be seen where there is a medical emergency and house calls will be carried out if appropriate, but we would ask patients to try to wait until our computer system is working again on Friday 1 August. We would also ask patients to ensure that they do not run out of medication on these two days. If necessary, please submit your request for repeat medication a few days early to make sure that you have sufficient medication. We would like to apologise to our patients for any inconvenience this may cause.

Summer Holidays

Our practice nurses are happy to provide any travel advice you might need, particularly if you are planning a trip abroad. Lynne Pollock and Nanette Gordon are specially trained to give travel advice and this includes discussion about immunisations, malaria prevention, safe eating and drinking, staying safe in the sun and other sensible health precautions. We do ask patients to make an appointment several weeks in advance of a trip. To request an appointment please ask for a travel form from reception, or download the form from our website www.lochlevenhealthcentre.co.uk

Two appointments will be required, one to discuss your travel arrangements and decide on the appropriate immunisations, and a further appointment to administer the vaccinations. There is no charge for the Travel Clinic, but some immunisations, including Yellow Fever, and all malaria prevention medication cannot be prescribed under the NHS. There is therefore a charge for the private prescriptions and for the medication at the pharmacy. Hopefully for those staying at home, we will have a sunny and warm summer and if we do it is still important to think about staying safe in the sun. Children and those with fair skin can be more vulnerable to sunburn and should take precautions. We have information leaflets and posters in the Health Centre and lots of useful information and advice is available on the Cancer Research UK website <http://sunsmart.org.uk>

There are links to SunSmart on our website and to other useful online resources. So whether you are having a holiday at home or abroad, we hope that you have a very enjoyable, relaxing and safe holiday.

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Demand Responsive Transport hits the road ...

As featured in the previous edition of the Newsletter, the taxi-based Muckhart and West Kinross-shire demand responsive transport service (DRT1) started on 2 June 2014.

Perth & Kinross Council Public Transport Unit has been really pleased with the positive reaction of local residents to this new public transport option. Passenger usage over the first week's operation exceeded expectations, with a total of 65 passengers making 53 separate journeys.

People used DRT1 for a wide range of transport purposes, including work, health, shopping, and leisure/social. DRT1 was also used to connect with the Stagecoach Fife local bus network. Passengers included adults, children and residents holding National Entitlement cards – who travelled free.

Destinations have varied between Dollar, Kinross and Milnathort, whilst a number of journeys have taken place wholly within the Muckhart and West Kinross-shire scheme area. The new service was used every day from Monday through to Saturday, which provides far greater travel flexibility than the former two day a week shoppers' bus service.

Sharing journeys is encouraged, so it was interesting to note that one evening seven children managed to arrange and travel together on a single journey, whilst another journey was shared between residents of Crook of Devon travelling for different purposes to different destinations.

As with any new transport scheme there have been a small number of operational queries and glitches that will be addressed in the weeks ahead. Overall, however, thanks go to the operators for their enthusiasm and assistance with getting this new service up and running.

A booklet providing full information about DRT1 has been published and been widely distributed throughout the area. It can also be downloaded from the Council website www.pkc.gov.uk and the community website www.kinross.cc

Feedback about DRT1 is welcomed; please call Brian Martin, 01738 477374, e-mail bmartin@pkc.gov.uk

Heaven Scent Kitchen delivers

Scott Hospitality Services, who specialise in event and corporate catering and run the popular Heaven Scent Coffee Shop in Milnathort, have launched 'Heaven Scent Kitchen'. Scott's have taken their years of event catering and corporate lunch experience and mixed it together with their popular Heaven Scent menu and fantastic team to create this new service.

Kate of Scott Hospitality Services explained: "This allows us to use our excellent ingredients from the coffee shop and create delicious buffets for you to enjoy for any occasion. Whether it be in your work place for breakfast or lunch, in your home for a party or even in Heaven Scent itself for private use, we can deliver."

Heaven Scent Coffee Shop can be booked for private hire seven nights a week from 6pm to 10.30pm for up to fifty guests to celebrate any occasion in style. Venue hire is free with any buffet booking for £100 or more, otherwise it is £10 per hour.

For more information, telephone (01577) 862738.

New foot and cycle path links Wester and Easter Balgedie

by Alistair Smith

Wester Balgedie was linked to Easter Balgedie on Saturday 14 June when the new foot/cycle path was opened. Residents from Wester Balgedie, Easter Balgedie, Glenomond and Pittendreich gathered together to see the ceremony. The 3m wide path runs between the junction at Wester Balgedie and the lodge at Balgedie House, parallel to the A911, and now provides a safe way for pedestrians, cycles and horses between the two settlements.



Linking two hamlets

l to r: George Lawrie (TRACKS), Nicky Doll of Easter Balgedie, Malcolm Strang Steel (Chair of Portmoak CC) and Mrs Christine Cameron of Wester Balgedie

Photo: Alistair Smith

The chairman of Portmoak CC, Malcolm Strang Steel, welcomed everyone to the opening ceremony. The path was the latest in a series of safe paths that have been built along the A911 now from Wester Balgedie to the Village Hall at Scotlandwell. The creation of these paths has been pursued over a number of years by Portmoak CC and the latest path was achieved by a combination of the CC and TRACKS, who arranged the land deals necessary for the path, negotiated the contract and supervised it.

Everyone involved, including the CC, PKC, TRACKS, the land owners and the contractor were thanked by the Chairman. He then invited Mrs Christine Cameron of Wester Balgedie and Nicky Doll from Easter Balgedie to cut the ribbon to declare the path officially open. Before cutting the tape, Christine said how pleased everyone was to have this path, which would provide safe access while enjoying the wonderful views to Bishop Hill behind and Loch Leven in front.

Afterwards everyone adjourned to the marquee to enjoy refreshments provided by the residents and enjoy a great communal event.

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There are no Unicorns on the Heritage Trail

by Colin Morris

As a dog owner, and a regular user of the Trail, I am always hunting for Unicorns or their ilk. After a long search, lately encompassing the much needed new section from Vane Farm to the Mill, I can state, sadly, that there are, indeed, no Unicorns on the Trail.

If you wander through Kinross or Milnathort you will find a Unicorn standing sentinel at most bus stops, ready to receive butts and gum, and, as the signage says, dog waste. Unicorns stand waiting on most of the regular dog exercise routes to keep Kinross fragrant and safe to tread.

Sadly, as Perth & Kinross Council need road access to clear and maintain these bins, there are none on the Trail.

There are alternatives on the Trail but they are few and far between. I will list those I know of.

Starting from the Pier, where, with the outside seating, and dog water bowls, you may get refreshment, there is a bin at the entrance from the car park. Following the Trail into and through Kirkgate Park, you will find several red dog waste bins dotted around. Once you pass the watchtower, it is about 2.5km to the next bin at Burleigh Sands.

On arrival at Burleigh, divert into the car park where there is a bin.

A further binless 2.5km will bring you to Pow Burn, where you may take a 1km diversion to Loch Leven's Larder.

Here there is a bin, usually overflowing, and outside seating, so the possibility of refreshment is a lure. Then it's 1km back to the Trail, and continue a binless wander of 4.5km to Findatie.

At the Sluice House entrance, take the track up to Findatie car park, where you will find a dedicated dog waste bin, and a café with outside seating. Rejoin the Trail, down the ramp, prepared for a 7km hike to the next bin. In just over 1km you reach Vane Farm where, again, there is a water bowl and café with outside seating. Sadly, there is no bin here.

Continue along the newest stretch of Trail for 6km. If you need a bin then divert up to Loch Leven Mill where there is a bin at the car park entrance. There is also a café but it is inside only. Less than 1km of Trail takes you back to the Pier.



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Gordon Banks queries baton route

Gordon Banks, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire, has queried why the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay route is completely absent from Kinross-shire.

Mr Banks said: "Given the significant route which the Baton Relay will take across Scotland I think most people will be surprised and disappointed as I am that there is not a single point at which the Baton will appear in Kinross-shire.

"I have written to the Chief Executive of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games to ask why this is the case.

"I have also written to the Chief Executive of Perth and Kinross Council to seek their view and receive reassurance that the Council did everything possible to advocate that Kinross-shire should be included on the route in their own planning and preparation activity."

The baton will travel through much of the Perth & Kinross local authority area on 4 and 5 July, but not anywhere in the county of Kinross-shire.

Three Kinross-shire people have been selected to take part in the 2014 Commonwealth Games: badminton player Patrick McHugh and athletes Eilidh Child and Laura Muir.

A statement issued by PKC said: "The route aims to visit communities which did not get the chance to host the Olympic torch relay in 2012."

A Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games spokesperson said: "The route for the Queen's Baton Relay has been planned by Glasgow 2014 in partnership with Commonwealth Games Scotland and 32 local authorities."

Kinross Show – call for entries

Some new classes are planned for this year's local agricultural show, including one for retrained racehorses. The deadline for entries to the premium list is **Wednesday 16 July**.

This year's main ring entertainment will include Charlie Thorburn and his Mordor Gun Dogs. Charlie will be talking about different dogs and training aspects, whilst providing useful tips for owners of all dogs, not just gundogs. Other main ring attractions include Kinross & District Pipe Band, Children's Races, Vintage Tractor Display and the very popular Children's Fancy Dress Parade, which is open to everyone as entrants can be with or without a pony.

The **Flower Show** includes an exciting range of children's classes including "A Model Farm in a Seed Tray". Entries can be made on the eve of the show or early morning of the show day.

Entries for the **Dog Show** are taken on the day of the show between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Schedules for the Flower Show and Dog Show can be found on pages 87, 88 and 91 of this Newsletter.

The 184th Kinross Agricultural Show will be held at RSPB Loch Leven on **Saturday 9 August**.

Show ground entry: £10 adults; £5 concessions; children under 16 free. Parking is £2.

Dogs can be taken on the free bus service that the show is running again this year.

The Premium List, Flower and Dog Show schedules are available to download from the show website. For all the latest news on Kinross Show, go to their Facebook page.

Website: www.kinross-show.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KinrossShow

Secretary: Mary Morgan, telephone 01592 840030

Home-Start volunteers needed

Home-Start Clackmannanshire is looking for volunteers to join the Board of Trustees. All they ask is a few hours of your time during the week and the ability to attend the majority of monthly Board meetings which are held on the last Thursday of the month at the Hub in Alloa. No special qualifications needed; only life skills, common sense and a desire to help manage a team of staff who give practical advice, support and guidance to vulnerable families with young children during their time of need.

For further information, please contact Sylvie Dalley on 01259 781344.



Temporary road closures

U6 Aldie: Traffic will be prohibited from **30 June for five days** to allow Scottish Water works. No traffic from its junction with the U4 Keillour to its junction with the C473 Fowlis Wester. Pedestrian and vehicular access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is: C473 – A85(T) – U4.

Myre Terrace, Kinross: Traffic will be prohibited from **19 July for two days** from its junction with Montgomery Street to the junction of Smith Street. Pedestrian and vehicular access to premises will be maintained. This is to allow for surfacing works.

Smith Street, Kinross: Traffic will be prohibited from **19 July for two days** from its junction with the High Street to the junction of Myre Terrace. Pedestrian and vehicular access to premises will be maintained. This is to allow for surfacing works.

Queich Place, Kinross: Traffic will be prohibited from **19 July for two days** from its junction with the High Street for its full length. Pedestrian and vehicular access to premises will be maintained. This is to allow for surfacing works.

Old Cleish Road, Kinross: Traffic will be prohibited from **18 July for two days** from its junction with the High Street for its full length. Pedestrian and vehicular access to premises will be maintained. This is to allow for surfacing works.

Ba'Hill, Milnathort: Traffic will be prohibited from **18 July for two days** from its junction with North Street to the junction of Manse Road. Pedestrian and vehicular access to premises will be maintained. This is to allow for surfacing works. The alternative route is via North Street – Manse Road.

T in the Park: There will be various road closures and restrictions associated with T in the Park, 10 to 14 July.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	10am – 8pm
Friday	10am – 6pm
Saturday	10am – 1pm

Regular Library Sessions for Young Children

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Pre-school Story Time

every Tuesday morning	10.15-10.45am
every Thursday afternoon	2.15-2.45pm

Bookbug Rhymetimes

every Saturday	10.30-11am
every Wednesday	2.00-2.30pm

For further details of any of the events listed below, and to book where required, please contact the library.



Mythical Maze started on 26 June, continuing until 23 August – and it's absolutely free to take part!

It's a fabulous fantasy adventure that invites children to discover more about myths and legends from all over the world. Children ages 4-11yrs are challenged to find their way around a labyrinth that introduces them to some of the most fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology. So as well as the fun of reading their six books, they will also discover more about the creatures from mythology and legend including the Minotaur, Anansi, the Loch Ness Monster, Mermaids, Unicorns, Garuda, Medusa, Dragons, Leprechauns and the Yeti!

There will also be special Mythical Maze stories and activities including:

Fri 4 Jul	11 - 12	Artemis Fowl, LEPrecon and the Pot of Gold
Fri 18 Jul	11 - 12	Percy Jackson's Mythical Monsters
Fri 1 Aug	11 - 12	Minotaur's Maze
Fri 15 Aug	11 - 12	We're Going on a Yeti Hunt

For further information and to sign up, please contact the library. (Planned activities require advance booking. Children 8yrs and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.)

Kinross-shire Visitor Information Points

Loch Leven Fishing Pier; Robertson's of Milnathort;
Kinnesswood Village Store;
Fossoway Stores, Crook of Devon

Nature and your wellbeing

by Claire Thomson

There is a growing understanding that sustainable health (physical and mental) requires not only effective medical methods, but also healthy environments and healthy lifestyles. This is the idea of wellbeing: something more than just an absence of illness.

Inactivity can be linked to many mental health issues. Active involvement of people in green and forested areas is therefore significantly associated with better wellbeing and health. Spaces like these can provide a haven for people to escape to from the stress they may be experiencing.

Our senses begin to ease and are infused with renewed energy when we view and experience natural landscapes which include trees and other plant life. Studies of environmental influences on increasing psychological wellbeing highlights the significance of healing environments such as woodlands as an antidote to stress.

In Great Britain our understanding of both physical and mental health is largely based on our knowledge of illness. Recently, however, attention has been shifted to recognise the many psychological, social, physical and environmental influences that are associated with health, especially nature. Wellbeing is not just about physical fitness, it is spiritual, psychological, and cultural. The outdoors can be a highly effective place to relax, renew your senses, explore yourself and increase your own sense of wellbeing.

Why don't you try taking a walk down to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail and see how you feel being outside and being part of nature? Maps of these walks can be viewed electronically at www.pkc.gov.uk/paths

Try to take more time to look at the landscape, listen to the birds or even watch the way the river is flowing through the land. Take time for to renew your senses.

Claire Thomson
Rural Involvement Worker, PLUS Perth



A countryside walk will relax you and help to renew your senses



Just About Movies (JAM) is a film festival which works along the same lines as a traditional music festival, but better!

So what does that mean?

Firstly, we offer camping – not in your typical muddy field with thousands of other people (JAM tickets are limited to only 600!) – but in the grounds of a 17th century Scottish Castle, with a large outdoor movie screen so you can snuggle in your sleeping bag and watch a movie. A limited number of Saturday day tickets are also available for those who really don't want to camp. Then we replace the music stages with Pop-Up Cinemas, including:

- **Horror Cinema** set in the woods, which opens after dark – you need to be brave to go to this one!
- **Bean Bag Cinema** – oversized beanbags with headrests and a cinema showing quirky, lesser-known movies.
- **Deckchair Cinema** – this is our Main Cinema, showing a fantastic range of movies. It is here that we are hosting the Scottish Premiere of Plan Z.
- **Glasgow Film Festival** curated Cinema – bringing their favourites movies from GFF, past and present.

So what other entertainment does JAM offer?

Film Premiere of Plan Z – We are very excited to have been chosen as the venue for the Scottish Premiere of PLAN Z, directed by Welsh BAFTA winner Stuart Brennan, with a cameo appearance from Terry Deary of “Horrible Histories” fame. Members of the cast and crew will be at the event. Stuart Brennan will introduce the film and be available for a Question and Answer session afterwards, as will Terry Deary (commitments allowing).

Short Films – Offering a wealth of talent often missed, we are delighted to have teamed up with Edinburgh Short Film Festival as well as independent film makers to bring you our favourite selection of current short films.

Surprise Movies – To mix things up, we have asked a few of our sponsors and main supporters to surprise you by selecting one of their favourite films. In each case we hope that they will be present to introduce their movie and explain the reason for their choice – brave people!

Special Introductions and Q&A Sessions – Certain movies will have a special guest introducing them. This might be someone involved in the making of that particular movie, such as an actor or director, or a special guest involved in the industry with a special interest in a chosen movie. Ever wondered how they achieved something in a film, why they chose a certain location or actor for example? Well look out for one or two exclusive Q&A Sessions following a movie for your chance to ask some burning questions.

'Coffee With' Events – These run throughout the weekend and cater for approx 40 people at a time. Grab yourself a coffee from our Italian Coffee Pod and relax with different hosts from within the movie industry who will drop in for a chat at set times throughout the weekend. Actors, Directors, Booking Agents, Make-Up Artists – they all have fascinating stories to share.

Free Workshops – There will be a number of movie related workshops that you can take part in throughout the weekend, the perfect opportunity to learn about the magic behind the movies.

All Night Horror Experience – Starts Saturday at 12.30am, closes at 7am. Hard-core horror fans will love this! Stay awake all night with four back-to-back movies offering you a high octane, technicolor rainbow of blood, guts, gore and bones! Movies to be announced.

It can't all be entertainment... fancy some chill out time?

Great Food & Drink – We understand you need good quality food (and maybe some beer!) to keep you going. We have a choice of hearty meals served in our Food & Drinks Hall where you can rest up, enjoy the in-house entertainment and even charge your phones at our free charging points.

Tours of the Castle & Witches Maze – Lord Moncrieff invites you to take a short tour with him as your guide around Tullibole Castle, play nice with the peacocks and lose yourselves in the Witches Maze.

Comedy & Acoustic Music – In case you're not entertained enough already, there will be some additional light entertainment throughout the event.

Worried about bad weather?

We can't promise you guaranteed sunshine, but, with ALL the cinemas and entertainment areas fully covered, your festival experience will be comfortable whatever the weather! There is so much more that we can tell you about JAM, but we would have you reading for days! To keep up with event news, follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Ticket Prices

We want to keep JAM as an 'intimate gig' and as such we are only selling 600 tickets per day. That may sound a lot but with more than half already sold (as of June), there isn't much time left, so if you are interested in coming to JAM, we suggest you buy early to avoid disappointment.

Full Weekend with Camping

Friday (noon) to Sunday (4pm) **£55**

Full Weekend (no camping) £45

Saturday Day only £30

- Your ticket price covers access to the event – ALL movies, ALL mini events, ALL “Coffee With” events and ALL workshops unless specifically mentioned.
- JAM is strictly for 18 years and over.

BUY tickets online at: www.justaboutmovies.co.uk

Just About Movies takes place Friday 29 August to Sunday 31 August at Tullibole Castle, near Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire.

Win a pair of tickets to JAM!

One lucky Newsletter reader can win a pair of **Full Weekend with Camping** tickets to Just About Movies!

First of all, just post “I'M A FAN OF JAM” on to the JAM Facebook page on or before the **closing date of Thursday 17 July 2014**. But keep your Newsletter handy; if you are the entrant chosen at random from the Facebook postings, you will then need to answer a question relating to the Newsletter. The successful entrant will be contacted via Facebook by the JAM festival organisers.

The JAM Facebook page is at:

www.facebook.com/JustAboutMovies

See page 111 for competition terms and conditions.



Summertime and the living is easy... for wasps and ants

submitted by **Derek Goodwin**, *Active Pest Solutions*

Ah, the familiar scents, sights and sounds of the summer: the smell of freshly-mown grass, a jug of home-made lemonade on the veranda, and... the ominous buzzing of that least welcome of summer visitors, the vicious *Vespula vulgaris*.

Now as any horticulturalist will tell you, the common wasp (despite its negative press) is not all bad. By a quirk of fate, a favourite wasp fodder just so happens to be aphids – tiny green garden pests who suck the sap out of garden plants – a fact which endears wasps to gardeners the length and breadth of the country. However, as anyone who's ever been stung by a wasp will tell you, it is a far from a pleasant experience, so it's easy to understand why these characteristic yellow and black striped insects are unwelcome at outside events throughout July, August and September.



The common wasp, ves pul a vulgaris

Of course, wasps don't just suddenly materialise out of the blue in summer – their appearance is the culmination of a fascinating process which begins as far back as April or May. During these months, large fertile queen wasps emerge from their winter hibernation and begin searching for suitable “des res” accommodation, with favoured haunts including holes in house walls, garden sheds, roof spaces, thick hedges, and even underground in mouse holes.

At this point, the queen wasp is one determined and smart lady – she has a job to do and she gets on with it, building a rudimentary nest and initially laying 12–18 eggs. Once these have hatched, she feeds the grubs diligently with aphids until they are mature enough to “harvest” wood pulp to extend her white, paper-lantern lookalike nest. You may well have heard the unmistakable “scrunching” of worker

wasps gathering wood pulp while you're sitting outside on a garden bench.

Meanwhile, Her Majesty moves on to her next duty: egg production on an impressive scale... By mid-June, the wasp nest may well have swollen to the size of a tennis ball or softball and contain between 50–80 wasps. Yet still this consummate breeding machine doesn't stop: she simply keeps on laying eggs, which keep on hatching. And as each batch mature they, too, head out to “work”, retrieving aphids to feed the next gaggle of greedy grubs.

If this process continues unabated, the wasp byke can reach the size of a football by the end of the summer – a football that is home to as many as 3000 wasps. That's a lot of vinegar...

Obviously, having wasps around your home means you need to be extra-careful, so here is one simple precaution that you can take to avoid nasty surprises: never drink from a can that's been left lying unattended, either outside or indoors, during the summer months.

Wasps are drawn magnetically to sweet substances, and there's a high risk that one might have crept inside the can and be swigged down your throat. A wasp sting in your throat (and indeed other places, if you're susceptible) can lead to anaphylactic shock, and is to be avoided at all costs. So if you know you have a wasp nest in your home or garden, it's probably safer to seek professional advice sooner rather than later.

By comparison, the problems posed by our other unwelcome summer visitors – the black garden ant (or *Lasius niger*) – seem fairly mild. However, these insects can also cause immense frustration by crawling up legs (yours or the table's!), contaminating food and undermining the sand base beneath garden flagstones. Proprietary sprays and dust provide a temporary solution, but early indications from professional pest controllers are that a recently released gel product is more effective. This is good news for home-owners who love to spend time in their garden during the summer months (though possibly not such good news for the ants...).

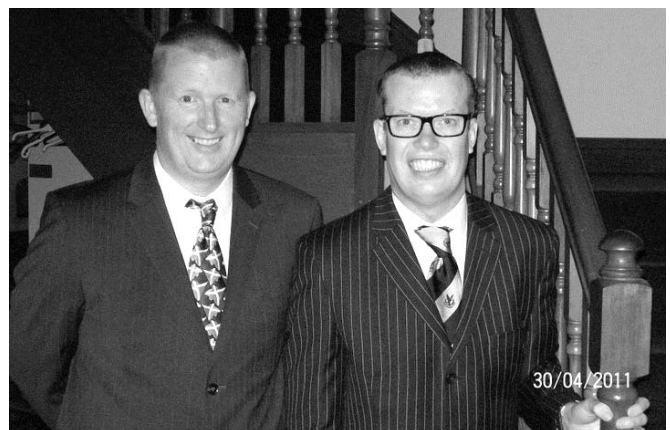
Stockport to Kinross bike ride for best friend

A former Kinross High School pupil will be cycling from his home in Stockport to Kinross in August – a distance of 300 miles. **Colin Hogg**, who used to live in Kinnesswood, is undertaking the fundraising venture to help his best friend **Graeme Paterson** to acquire a new wheelchair.

Graeme, formerly of Kinross and now living in Pitlochry, was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in October 2008. Colin organised a charity gala dinner at the Windlestrae Hotel in April 2011 to raise funds for Graeme's future ongoing care. That raised a whopping £4,725, and Colin and Graeme and families would like to thank everyone again who helped make that event such a huge success.

Colin, who was best man at Graeme's wedding, would now like to help Graeme obtain a lightweight wheelchair as his current one is very bulky and heavy.

Colin will be leaving Stockport on Saturday 23 August and will arrive in Kinross four days later. If you would like to sponsor or donate, please go to webpage: www.gofundme.com/a45wsg



Colin Hogg and Graeme Paterson

Need to check something in an old Newsletter?

Consult our electronic archive at

www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issues from September 2006 to two months ago available

Historic Scotlandwell

This is an extract from 'Historic Scotlandwell' by Iain W D Forde, written in both Standard English and Scots to provide an insight into the Scots language as well as the history of Scotlandwell.

Other extracts were previously published in the July 2013 and August 2013 issues of the Newsletter.

The Church and Church Lands

The Portmoak Parish Church stands above the village. It was built in the 1830s and is the third on the site. Below stands the former Manse, and in front of that lies the church lands known as the Glebe.

Across the Glebe in the distance can be seen the Ochil Hills. Beyond the Church is the Village Hall, once the Free Church, which also had a manse below it, still to be seen today. Behind the Church rise the wooded slopes of the Lomond Hills.

Viewing the Parish Church from the west the very fine belfry can be seen, in the distinctive Scottish style of Church Architecture.

Note: The church is the third in the parish, but second on that site. (The original church was down near the old loch shoreline.)



Portmoak Parish Church (right) with the old school beyond

The Green

The Village Green is at the heart of Scotlandwell. It is defined on the south by the Wellburn which outfalls from the Well, a natural spring filled constantly with fresh water percolated through the sandstone of the Lomond Hills. The Well is protected by an open building which, along with the Wash-house opposite, was erected in 1860 as a memorial to his wife by the then landowner, Bruce of Arnot. They were designed by David Bryce who also designed Fettes College in Edinburgh. The walled garden to the east was part of this design and was planted with exotic trees, some of which survive.

Before that it was known as Peat Hill as the villages stored their fuel there. The row of cottages to the north may have been built circa 1750 so they have witnessed a few changes in their view.

Note: While the Wash House was built in 1860, the Well was built in 1858.

The Kirk an The Glebe

The Portmoak Pairish Kirk stauns owre-abuin the fèrmtoun. It wes biggit in the aire eirs o the Echtene Thretties an is the thrid on the stance. Ablo stauns the umquhyle manse an foir -anent thon liggs the Kirk laun kent as the Glebe.

Acorss the Glebe hyne awaw wul can be sein the Ochil Huls.

Ayont the Kirk is the Pairish Haw, aince the Frie Kirk at also hed a manse ablo't, aye sein yit. Ahent the Kirk rases the widdit braes o the Lomont Huls.

Vissie-in the Pairish Kirk frae the wast, the verra braw bell-cote wul can be sein, in the kenspekkil styall o Scotch Kirk Airchietektur.

The Grene

The Grene is at the hert o Scotlandwell. It is outlingit on the suth bi the Wallburn at outfaws frae the Wall, a naitral kell aye lippin-fu wi watter seipin throu the saunstane o the Lomont Huls. The Wall is fèndit bi an apen biggin at, along wi the Waash-houss owreby, wes erekkit eir 1860 as a memorance til hiz guidwyfe bi the than laird, Bruce o Arnot. Thai wes desingit bi the oustaunnin airchitek Davvit Bryce at also desingit Fettes College in Embro. The wawed gairden ti the aist wes pairt o the desing an wes plauntit wi fantoush trein, a whein o'm owredryvin yit.

A foir thon it wes kent as Peit Hul kiz the cottars fordellit up thair eldrin thareabout. The raw o cotts ti the nor mote bene biggit aroun eir 1750 sae thai a sein a pukkil chyngees i thair vyow.

Musical kids raise charity funds

A group of 15 children ranging from age 8 upwards from Kinross, Fife, and Clackmannanshire have raised £1076 for Cancer Research by putting on a musical.

Lucy Duffy (14), from Balado, drives the project, auditioning, directing and choreographing, as well as taking a lead role in the show. This is the third production in three years, with the children raising £3000 in total. They rehearsed every week for several hours to perfect their lines, songs and dance moves. The end result was three fantastic performances to packed audiences in the Coronation Hall, Muckhart.

Lucy has been helped along the way every year by the generous donation of sound, light and microphones from In Sync Sound and Light and beautiful costumes on loan from her dance teacher Nikki of the Matthew Dance Academy.

Accepting the generous donation, Pam Dougall, a volunteer with Cancer Research UK, said: "This was a fabulous way to support Cancer Research UK and I would like to thank all the children who were involved again this year. Cancer Research UK relies on the support of the public to fund our work and this is a great boost to funds."



From left: Pam Dougall of Cancer Research UK with Lucy and the rest of the cast with their donation

Community Campus Survey

The Council is inviting residents to give feedback about the community campuses in the local authority area.

The survey can be completed online or by filling in a paper copy available at the campus reception. For the first time the surveys will run for a longer period in order to capture a wide range of users and experiences. The survey will not close until at least after the summer holiday period.

Find the online survey at:

www.pkc.gov.uk/community/campuses

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"One hundred years on, we are all connected to the First World War, either through our own family history, the heritage of our local communities or because of its long-term impact on society and the world we live in today."

(Imperial War Museum, First World War Centenary website.)



Throughout 2014, the Newsletter will feature brief histories of some of the local men who died in WWI and whose names appear on war memorials in Kinross-shire.

Corporal Thomas Gould Walker

The first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1st July 1916, was the bloodiest day that the British Army had ever faced. Days of incessant shelling beforehand were supposed to have destroyed the wire and the German trenches, but the British had seriously underestimated the difficulties of capturing the German frontline. Many German defenders had survived the bombardment, were able to come out of their dugouts when it ended, and to cut down the attacking British soldiers in rows as they advanced at a slow pace across No Man's Land. The cost to the British on that one day alone was a total of 57,470 officers and men, of whom 19,240 were killed and 35,493 wounded. These were the biggest losses ever suffered by the British Army in a single day. Given that the purpose of the Somme was to take pressure off the French struggling at Verdun, there was no question of giving up; the battle had to continue and it did continue until 19 November 1916 by which time the battlefield had turned into a quagmire.

It was towards the end of the battle that Corporal Walker, of the Highland Light Infantry, was killed. A 6am order was given to attack a German trench. Corporal Walker was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Stormonth Darling DSO, and was shot by a sniper.

Corporal Walker came from a house called Golden Grove, Kinross, which is believed to be where Gallowhill Gardens now stands. He was 21 when he died. He had attended Dollar Academy, thereafter worked with a Mr Wilson, the Town Clerk, and his father and indeed his grandfather had owned the Salutation Hotel in Kinross. He was said to be a striking man, 6 foot 4 inches tall, a first class shot and the Battalion Bomber who had seen much service, many narrow escapes and had been repeatedly buried, comrades often killed by his side.

There is a comprehensive history of Kinross-shire WWI servicemen, researched by Sgt Alastair G Smith, in the Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus. This can be consulted during Museum Study opening hours (Thursdays, 10am-8pm and Saturdays, 10am-1pm).

Discover Loch Leven Website

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

www.visitlochleven.org



Police Box

Stay Safe Online

The Stay Safe Online campaign is to help children, parents, teachers and carers improve their knowledge and understanding of how to keep children safe while they are online. The campaign targets two age groups.

The younger group, from 9-12 years old, will receive ten top tips from a cartoon character, Digi Dan, who is an internet explorer and knows everything about staying safe online. Packs for youngsters, including leaflets, posters, mousemats and water bottles, will be distributed to schools across Scotland. "Digi Dan's Top Tips" are available on the website digidan.co.uk. The website includes a quiz and there is an ebook to download.

Older children will also receive advice about keeping safe online including tips on password security, social media posting, sexting, how to deal with inappropriate pictures and who to contact for help.

Chief Inspector William Cravens said: "Police Scotland is committed to building Safer Virtual Communities for everyone. We want to help children to enjoy the benefits of the Internet by being able to Stay Safe Online.

"All children and young people need to understand they should only share pictures online that they are happy with friends, family and others seeing. They also need to know how to keep their personal information private and to contact an adult if they feel threatened.

"Any child who feels risk or is worried should speak to a parent, guardian or teacher or can phone Police Scotland on 101 or Childline on 0800 1111."

Digi Dan's Top Tips for 9-12 year olds

1. Keep your phone, laptops or tablet secure – use a password or PIN.
2. Don't do anything online that you wouldn't do face to face.
3. Learn what is OK to post and share on the internet. Comments, photos and videos you post or share are always recorded, even if you delete it, so it could be seen by someone in the future.
4. Don't talk to strangers or make friends with strangers on social media – you never know who they really are.
5. Never feel forced to do anything you don't want to do.
6. Block people who send nasty messages and tell someone about it.
7. Don't send or make nasty comments about someone else online.
8. Don't open links and attachments from people you don't know.
9. Never arrange to meet someone you have met on the internet
10. Tell an adult, or someone you trust – like a friend – if you feel frightened or worried about what's happening to you online. There is always someone who can help you.

Tips and advice for 13-16 year olds

Keep your phone, laptops or tablet secure – use a password or PIN.

Don't do anything online that you wouldn't do face to face.

Think about what you post – would you be happy for people to still see it in 10 or 20 years? Comments, photos and videos you post or share, make up your digital footprint,

even if you delete it, so there is still a record of it.

Do you really know your online friends? Think about why and how you know people and if you are not friends in the real life you shouldn't be online.

Never feel forced into doing anything you don't want to do.

Block people who send cruel or offensive messages and tell someone about it.

Don't open links and attachments from people you don't know.

Never arrange to meet someone you have only met on the internet.

Sexting is never a good idea. Once images have been taken and sent to others, control is lost of them and they can end up anywhere. Just think – if you wouldn't print and pass these images around your school or show your mum or dad, then don't share by phone or other technologies.

If you receive an indecent image or naked selfie from someone, do not send this image onto others or respond with one of you – report it.

Always tell an adult you trust. For more information, please visit:

www.childnet.com

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

choicesforlifeonline.org

www.getsafeonline.org

If you are upset or worried about an image you have sent or received, you can call:

Childline on 0800 1111 or Police Scotland on 101.

There are lots of places you can go to get more information and advice. The more people who know the tips the safer we will all be. Most importantly – you need to know that you won't be in trouble, whatever you have done, just tell someone you trust and they can help sort it out.

T in the Park counter provision

There will be public counter provision at Kinross Police Station during the weekend of T in the Park from 9am to 5pm. This is due to the huge demands placed on the local community during this large scale event and to provide a point of contact for visitors to the town.

This is **only for the duration of the event**, after which it will revert to the current set up whereby the police can be contacted by telephoning 101.

Local Community Officers

Bridge of Earn

& Abernethy:

PC Graham Ogilvie

Kinross area:

PC Sadie Allan

Kinross-shire landward: PC Dougie Stapleton

To contact the local community officers, telephone the police non-emergency number 101 or email as follows:

graham.ogilvie@scotland.pnn.police.uk

sadie.allan@scotland.pnn.police.uk

douglas.stapleton@Scotland.pnn.police.uk



Crime Stoppers – Telephone 0800 555 111

This telephone number 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.



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. In addition, Kinross CC minutes are lodged in the community library. Please note, the Community Council News is not a verbatim reproduction of CC minutes. In particular, where there are two months' worth of reports, there will be a considerable amount of editing.

Kinross Community Council

News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 4 June 2014 were: Councillors D Colliar (Chair), I Jack, M Blyth, D Mackay, M Scott, M Wood, B Davies, G Thomas, W Freeman, C Watson and D West; P&K Councillors J Giacomazzi, M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and W Robertson and five members of public.

Declarations of Interest received from Councillor Watson and Councillor Scott in relation to Kinross-shire Day Centre.

Police Report: No communication received.

Newsletter report and accounts: Councillor West provided a report on the Newsletter's business year 2013-14. A profit of £11,189 was recorded. A cheque was handed over from the trading company for the charitable company. The charitable company accounts are still to be received. On behalf of the CC the Chairman thanked the Editor and all members of staff for their continued support and efforts for the Newsletter.

(See also p. 4.)

Kinross-shire Day Centre: Councillor Watson, as Chair of the Day Centre, explained the problem now being faced in relation to finances. The Centre celebrated its 30th Anniversary last year. There are around 30 service users with 15 people on a Care Plan. As well as a daily luncheon to which the users pay a nominal sum, they also benefit from a range of activities held in the Hall, as well as Holidays and Day Outings. This is a fantastic resource which is now becoming under threat. The Council provide 50% of the funding. The Centre receives an annual grant of £86,500, which has remained static for the fifteen years Mr Watson has been involved. Running costs increase each year. There was also a subsidy paid by the Council towards the lunches but this has now ceased with effect from April this year. The users are unable to meet any further increase in the lunch costs as many of them are on a basic pension. The sum to be discontinued is around £8,800 per year. There is no doubt that the Centre will now run at a loss and this is causing some concern to the Day Centre Committee. It has been agreed that a substantial sum of money should be placed in reserve to cover staff wages for 9/10 months. The reason this was being brought before the CC was to make the CC and Councillors aware of the situation and to ask for support. The Councillors agreed to look into this matter. It was hoped that the budget cut can be reversed. It was suggested that the Council may not be aware of the full story and have mistaken the position. The only other income received is the revenue from the Hall Users towards the lunch, the Coffee Bar income, donations and fundraising. In answer to a query it was confirmed that the Church owns the building and the Day Centre rent the accommodation from them. The Councillors were unaware of this and of any similar premises suffering the same plight in Perth and Kinross. It was also suggested that the CC write to the Chief Executive and ask who authorised the cuts, when and on what basis this decision was made and the parties involved in agreeing to this. The Day Centre is an important facility to many elderly people both for social interaction and for day care. Councillor West asked if any consideration was

given to comparing costs for the care provided at the Centre against providing a similar package at home.

Newsletter disbursement of grants: No new applications. Correspondence received from Kinross in Bloom conveying thanks for the £2,000 paid to them towards the purchase of a new vehicle.

Kinross Buildings

Former High School: The application to build 102 houses was refused. Persimmon can either withdraw, appeal or resubmit an application. It is understood that they are keen to pursue this. Mention was made of the Conservation Report which held adverse comments. This document was not referred to in the Report recommending approval presented to the Committee.

Primary School: The CC believe that the ideal situation would be to convert the High School into a Primary School. There would also be an area for housing. This would release a much more valuable site in Station Road.

Plots: Preferred bidder for Plot Number 2, no further interest received.

Town Hall: A request for further information has been made relating to the hard and soft landscaping scheme. Completion should take place around March 2015.

Mill Street: See p. 8.

Roundabout: Should be complete by 20 June.

Planning

Pre Application Notice: Residential development with associated open space, landscaping and infrastructure at Lathro Farm, Kinross for 265 houses. (14/0004/PAN) Notice of public consultation event to be held on 18 June at campus. Persimmon Homes also offered to meet with the CC in relation to this matter. It was agreed that we invite them to our August meeting.

Planning applications submitted to PKC. No comments were made by the CC on the following:

14/00950/FLL Deletion of condition 3 (occupancy restriction) of planning permission 08/02451/FLL for the erection of two dwelling houses at New Mains House, Balado.

14/00795/FLL Alterations and extensions to dwelling house at Fairfield, Lethangie.

14/00731/FLL Modification of permission (05/01475/FUL), change of house type at plot 32, Station Road.

14/00786/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 136 Argyll Road.

14/00852/FLL Extension to dwelling house, 7 Gallowhill Road.

14/00846/FLL Installation of replacement telecommunications equipment at Green Hotel, Kinross.

14/00798/FLL Erection of wind turbine, Findatie Farm.

Planning application refused by PKC: 14/00304/FLL and 14/00305/LBC: Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 8 School Wynd.

Planning applications approved by PKC:

13/02107/FLM Temporary change of use for one year to Class 11 (assembly and leisure) for purpose of holding music festival in 2014 Balado Park. (This is in relation to T in the Park who have to reapply each year.)

14/00280/FLL Modification of permission (12/02186/FLL) formation of 100m access road, associated surface water drainage, street lighting and landscaping, land 150m north west of Unit C,

Kinross Business Park, Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate. 14/00398/FLL Alterations and change of use from undertakers to office with workshop (in part retrospect), former Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd, 14 High Street.

14/00404/ADV Display of sign, former Stewart Funeral Directors Ltd, 14 High Street.

14/00170/FLL Alterations to shop frontage (in retrospect), Newsplus, 83-85 High Street.

14/00220/FLL Change of use and alterations, formation of additional residential, office, storage and staff accommodation (partly in retrospect), The Stables, Kinross.

14/00539/FLL Change of use of offices to café, offices, delicatessen and residential unit, installation of biomass boiler and flues and erection of pellet store, 21-25 High Street.

14/00432/FLL Installation of telecommunications cabinet, site east of 128a High Street.

14/00472/FLL Erection of walls, 12 Talla Park.

Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cold calling: Cllr Cuthbert provided leaflets and posters.

Bridge: Cllr Giacopazzi provided an update in relation to the bridge on the A977.

Speeding: Cllr Barnacle commented on the 40 mph speed limit to be introduced on the A977 which is now behind schedule. Cllr Wood questioned if Hatchbank was being considered; this may become a Green Route. A report will be presented in the autumn. Cllr Robertson added that he would arrange for an item to be placed in the Newsletter regarding this and for suggestions on extensions of Green Routes on local rural roads.

Local Landscape Area: Cllr Barnacle said that it was more than likely that Kinross-shire will be highlighted as a local landscape area.

Primary School parking: Cllr Cuthbert commented on the irresponsible parking at the junction of Emslie Drive and Station Road, adding that it was suggested that double yellow lines be painted in this area. A reminder should be given to the traffic wardens to patrol this area.

Correspondence

1. Fifth Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements: Notice of public consultation re proposals for Councillor numbers as from 29 May to 21 Aug 2014.

2. Review of Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004. The regime is being reviewed with the objectives of ensuring that the implementing regulations and guidance remains fit for purpose. The consultation runs till 25 August 2014.

3. Perth and Kinross Credit Union: Offering local, ethical savings and loans. PKCU offered to attend one of our meetings. It was agreed that we should invite them. (See p. 11.)

4. Old Health Centre: Purchased by G S Brown who plan to retain the existing building and incorporate five low cost houses and the remainder of the building will be for employment uses. It is also intended to build a block of new low cost flats on part of the car park.

5. Landscapes: PKC carrying out an assessment of landscapes to identify those which justify local designation. Survey open until 6 June.

6. Campus parking: Complaint received in relation to an event held at campus. Cars were parked in the bus lane, on the grass verge and in Burnbank Meadows. One vehicle was parked on the footpath outside the Health Centre, blocking it. While the Police were in attendance at the event, no one was managing the car parking. At another recent event the Round Table assisted in managing the parking, directing cars away from the campus to other car parking around Kinross, once the campus car park was full. As Chair of KLEO,

David Cuthbert advised that there was an increase of around 1,000 in attendance from the previous year. Cllr Colliar suggested that the area to the left of the entrance could be converted into a car park; this would hold around 30/40 cars. Cllr Davies asked if there were any annual reports recording statistics of people using the facilities that can be compared with other campuses. The Councillors are to look into this and it is to be placed on the agenda for next month. The proposed change of hours at the High School would also impact on the transport to and from both the campus and Primary School.

War memorial, County Buildings: Pedestrian access is to be made from the pavement with the flower bed being completely removed. The new civic space will continue to provide power and support to the annual Christmas Tree. The new owner of the County Buildings has confirmed that the Remembrance Parade can carry on as normal. The seat has been removed for repair. It will be returned to the County Buildings but may not be sited in the same location.

Overhanging vegetation: Cllr Mackay reported two complaints received regarding overhanging greenery in the vicinity of 40 and 38 **Green Park**. Cllr Blyth also mentioned that branches near to the **Green Hotel** are also overhanging. Cllr Giacopazzi to look into this.

AGM Minutes: Cllr Thomas questioned reference to the laptop being paid from KCCNL funds and also the contribution made to the website. Clarification was given.

Campus: The area next to the wall requires attention. Cllr Robertson will deal with this.

DRT1: Details of new transport scheme given. (See pages 16 -17 of June Newsletter and p. 14 of this issue)

Kinross Partnership: Cllr Colliar attended a recent meeting. Funding is again available. The area also includes Glenfarg.

The Next Meeting of Kinross CC will take place on Wednesday 2 July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall, Muirs, Kinross.

Agenda for the Meeting on 2 July

1. Apologies, 2. Declarations of interest, 3. Police report,
4. Minutes of meeting held on 4 June, 5. Matters arising from minutes of 4 June, 6. Newsletter charity report and accounts,
7. Newsletter: disbursement of funds, 8. Kinross buildings,
9. Planning matters, 10. Reports from Perth & Kinross Councillors, 11. Miscellaneous correspondence,
12. Other competent business,
13. Date of next meeting (6 August 2014)

Found – Hat and Gloves

Several months ago, at a busy Kinross CC meeting, a pair of black gloves and a black knitted hat were left in the Masonic Hall. If you think they are yours, please contact the Kinross CC Secretary, Margaret Scott, telephone 01577 862945, email: mbs21@btinternet.com

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

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www.kinross.cc/cc.htm

Milnathort Community Council

News from the June Meeting

CCllr Hamilton, Chair, welcomed CCllrs Cottingham, Milne-Home, Smith and Thomson to the meeting held on 12 June 2014. Also in attendance were P&K Cllr Giacopazzi and four members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Bennet, Pettinger and Halford; P&K Cllrs Cuthbert, Barnacle and Robertson and from the Police.

Police matters: The Chair read the report, which indicated that there were no incidents, however he advised that he had received notification from Neighbourhood Watch Scotland that a large quantity of fabricated steel and tools were stolen from a large outbuilding in a field south of Balado Home Farm, Kinross. The Police also reported that their 'speed gun' had been returned and that they would concentrate efforts on Burleigh Road.

Planning applications: The following applications in Milnathort were discussed, but no comments made:

14/00848/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwelling house at the Coppice, Mawcarse Farm.

14/00856/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwelling house and erection of outbuilding at Westhall Farmhouse.

14/00940/FLL: Extension to dwelling house at 4 Mill Lade.

14/00987/FLL: Extension to dwelling house at 50 Church Street.

Appeal: CCllr Cottingham had received correspondence from PKC indicating that the developers of Athron Hall, the former Ochil Hills Hospital site, had lodged an appeal with Scottish Ministers against the refusal by PKC of their application to provide a private potable water supply to the houses on the site. The Chair reiterated that MCC wished to object in the strongest possible terms in order to safeguard the water supply to existing houses in the Tillyrie area. The Chair agreed to submit an objection on behalf of MCC.

Planning application approved: 14/00611/FLL: Alterations and extension to house at 9 Croft Wynd.

Milnathort sewer works: Cllr Giacopazzi explained that Scottish Water had been carrying out exploratory digging, in advance of their intention to lay a series of attenuating tanks in the village, to deal with flood and sewage waste. Scottish Water's plan had been to lay a tank under the large flowerbed at the Cross. On digging, Scottish Water had damaged a gas main under the flowerbed. Scottish Gas had then been called in to rectify the damage. From discussion with representatives of Scottish Water, it transpired that the plan showing the position of the gas main had been drawn before a build-out had been constructed at the Cross (where the two trees and flowerbed currently are); thus at the time of construction of the gas main, it would have been under the former main roadway. Scottish Water would now have to redesign their sewage and floodwater plans. Following a short discussion, the MCC also noted that the four-way traffic control system in the village had not been correctly balanced to reflect traffic flow, and lengthy delays were experienced by traffic emerging from South Street.

Lathro consultation event: Persimmon Homes would be presenting their proposals on 18 June at the campus. So far only a location plan had been provided showing Persimmon's intention to build some 265 houses on the site. Although it was unclear whether the proposed development would encroach over the boundary separating Kinross and Milnathort CCs area of responsibility, the development would affect both CCs, particularly as land had been designated for a new Primary School at Lethangie. Cllr Giacopazzi advised

that Persimmon Homes would be paying £6,000 per house to PKC towards education. CCllr Thomson agreed to attend the consultation.

New Matters and Correspondence

Speeding: The Chair had received a complaint from a resident of North Street about vehicles speeding in the street. Cllr Giacopazzi had also received a complaint from a different resident, and had written to the Police Chief Inspector requesting that checks be carried out in both North Street and Burleigh Road. The CC agreed to await reports from the Police before taking any further action.

T in the Park forum: A meeting would be held on 16 June. The forum would discuss a change in the capacity split of the T in the Park campsite which would see the Thursday campsite change from 35,000 to 40,000, but with the overall campsite capacity at its current level of 70,000. In effect 5,000 more campers would arrive on the Thursday, but 5,000 less on the Friday of the event. The change has been prompted by increased demand for the Thursday camping tickets. Following a short discussion, during which a member of the public asked whether a left luggage facility would be provided, the Chair agreed to attend the meeting, and in particular to raise the left luggage issue.

Graveyard: CCllr Thomson had received a complaint from a member of the public about the state of the paths in the graveyard. The Chair, Cllr Giacopazzi and other members of the CC agreed to walk around the graveyard to inspect the paths. [Post meeting note: Following inspection of the paths in the graveyard, the MCC agreed that although the surfaces were uneven in places, the paths were not dangerous and urgent maintenance would not be necessary. However, maintenance would be required in the longer term. Cllr Giacopazzi agreed to raise the issue with PKC officials.]

Comments/Questions from the floor

Ryder Cup: A member of the public raised concerns about remarks made by the Chair on traffic issues in the village during the Ryder Cup competition. The Chair explained that the presentation about transport plans had been somewhat confusing, but his remarks had been personal and did not reflect the views of MCC.

Travellers' site: Another member of the public asked whether there had been any progress with a retrospective planning application for the travellers' site at Mawcarse. Cllr Giacopazzi advised that the matter had not yet been raised at PKC business.

Date of next meeting: Several CCllrs had advised that they would not be able to attend the July meeting. The CC agreed that the July meeting should be cancelled, therefore the next meeting would be on:

Thursday 14 August 2014 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

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Portmoak Community Council

News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 10 June 2014 were: CCllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood, R Cairncross (Secretary), S Forde and T Smith; P&K Cllrs W Robertson and J Giacomazzi and six members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllr R Williamson (Treasurer) and P&K Cllrs M Barnacle and D Cuthbert.

Invitation for New Members: The CC would welcome interest from any resident of Portmoak over the age of 18. Interest in the position of Minute Secretary would also be welcome. Please contact the Secretary on 0159 284 0672 or any member of the CC.

Living Lomonds Landscape Partnership: Sarah MacDonald, Community Participation & Training Manager, presented an overview of the work of the Partnership. This is being taken forward over the next two years with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and other sources. It is a landscape conservation programme which aims to re-connect people with the living legacy of the Lomond and Benarty Hills through a range of community-based activities, volunteering opportunities and projects. These are expressed through five themes: Rural Skills Training (opportunities for young unemployed); Living Heritage (recognised through a series of craft workshops); Historic Landscape (community archaeological programmes); Exploring the Lomonds (path signage and access development); and Wild Places (conservation and restoration e.g. Portmoak Moss). The CC recognised that these all represented valued opportunities for residents and organisations in Portmoak and would try to publicise them. It will look to retain close links with the Partnership. The CC thanked Sarah for her presentation. Further information can be found on the project's website www.lllp.org.uk.

Reports

Police: The CC received the Police Report and noted that there had been no crimes or incidents in the past month. Advice on bogus callers and workmen was welcomed. The Ward Councillors reported that there had been two serious incidents of fly-tipping just outside the Portmoak boundary.

Treasurer: The CC's accounts at the end of May 2014 recorded no change from April: a balance of £43.15 in the General Account and £771.05 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £814.20.

Planning: The CC considered the following new applications and agreed not to object to, nor to make comment, on:

14/00798/FLL Findatie Farm, erection of a wind turbine; and 14/00902/FLL Little Arnot, alterations and extensions to the dwellinghouse.

These were the unanimous decisions of the CC.

Progress with applications: The CC noted the following:

14/00707/FLL **The Lomond Inn**, erection of 5 new Houses and associated engineering operations. The CC noted that PKC had unfortunately validated this application without the required Design Statement and that to date this important information had not been made available. In the event that the Statement does become available, PKC have agreed to promulgate it and to reopen the consultation on the application. The CC noted that: its letter of objection had surprisingly been acknowledged by PKC as "neutral" and had not been placed on its website; and that the consultee comments from the PKC's conservation team had also not

been placed on the website. The CC would take steps to have its letter properly categorised and publicised. The Ward Councillors shared the concern of the rest of the CC at the apparent suppression of the conservation officer's report.

14/000153/FLL **Footpath Easter to Wester Balgedie.** The CC with the residents of Easter and Wester Balgedie will host an opening ceremony on Saturday 14 June.

14/00607/FLL **Levenmouth Farm**, demolition of old farm house and erection of two one and half storey dwelling houses. Discussions were taking place to find a suitable route for a signposted path from the Heritage Trail through the Farm.

Developer contributions. PKC had recently responded to the request by Ward Councillors and the CC for all such contributions, whether made per a Section 75 or not, to be transparent, enabled to show those made from Kinross-shire and for that information to be kept up to date. The information returned by PKC was now being considered and in due course comment would be made. Preliminary analysis confirmed that the information was an invaluable first step but that further work would be necessary if it was to be meaningful. The CC thanked PKC for the work carried out.

Tayplan: The CC would consider how to respond before the end of June.

Roads: CCllr Bruce Calderwood presented an updated report. It would be forwarded to Ward Councillors to support their discussions with PKC Roads Department. The CC noted:

that its letter in respect of the series of accidents on the Scotlandwell to Bowhouse section of the A911 had not been acknowledged. This will be pursued.

an approach from Portmoak Primary School Parent Council seeking support in resolving several traffic matters in the immediate environs of the School. The CC would wish to help and will pursue with the Parent Council clearer information on the nature of the problems.

a proposal for a new shared-use path at Wester Balgedie. The CC welcomed this proposal which would make a safe crossing point at the junction linking this path on the loch side of road to the newly constructed path from Easter to Wester Balgedie on the hill side of the road. The CC would respond accordingly.

Paths: CCllr Tom Smith reported that the Paths Group were preparing an approach for funding to support contracted repair work to the Michael Bruce Way. In the meantime it would be possible to pursue work undertaken by volunteers.

Matters previously notified to the Secretary

The CC noted a request from a resident to Cllr Robertson to **improve paths and access links** in and around Scotlandwell. This included an effective and accessible link from Scotlandwell to the Heritage Trail (the lack of such a link was seen as a disadvantage to the community); and improved links from the Church/Hall to The Green and from the village as a whole along the A911 to the new footpath from Kinnesswood leading to the Church/Hall. Cllr Robertson had referred the matter to the CC. After discussion, Cllr Robertson asked the CC to write to him with its views after consideration of the points made.

The Next Meeting of Portmoak CC will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8 July 2014 at Portmoak Village Hall.

Fossoway & District CC

News from the AGM and June Meetings News from the AGM

In attendance at the AGM, held on 6 May 2014, were: CCllrs Morrison, Borthwick, Paterson, Lavery and Wigman-Duffy; P&K Cllrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi and Robertson and eleven members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs Cheape and Pye and P&K Cllr Cuthbert.

Chair's Report

The elected members of the CC are: Kevin Borthwick, Trudy Duffy-Wigman, Alistair Lavery, Sandy Morrison and Rod Paterson. The co-opted members are: Angus Cheape and Graham Pye. During the year Sheila Anderson resigned and Graham Pye was co-opted. The CC wishes to record its thanks to Sheila for her contribution over the years.

The CC has had another very busy year with eleven scheduled meetings and one special meeting regarding the potential acquisition of the Crook Moss. The main issues during the year have been:

Crook Moss planning application: Planning permission was granted with a number of conditions which had timescales for their implementation. The majority of the conditions have not been met and enforcement orders have now been issued with new timescales for some of the conditions. This matter involved a significant amount of correspondence, telephone calls and meetings with PKC officials.

The Local Development Plan was approved by the Scottish Executive with some amendments. PKC accepted the findings and adopted the Plan which, in the main, reflected the community's views.

Introduction of a Unitary Police Force and Unitary Fire Service in Scotland: These changes are still being implemented and the only effect so far is the closure of the desk service for the public at Kinross Police Station.

Community Speed Watch programme: The new police service has decided not to support this measure.

Fossoway Church Car Park: No progress has been made by the church.

Core Paths: Signposting has been completed.

Lambhill site: There is still ongoing discussion with PKC on this matter.

Glen Quey Quarry: The planning application has still not been determined.

Wind turbines: The CC has decided to object to all applications until PKC produces detailed guidance regarding wind turbines, in particular cumulative impact.

AGLVs: The CC has lobbied PKC to produce a replacement policy for this subject.

Bus Investment Fund: The CC supported the bid for a local service in the area.

Blairingone war memorial: Progress has been made and it is anticipated the relocation will take place in 2014.

Devon Hydro Scheme: The CC has had significant dialogue with the developer which has resulted in the developer amending the scheme and meeting the CC's initial objections.

Ryder Cup: The impact of the Park and Ride at Balado and the traffic management system has been discussed with the CC and the community.

Crook Moss community acquisition: A sub-group of some CC members and volunteers from the community was set up to explore the possibility of the community acquiring Crook Moss.

Community Consultation: PKC organised an event to discuss the LDP and its effect on Blairingone.

Green Routes: These have been introduced in various parts of the district.

In addition to these specific issues, there have been a significant number of planning applications, together with an increasing number of issues, which the CC has been consulted on, extensive correspondence and a large number of meetings to attend.

The emphasis coming from the Scottish Executive is increasing community involvement and empowerment of communities. The Scottish Executive's aim is to involve people at all age levels in the community but it is extremely difficult for people with busy working lives to become involved to the level envisaged.

The concept is laudable but in my view it is not easily achievable through voluntary bodies such as CCs. The current workload is significant and increasing, therefore any further major increase will not be dealt with effectively with the current structure.

Thank you to my fellow councillors for their support and for the significant efforts they have made in dealing with their portfolios and attending external meetings. Thanks also to our local Councillors Barnacle, Cuthbert, Giacomazzi and Robertson for their support and assistance to the CC on numerous occasions. Our local MP Gordon Banks has also provided support and assistance to the CC.

Secretary's Report

I have now settled into the role of Secretary, and have got a system of how I deal with all the work. Basically I have to deal with it as it happens, and not let it build up. Fortunately as I work from home I am more or less able to do this.

We have had a really busy year and have had a substantial increase in the amount of correspondence, and meetings attended.

Over the past year I have dealt with 1137 (916 last year) incoming emails, and have sent out 585 (471 last year). I also ran off 1828 (1576 last year) prints for the correspondence, and agendas etc. This is an increase of approximately 20%. When you include phone calls and meetings it soon adds up to a fair bit of work.

Streamlining the way we do the correspondence at the meetings has been a great success, although I fail to see why I have to print it all out, as very rarely does anyone ever look at it. But rules are rules.

This year I have tried to lobby PKC to cut out the amount of spam emails we receive, and also to remove much of the

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inane blurb that is at the foot of all their correspondence. I have had some success, in that any correspondence does not have all the copied recipients listed in the email, cutting out half a page, we also have had the Ryder Cup logo removed, but not a lot happening with the spam. I'm still waiting on more feedback on that one.

I will keep looking at the processes we have to follow as a CC, and try to make things easier and less laborious and tedious for both the members and the public, to make our meetings run smoother and make them a more pleasurable experience.

Sandy thanked Kevin for all his hard work.

Treasurer's Report

The annual accounts were approved and signed off.

The closing cash balance for the year was £291.83, including accruals for outstanding creditors. Major expenses during the year included £245.84 for accommodation and £127.96 for secretarial expenses. In line with new PKC guidelines, ongoing funded for the CC will be capped at £700. The Chair thanked Rod for stepping in to do the accounts at the last minute.

Confirmation of Office Bearers

The Office Bearers all resigned from their current posts, and new post holders are as follows:

Sandy Morrison, Chairperson (proposed by K Borthwick, seconded by T Duffy-Wigman). **Kevin Borthwick, Secretary** (proposed by T Duffy-Wigman, seconded by R Paterson). **Rod Paterson, Treasurer and IT** (proposed by K Borthwick, seconded by A Lavery). **Alastair Lavery, Planning** (proposed by K Borthwick, seconded by S Morrison (Note: Alastair will only be in this post for three months until a substitute is found.)) **Graham Pye, Minute Secretary** (proposed by K Borthwick, seconded by S Morrison). **Trudy Wigman-Duffy, Vice Chair and Deputy Secretary** (proposed by A Lavery, seconded by K Borthwick). **Angus Cheape, Deputy Planning and Community Office** (proposed by S Morrison, seconded by K Borthwick).

Date of Next AGM: 5 May 2015.

News from the June Meeting

In attendance at the meeting held on 3 June 2014 were: CCllrs A Lavery (acting chair), K Borthwick and G Pye; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi and twelve members of the public. Apologies were received from CCllrs A Cheape, T Duffy-Wigman, S Morrison, R Paterson, P&K Cllr W Robertson and PC Stapleton.

Declarations of interest: none.

Community policing: Report received. No crimes to report this month. Cllr Barnacle has been given "No Cold Calling" posters and stickers by PKC's Janet Ray, which are available at Crook Post Office amongst other places.

Unpaid work team: Arek Nowrotek of the Criminal Justice Service is researching possible projects and will report at the August meeting of this CC.

The Rumbling Bridge hydro scheme is currently on hold. Hugh Wallace explained that this is pending completion of agreements with affected landowners. Twelve have agreed, however the remaining one is currently selling his property and is unable to commit at the moment. SSE have now proposed a more acceptable grid connection charge due to reduction in use by others in the area.

Blairingone war memorial: Cllr Barnacle reported that the site is now surveyed and ready. Formal order will be issued shortly and work should start at the end of June, finished by end of July.

Crook Moss travellers' site: Cllr Cuthbert reports that there has been no progress on the enforcement actions.

Glenquey Quarry: Tayside Geodiversity's survey suggests that the quarry should have a geological designation.

Glen Devon pollution incident: Jim Dixon called Kevin to explain that if it's a Public Health issue then the health authority takes over, and they may not have realised which areas were affected. A recent event at Glenfarg was handled more efficiently.

Community Workshop on Blairingone: A follow on meeting has been proposed by PKC for the end of August, however it would be better to have the plan that Johnny Stewart is preparing to discuss first.

Bus Investment Fund: The Muckhart and West Kinross-shire Demand Responsive Transport (DRT1) service started on 2 June. Andrew Warrington (PKC Public Transport Manager) explained the background of the DRT1 service. Funding is currently in place for the next three years, but Andrew is optimistic that this could be extended if the scheme is successful. Booklets describing the service are available throughout the area, and on various websites. Although the current area of operation is defined, it may be possible to alter or extend the area as the scheme develops. (See also article on p. 14.)

Waulkmill Play Park: Detailed proposals for refurbishment of the park have been prepared and appear to be satisfactory. Comments from the community are welcome.

Lambhill chipping plant: Cllr Cuthbert reports that PKC Environmental Health are awaiting further noise measurements before a decision is made. Meanwhile there has been no progress on the planning application which has now been agreed to be based on an invalid precedent.

Crook Moss acquisition: No activity at the moment, as the land is not currently on the market. The sub committee will reconvene to discuss possible funding and potential uses of the ground.

Ryder Cup traffic planning: Kevin contacted PC Euan Mitchell who informed him that it's proposed to impose a temporary 40mph speed limit on the A91 from Milnathort to Cambo. Currently there is no plan to have a 30mph limit in Cambo itself, although this was thought to be a good idea by those present.

Dunning Glen rubbish and vandalism: Sgt Sandra Williams has been contacted – she thought it wasn't worth reviving the multi agency meeting that she was previously responsible for. Meanwhile the Police will give the area as



much attention as they can. Cllr Barnacle suggested that a possible meeting should be sought with landowners, council officials, and interested community parties to investigate a possible purchase of the land from the landowners, and also to discuss whether doing this would solve the problem. Suggestions to address this issue are welcome.

Perth and Kinross Credit Union: Steven Young explained this. (See article, p. 11.)

Lay-bay at end of Aldie Road: Although the pile of waste has been cleared up, there is still plenty of rubbish there from various works.

Fossoway Church Graveyard: A member of the public commented about the state of this, which has now been addressed.

Local Landscape Designation Review: Consultants are preparing a proposal for this scheme that replaces the Area of Great Landscape Value designation.

Kinross-shire CC Workshop: Sandy, Kevin and Alastair attended this meeting which described how the Planning Department will operate under the new Development Plan, and how CCs can best communicate with the Planning Department.

Councillors' reports: As part of a Scotland-wide review of Council sizes it's been proposed that the number of P&K Councillors be reduced by one. Could this affect our ward? Cllr Giacopazzi says that it was discussed but any proposal to reduce our local representation would be strongly rejected.

Planning Matters

14/00764/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, 24 West Crook Way, Crook of Devon. No CC comment.

14/00748/IPL Renewal of permission (11/00600/IPL.) Erection of four dwelling houses with associated Class 4 business use development (in principle) at Plot 3, Land South of Craigton Farm Road, Rumbling Bridge. No CC comment.

Green Knowe Wind Farm: Scottish Power have contacted Auchterarder CC with a view to expanding this site, but neither Muckhart CC nor this CC have been consulted about the proposal. This CC will write to Scottish Power and request inclusion in the consultation.

Correspondence

All correspondence was available for viewing. The Kinross Newsletter is now on Facebook.

Draft Agenda for next CC Meeting (5 August)

- Welcome and apologies.
- Declarations of interest.
- Community policing.
- Minutes of last meeting.
- Matters arising.
- Community Councillors – meetings attended.
- P&K Councillors' reports.
- Planning.
- Correspondence.
- AOCB.

There will be NO MEETING in July.

The Next Meeting of Fossoway & District CC will take place on Tuesday 5 August at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall. All welcome.

Fossoway & District CC Meeting Dates for 2014-15

2014:	5 August	Cambo Village Hall
	2 September	Fossoway Primary School
	7 October	Blairingone Primary School
	4 November	Powmill, Moubray Hall
	2 December	Fossoway Primary School
2015:	6 January	Blairingone Primary School
	3 February	Fossoway Primary School
	3 March	Blairingone Primary School
	7 April	Cambo Village Hall
	5 May	Fossoway Primary Sch (AGM)
	2 June	Powmill, Moubray Hall

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Cleish and Blairadam CC

News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 2 June 2014 were: CCllrs R Kitchin, F MacGregor, H Somerville, N Robertson and J Moore; P&K Cllrs M Barnacle, D Cuthbert and J Giacomazzi and eleven members of the community. Apologies were received from P Fraser, R Jeffrey and M Traylor.

The potholes had been repaired through Cleish; many thanks to the roads department.

Crime prevention: There was no police officer in attendance. The submitted report did not identify any local activity. A general notice to be aware of bogus callers and workmen was included.

Correspondence

- **Local Landscapes:** E-mail requesting online feedback for the new designation (to replace the current AGLV). The CC asked members of the local community to visit the site and submit their views.
- **Art exhibition** invitation.
- **Credit Union:** Happy to attend a meeting. (*See p. 11.*)
- **Local Development Plan** has now been adopted and published. Copies can be found on-line, at libraries and the campus. The CC also has a CD.
- **Road closure** notification: B9097 in June (2 weeks).
- **Right of Way:** A potential purchaser of Cleish manse has written to the CC and asked if he can present his views on the current right of way (also designated a Core Pathway) alongside the Manse. It was agreed to hear his views later in the meeting.

C&B Website: There has been an increase from 51 to 77 'hits' per day during May. There are only six subscribers for the CC Newsletter and so we still need to do a paper version delivery to all residents.

Village update - Blairadam

New quotes are being obtained for noticeboards.

Keltybridge: this still requires repair. It is on the list to be included in the budget for this year.

There have been no more cases of underage drinking or drug use.

There was a fatal accident at Kinnaird. There have been a few accidents on this road, and therefore is there some requirement for traffic calming to help prevent future accidents. It was suggested that we should try and propose a similar 'walk round' at Blairadam as we have done with considerable success in Cleish. Nigel Robertson, Ron Kitchin and Mike Barnacle to liaise over this.

Cllr Barnacle discussed that whilst the Green Routes Initiative pilot trial appears to be successful, there is still more survey work needed on the many other proposed sites.

Verge cutting: Cllr Giacomazzi advised that there is this year money in the budget for two cuts rather than last year's one cut. This was agreed to be an excellent result.

Tayside Biodiversity Partnership has offered to come and talk to our community about possible projects, including funding options. We will invite them to attend the next CC meeting.

Village update - Cleish

We are all very pleased with the Roads department response and improvement in Cleish, although some concern still remains about the drains and future flooding and pot hole formation again.

There was a reply regarding the flooding in the dips all along the B9097. An initial suggestion of safety signs is a good idea whilst promoting more discussion about an actual solution between PKC and the local landowners.

The white lines need to be repainted after the corrective road works. (Contact Gary McConnell.)

Finance

Unaudited figures for the year ending 31/3/2014.

Income: £528.32. Expenses: £214.50. Opening Balance: £1616.10. Closing Balance: £1970.92.

Planning

The CC welcomed Mr Lorne Watson, a potential purchaser of The Manse. He advised that there is currently a potential issue with any purchase of The Manse: the Right of Way (also designated a Core Pathway) runs down the side of The Manse, across the Glebe and down to the playing fields. He asked if the community would consider supporting the moving of this RoW to the other side of the fence into the glebe field to access it directly from the car park, rather than alongside The Manse. The other option, which was dismissed by both Mr Watson and the community, was to remove trees and the existing hedgerow to move the current path further from the house. If it is possible to get a consensus between the Church Elders, a purchaser and the community, there could then be a possible solution presented to the PKC Access Officer for re-routing the pathway.

Mr Watson answered questions, and reported that he envisaged making an offer to purchase the corner of the Glebe field directly behind the Manse. A comment was made that a local resident would not want to see a gate at the end of the Manse driveway (at the road end).

Mr Watson was thanked for his attendance.

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Further discussion included concern about future development of the corner of the Glebe field, whether or not the new access pathway should be fenced off, hard cored and access for the Council grass cutting machinery. It was agreed that the CC would reply that, in principle, they were happy to consider moving the current Right of Way but then the specific plans would have to be presented and agreed at a later date.

New Applications

14/00791/FLL Removal of condition 3 (occupancy) at Millwood Cleish: pending.

14/00773 & 00774/FLL Deletion of conditions 1 and 2 (time and reinstatement) at Active Treescape Ltd – asking for permanent retention of shed and hardstandings. Whilst there was concern voiced about long-term development of this site, in particular to another uncontrolled local development, it is not possible to comment to PKC about possible future development of a site, just the current application.

Ongoing Applications (details on the website).

- 14/00554/FLL Ryebog Cottage: approved.
- 14/00444/FLL Station House, Blairadam: approved.
- 14/00542/FLL Bridge House: approved.
- 14/00628/FLL Stables at Beauford Paddock: pending.
- 14/00576/FLL Tollhouse, Cleish: approved.
- 13/02264/FLL Demolition of garage and erection of a dwellinghouse at Hillview, Cleish: this was refused by the reporter.

Cllr Barnacle commented that there has been further new fencing at Greenacres, which is outside the new Settlement Boundary. An Enforcement Officer has visited and was told that it was a garden area for children – there is now another new chalet there.

He reported that there is still overwhelming concern about continued lack of control on this site – and still no answer on phosphate mitigation at this and other sites that keep submitting retrospective applications.

Outh Muir Windfarm: There is likely to be an appeal to this refused application. The landscape review does take into consideration neighbouring boundaries, which therefore does extend into the Outh Muir area.

Other Business

Some seats have been removed from Keltybridge. Plots 27A has been accepted at the DMC. It is not possible to appeal to this decision on planning merit, only if there is concern that due process hasn't been followed. At the DMC meeting, the application was decided on the HICP as opposed to PM4, which should have superseded it. It was unfortunately agreed that we are unlikely to get any further with this – but this is yet another local issue where the views of the local community have not been listened to.

Ron Kitchin and Patty Fraser attended a meeting with PKC Planning Officers about Communication. They were under the impression that it was to be regarding communication with PKC – however it was instead about how to communicate better with the community. It was not a productive meeting at all, and there was a unanimous show of hands at the meeting that all Cllrs felt undervalued by PKC and were very frustrated about the lack of weight given to their views and opinions.

The CC has previously written to the Church regarding either purchase or long-term loan of the Glebe for community use. It was suggested from the floor that we should re-establish this enquiry.

The Next Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 4 August 2014 at 7.30pm at the Tabernacle Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam CC minutes are posted on the website
www.cleishandblairadam.org.uk



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Club & Community Group News

Kinross and District Pipe Band



Well the band is into the full swing of the competing season again, having already taken part in five contests so far and notching up at least 'podium' finishes at every one. Most recently they took first place in the Grade 4 March, Strathspey and Reel at the Strathmore Highland Games in June, in the beautiful grounds of Glamis Castle. Adding to the band's haul of trophies was Drum Major, Mike Spain, who won his event against two seasoned competitors, both of whom have been competing – and winning – such events for many years. Well done, Mike!



Drum Major Mike Spain with first place trophy from Strathmore

The end of June will have seen the band take part in the European Championships up in Forres, and this month they will once again appear during all three days of T in the Park – a particular favourite for all band members, who this year will be able to take in the, now legendary, Red Hot Chillie Pipers shortly after the band finishes playing on the Sunday! July will be rounded off by competing at the Scottish Championships in Dumbarton, and then onto a very busy month again in August.

The band has a healthy number of learners on both pipes and drums right now, but we are particularly on the lookout for some more experienced pipers at present to consolidate and boost the competing corps. If you live in Kinross or the surrounding area and feel you could help, we would love to hear from you! For all enquiries, please contact Nigel Kellett on 07801 182283, email nigelpipes@gmail.com or visit the website www.kinross-pipe-band.co.uk

Kinross Garden Group

Kinross Garden Group enjoyed a day at Belsay Quarry Garden in Northumberland with good weather on Thursday 12 June. The next outing is to Dunkeld and to Easter Meikle Fardle on **Thursday 17 July**.



Kinross-shire 50 Plus Club



The July meeting will be held on **Thursday 3 July** at 2pm in the Millbridge Hall. The speaker at the meeting will be Jean Black who will talk to us about the Enkuthazweni Centre School for Children (South African Food Garden Project).

The speaker at the June meeting was the Reverend Alan Reid of the Parish Church who gave us an interesting talk of his meeting with the Royal Family when he preached at Crathie Church whilst staying at Balmoral Castle as a guest of the Queen.

Away Day July 2014: This will be on **Thursday 10 July** to the Fife Coast. There is only one away day in July due to the non-availability of a driver for 24 July.

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

Club Annual Outing: This year the outing will be to Lindisfarne on **6 July**, followed by high tea at the Carfrae Mill Hotel, Lauder. So far we have 31 persons attending but we are looking for more; consequently this outing is still open to non-members. The cost of this outing, dependent on the total number booked, will be advised as soon as possible and will be collected at the July meeting. The coach will depart from the Bank at Milnathort at 8.50am and from opposite the Green Hotel, Kinross at 9am prompt. Contact Pat Crawford: 01577 862962.

Friday Walkers

4 July Lochore Meadows
18 July A Devilla Woods circular
 Contact: Ian Simpson 01577 863691.

Friday Hill Walkers

11 July	Lomond Tour	Anne	8.30
25 July	Torlun Wood	Anne	8.30
8 Aug	Gargunnoch Hills	Richard	8.30

Activities

The following activities are open to all members of the Club.

The Craft Group meets each Wednesday at 2pm until 3pm in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Elizabeth Smith 01577 861387.

The Line Dancers swing and sway every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am in the Millbridge Hall. Contact: Betty Fergus 01577 866961.

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

Fly Tyers: Now finished for the summer. Contact: Ian Campbell for details 01577 830582.

Keep-Fit is now finished for the summer. Contact Val Oswald 01577 864020.

Carpet Bowling is now finished for the summer. Contact: Helen Duncan 01577 863638.

Club Correspondents

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

Kinross in Bloom

Annual General Meeting

Kinross in Bloom held their Annual General Meeting in the Church Centre, Kinross, on Wednesday 11 June.

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved, proposed by Derek Lawrence, seconded by Jean Beveridge.

The Chairman gave a comprehensive report on the year's activities indicating that it had been a good year for the Bloom – the polytunnel finally came into its own – the floral displays about town – the delivery of the new pick-up truck – all had come together to make a well run group.

The Chairman was thanked for all his efforts.

The Treasurer reported a fairly healthy bank balance, even after the large purchases during the year, and the 200 Club still manages to give four prizes each month. The audited accounts were duly signed off.

The new committee is as follows: Chairman: Derek Lawrence, Vice Chair: Marion Todd, Secretary: Iain Todd, Treasurer: Aileen Sorbie.

Monthly report

By now our summer flowers have been planted out in their basket barrels and planters, and are beginning to come on well.

A big thank you to the Round Tablers who did the heavy work in lifting the baskets into position around town; their help was invaluable. You are booked again for October, lads!

It was also great to see our new pick-up truck demonstrating what it was bought for. Loaded with baskets, the truck and trailer took only two journeys to complete the whole operation, and in only one hour all the baskets were in position.

Since the polytunnel is now cleared of all plants, a tidy up is on the cards before preparation for seed sowing of our spring plants – hey ho, work goes on.

Our pick-up truck has now been transformed into a watering machine, and no doubt will be seen around town in command of one of our volunteer drivers. Watering should be easier this year.

Should you wish to sponsor a basket or barrel this year, it is not too late; our treasurer Aileen Sorbie will be only too pleased to hear from you. Her phone number is 01577 861477.

The 200 Club winners for June are:

1. No. 9 Mrs T Bowstead
 2. No. 12 Mr & Mrs R Cathro
 3. No. 41 Mrs J McAtear
 4. No. 50 Mr G Milburn
- Congratulations to all winners.

The date of our next meeting is **Wednesday 16 July**, in the Church Centre, Kinross.



Kinnesswood in Bloom

June has been a busy month, with villagers working hard to prepare for the Best Village competition and the Portmoak Festival. Letters have been delivered to Friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom and many donations have already been received.

Villagers and passing motorists may have noticed mini golfers appearing in the main street and throughout the village. Our first model, made by P7 at Portmoak Primary School, helped by some crafting ladies, represents Old Tom Morris. These are part of our Ryder Cup art project. Some of the models have been left in their original state but most have been dressed as old or new golfers. You can have fun guessing who they might be. Old golf bags are being used as planters, filled with plants in the Ryder Cup colours. You may have to look harder to find the golfer in the Burn Garden trying to get his ball out of the water hazard. Spot the golf birds and beasts, bees in the Bee Garden, frogs in the school pond and the burn, birds in the Cottage Garden trees and ants in the planters. They are all made from old golf balls. Have fun looking. There will be a competition later for the bairns. Our hanging baskets will be up for the Portmoak Festival and this year we have our own bunting made by the Community Group at the school.

The school's raised beds are looking good. The school grounds group have worked hard this year, digging, planting, cutting back and keeping diaries of all their activities. We wish them well for their summer holidays. June has indeed been a busy month of delivering flyers, weeding, cleaning, planting, sewing, painting and making sure we are litter free. Many thanks to all who have helped. We look forward to a slightly quieter time in July.



Kinnesswood in Bloom's charming decorations to celebrate the Ryder Cup

Recipe

supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Strawberry Yogurt Cake

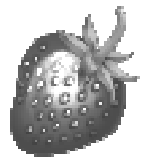
Ingredients

- 170 g strawberries
- 150 ml vegetable oil
- 150 ml plain or strawberry yogurt
- 110 g caster sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 225 g self raising flour

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Measure out oil and yogurt into a bowl. Add eggs and the caster sugar. Chop the strawberries on top of the mixture. Mix the contents, just breaking up the strawberry chunks a bit.

Pour on top of the flour and mix it quickly together. Pour into a 2lb loaf tin or equivalent. Cook for about 30 minutes. To make the icing, mix all the ingredients together with a fork or whisk. Drizzle on top of your cake and decorate with more strawberries if you want.



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Kinross Radio Model Flying Club

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As I sit here typing, it has just hit me that we are now half way through the year! How time flies (no pun intended). KRMFC have had a busy few months: these have seen the maintenance at the flying site in full swing with grass cutting, painting and all sorts going on.

With decent enough weather we have had a good rise in attendance, both fixed wing and helicopter buzzing around at weekend and even at nights as the daylight is on our side at this time of year.

We still have plenty of spaces if you fancy taking up the hobby – just pop along and see us and we can get you up for a trial flight with either the trainer plane or the trainer helicopter.



Reach for the skies!

The club has plenty of spaces if you fancy taking up the hobby.

On 1st June we had the first of our yearly events, with a good attendance and a wide variety of model planes on display. Flying got underway from 08:30 right through till about 16:00 when the heavens decided to open. Nonetheless, a great day was had by all, with only a few crashes. We had a flyby from the microlights from Balado and also Skydive St Andrews brought proceedings to an end with three parachutists coming in at about 16:30. Lots of comments from our visitors on how good our flying site looks, so a big well done to those who made it look that way.

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club have members that will happily attend any events. These are in the form of a static display where people can come and have an up-close look at our models and more importantly have a chat to the experts, so if you have organised an event such as a fête or a show and would like us to come along and fill in a space, then feel free to contact us through our club website or come down to see us at the flying site.

*Billy Dunn
Secretary, KRMFC*

Milnathort Town Hall Association

50/50 Draw

May

1st: A Smith 2nd: M Longstaffe 3rd: S Britton

June

1st: D Brown 2nd: S Britton 3rd: B Tolson

Kinross Boys Brigade

It is going to be a busy summer for Kinross BB with a record number of bookings for their white marquee tents. Three senior members, George Dick, Andrew Jack and Lewis Mackenzie were presented with their Queen's Badges at a special ceremony held in Stirling. All members are looking forward to their annual summer camp, travelling by coach and ferry to Perth's twin town of Aschaffenburg, leaving on Saturday 28 June and returning on Monday 7 July.

BB resumes on the first **Friday of September**; Anchors (boys and girls in P1, 2 & 3 at 6pm), Juniors (boys and girls in P4, 5 & 6 at 7pm) and Company (boys and girls from P7 to S6 at 7pm). The Company meets at Kinross Church Centre.



Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

The annual weekend away took place in May. This year we had record numbers attending. Camera club members and partners visited Kingussie this year, and enjoyed visiting the Highland Folk Museum, the Highland Wildlife Park, Loch an Eilean and beyond. A couple of members even got up with the break of dawn to photograph ospreys. The weekend was enjoyed by all as a social event with excellent evening meals served by the hotel and opportunity to chat over after dinner drinks. The summer events continue with members meeting at 6.30pm on Thursday evenings to head out to various locations, weather dependent.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, please visit our website or contact the secretary, sallyroberts100@hotmail.com



Kinross Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

The AGM of the KVG was held in the Day Centre on 28 May. Ken Paterson remains as Chair and Mike Thomson was elected as Vice Chair. Eleanor Campbell and Iris Raitt were elected as Committee members. Thanks to Heaven Scent for providing the catering.

We are the chosen local charity this year by Dobbies and must thank Amanda James, who is the Community Champion for Dobbies in Kinross, for coming to the AGM and giving a very interesting talk. We had a successful day at Dobbies on 31 May with a jewellery table for bracelet making for children as well as collection tins and we must thank members of the public for being so generous. The Committee would also like to thank the volunteers who helped out: Edna Burnett, Anne Milburn, Mary Sneddon and Katie Thoms.

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2014 Programme of Events

Antiques, Vintage, Retro and Collectors Fair – Saturday

9 August: There will be buying, selling and valuations given. Admission will be from 9.30am – 4.00pm with entry fee of £1 per person. For exhibitors booking please contact: Angus on 07944 416565.

1940s Vintage Day – Saturday 23 August

Turn back time at Vintage Day with free public admission from 12 noon – 5pm. This will be held in the campus and on the sports pitches. It will be a fun day out for all of the family, including a wonderful display of Scottish Military Vintage Vehicles, 40s Displays and Activities, Beer Tent, Pathé Newsreel Screenings, Vintage & Craft Fair, Community Stalls, Activities for the whole family including a Bouncy Castle and Sports Activities from Live Active Leisure. 40s dressing up is encouraged, so let your imagination run wild. As part of Vintage Day for a small charge there will also be two sessions of 40s style dancing during the day, with Afternoon Tea and BBQ available. If your local group, club or charity would like a free stall at Vintage Day, please let us know as soon as possible. Businesses can hire an outside stall space for £10 (you have to bring your own stall) or there will be other stall/table options available. If you would like more information about the booking of any type of stall, please contact Gerry McGregor at the campus (see above).

Other Events for 2014

Sun 17 Aug	Kinross Cycling Club - 3 Man Time Trial
Sun 7 Sep	Kinross Cycling Club – Road Race
Sat 13 Sep	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Fri 19 Sep	Health, Wellbeing & Pamper Evening
Fri 26 Sep	RSPB – “Loch Leven: The Big Picture”
Sat 27 Sep	RSPB – “Loch Leven: The Big Picture”
Sat 11 Oct	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Sat 1 Nov	Indoor Table Top Sale
Sat 8 Nov	Antiques & Collectors Fair
Fri 14 Nov	Winter Festival - Kinross-shire's Got Talent
Sat 15 Nov	Winter Festival - Iain Hunter and The Eliot Murray Big Band Concert
Sun 16 Nov	Winter Festival - Choirs Together Concert
Fri 21 Nov	Author Talk – Val McDermid
Sat 22 Nov	Winter Festival - Eddi Reader Concert
Sat 6 Dec	Christmas Festival & Craft Fair
Sat 13 Dec	Antiques & Collectors Fair

For more details on any of the above events, please see Loch Leven Community Campus Events Facebook page. It is a great way to get the latest updates on all that is going on at the campus.

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Health, Wellbeing & Pamper Evening - Friday 19

September: If you or your group or business would like to take part in this event please contact Gerry McGregor – details as above.

Ideas for Events

If you have any ideas or suggestions for any events you would like to see at the campus, comment on previous events, or can think of ways to improve on the ones we are already doing then please get in touch – we look forward to hearing from you. If you are a group, organisation or individual who is thinking of holding any type of event, then please do contact Gerry McGregor (contact details above) who can offer advice and support if needed.

Campus Survey

So that we can see what we are doing well or how we can improve on stuff that is not so good, the new 2014 Campus User Survey is now available for all to complete <http://pkc.Loch-Leven-Campus-Users-2014.sgizmo.com/s3/> Copies are also available at Campus Reception so make your views known and tell us what you think.

Future Events

Information regarding all other events will be published in due course.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

Everyone at the Day Centre is extremely pleased and grateful to have received another grant from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, one of the leading grant-giving trusts in the country. The grant will help with the running of the mini-buses which are so important to our service users for enabling them to come to the Centre. Early in May, we were happy to loan out one of the mini-buses to the residents of Whyte Court who enjoyed a barge trip at Ratho. Our AGM was well attended on 27 May. The trustees were able to report another successful year for the Day Centre. Our monthly themed lunches continued with an American lunch – Jim McNaulty provided excellent musical entertainment in the afternoon.

We are now offering a new opportunity for our service users to be transported to the library on a monthly basis. At our first visit, Meg and Mary showed us around and explained what the modern library has to offer.

We have had an initial meeting with Citizen Science Pilot Project, which aims to engage the public in observing wildlife and recording information. Spring is a very good time to observe wildlife in our own gardens as the summer-visiting birds are so busy building nests and raising their young.

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

Inner Wheel

The Inner Wheel meeting in May was our AGM when a new committee was elected.

At our June meeting we had an excellent evening with Liz Chalmers from Dunfermline, who brought a selection of scarves with her and showed us different ways to tie a scarf. We tried to match her skills and presentation with some interesting results.

The meeting concluded with the hand over to the new President, Fiona Mapp.



Rotary Club of Kinross & District



Club member Graham Cox, who holds the army rank of Lieutenant Colonel, provided a very interesting insight into the British army's involvement in the security arrangements for this year's Commonwealth Games. He also took the opportunity to promote the Military's major event of the year, Armed Forces Day, to be held in Stirling on 28 June and which promises to be quite a spectacle with displays from all three services.

Trams are currently in the news, and the study of those from bygone years is the hobby of retired Dunfermline policeman, George Beattie, whose talk and slide show was greatly enjoyed. Dunfermline's Electric Trams operated from 1909 to 1937, with the main city network constructed in only five months. (Edinburgh, take note!) Few of those present were aware that the lines were gradually expanded to cover routes to Townhill, Lochgelly, Kelty and Cowdenbeath, where the original depot is still in use for buses.

Our next speaker's subject covered a different form of transport, when Liz Pottie from Balado spoke about the love of horses she had developed as her family were growing up in Northern Ireland. Involvement in equestrian events followed, with her dedication and knowledge of all aspects of the sport eventually leading to her appointment as one of the sport's leading technical officials travelling to officiate at major events all over the world.

The first meeting in May was the Annual Club Assembly, when President Elect, Eric Williamson and Council members for 2014/15 outlined their plans and projects for the coming Rotary year. Also at that meeting, another new member was inducted by President Carolyne Poller. Brian Timms, a retired engineer who lives in Kinross, became the ninth addition to the Club in the last two years. Club membership is now at its highest level for many years, a fact that was commented on by Assistant District Governor, Ann Mitchell, in her closing remarks.

25 Rotarians and family members paid a visit to the latest equine works of art, The Kelpies, on the outskirts of Falkirk. A guided tour provided the added benefit of entry to the interior of one of the magnificent creations, the construction of which greatly impressed the engineers in the company.



President Carolyne Poller welcomes new member, Brian Timms. Also shown are Rotary Assistant District Governor Ann Mitchell, and Club Secretary Neil Maclure, Brian's proposer

Plans for a Loch Leven Charity Relay Cycling event proposed for 13 September, and referred to in the last Newsletter, have unfortunately had to be shelved, and club members' energies will now be directed to the other summer lochside event being planned for Sunday 31 August. In conjunction with KLEO, the second Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza will take place in the Kirkgate Park from 12 to 5pm that day. (See also pages 58 and 99.) The Club meets on Monday evenings at the Windlestrae Hotel at 6pm for a meal at 6.30pm.

For more information, contact Secretary Neil Maclure at neil.maclure19@gmail.com

Common Grounds



When you read this, the school holidays will be upon us and hopefully the weather will be kind to the pupils and their families who are holidaying in Scotland or the United Kingdom. Whether you are holidaying home or abroad should you wish to stock up on some very reasonable, in good condition, second hand books then look no further than the bookshelves of Common Grounds. Our next project lunch is anticipated to be in September and we will let you know the details as soon as we can so you can reserve the date in your diary.

Project: Our projects for June and July will be chosen at our next Volunteers' meeting on 24 June, so information about them will be in the August issue of the Newsletter.

Donate to Common Grounds on MyDonate.Com and find out more on our **new** website: commongroundscfe.wordpress.com

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

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

Kinross-shire 41 Club



Kinross-shire 41 Club met for the first meeting of the new season under their recently elected Chairman, Robert Mitchell, on Wednesday 28 May. Their speaker was Gillian Galbraith, a local crime writer who spoke of her previous careers which included journalism, the law and now crime writing. Her most recent thriller, "The Good Priest", features Kinross and she read an excerpt to us, just to whet our appetites for more. Gillian is an excellent speaker who captivated her audience with her amusing accounts leading up to her recent publication.

41 Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month (except July). If you have ever been in Round Table why not come along and join us from August onward? It is a social gathering, only without any active fund raising, and wives or partners are also welcome. We meet in the Kirklands Hotel for supper and normally have a speaker thereafter.

The current Chairman Robert, or Secretary/Treasurer Chris Willsher, would be happy to let you know more about our forthcoming programme.

Contacts as well as programme details can be found on our website at www.kinross-shire41club.org.uk or call Robert on 07919 255197.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

It's the height of summer – wonderful for walking. Come out, enjoy yourself and meet new people. Whether you're new, returning to walking or a regular walker, try out a walk or two to see if you'd like to join us. You will be made very welcome.

Sunday 6 July Newburgh and Ormiston Hill - 6 miles.

A scenic hill climb above this pleasant Georgian town with a return along the banks of the Tay.

Saturday 19 July Ceres to Scotstarvit - 6 miles.

Walk with excellent views along 18th Century ridge road thence through pleasant grounds of Hill of Tarvit.

In case it turns cold and wet, you do need appropriate clothing, including boots and waterproofs. Bring water and a packed lunch and warm drink too.

For further details and where to meet us, please call our Group Secretary Jacqui Ritchie on 01577 866813.

Kinross & Ochil Short Walks Group

Kinross and Ochil Ramblers are a small, friendly, well-established group of about 40 members who would like to introduce new people to the group and share some great walks in the local area with them. After discussions with Ramblers Scotland and the Perth and Kinross Health Walk Coordinator, Kinross & Ochil Ramblers decided to start a programme of fortnightly midweek short walks to complement their existing weekend walk programme.

These short walks are gently paced, easy walks which are generally no more than 4 miles long - any hilly sections can be tackled in short sections and are unlikely to pose difficulty for anyone who can manage a flight of stairs. They may appeal to those who enjoy walking but have limited free time, who cannot walk at the weekend or who are new to walking and keen to build up their fitness. The walks have taken the group to areas around Kinross and Dollar, usually no more than 30 minutes' drive. In doing this they have opened up new, local areas that their usual, longer walks don't take in.

Ben Glencross, Group Development Officer, joined their last walk. He said: "This walk demonstrated why walking with the Ramblers is such a fantastic experience. The company was excellent. Even people who had lived their lives in the area visited new places and there was a clear desire to do more with the group."

Kinross and Ochil Ramblers would like to invite you to come and try a short walk with them. They currently have walks planned for Falkland, Crook of Devon, Lochore Meadows and Gartmorn Dam. The group operates car-sharing but it is not essential to have a car. The next walks are:

Tuesday 1 July: Crook of Devon. Paths and tracks around the village. Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Lathro, Kinross *or* 10.20am at Crook of Devon Institute.

Tuesday 15 July: Gartmorn Dam Circuit. Meet 10am at old Health Centre, Lathro, Kinross *or* 10.30am at Visitor Centre, Gartmorn Dam.

For more information, please contact Edna Burnett on 01577 862977, via ednaburnett@fmail.net or mobile: 07946725074 (on morning of walks only) or **just turn up on the day – you will be very welcome.**

Potager Garden

www.potagergardenkinross



All of the vegetable beds at the garden are now fully planted, and the **school children have finished their programme of learning with us.** They will return after the holidays, for a harvest and tasting visit, and take some vegetables home with them. Our volunteers will look after the plants over the summer, watering, tying up, and protecting from pests, although sometimes the slugs and snails seem to be winning this year!

We have also moved the insect mansion and log piles within the garden, and finished planting in the sensory area. **If your group would like to arrange a visit to the garden,** please contact Amanda as below. We **would like to thank Brenda Inglis** who has given us a lovely ornamental tree, and a seat, in memory of her husband Bob, who was our treasurer for many years.

Our AGM in May went well, and we are pleased to welcome Teresa and Andrew Widd to our committee.



Duncan Bayne exploring the garden during the coffee morning for Marie Curie Cancer Care

We were lucky again to have a sunny morning for our **coffee morning** on 7 June, which raised £150 for **Marie Curie Cancer Care.** Many thanks to all who helped, and visited on the day, and we also had good plant sales. **Thank you to Sainsbury's and the Co-operative** for their donations towards the refreshments.

There is always plenty to do at the garden, and volunteer sessions will continue on Monday mornings from 10.30, over the summer.

Amanda James, Garden Convenor
01577 840809 amanda@tyafon.plus.com

Need Equipment for a Community Event?

Marquees, Gazebos, Chairs, Tables and more available to hire (or sometimes borrow).

Items are listed on www.kinross.cc at:

www.kinross.cc/equipment_hire/equipment.htm

If your community group has items it would be prepared to lend or hire out, please add them to the list.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



KLEO at Farm Open Day: Farmer Colin Dawes and family organised a super family out on Sunday 8 June. 811 people visited the farm that day! KLEO was involved in the arts and craft marquee and the coffee/tea stall. It was also a great opportunity for us to try out our new market stalls! We raised £602.10 for KLEO that day, which is fantastic! A great thank you to Colin Dawes and family and to everybody who supported us that day!

Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza in Kirgata Park Sunday 31 August, 12-5pm, Kirgata Park, Kinross (FREE EVENT): A great day out for the family with historical activities and re-enactment with horses and combat. We also hope to include music, a falconry display and plenty of other activities for the children.

Enter your team for the 'great escape' rowing boat competition organised by the Rotary Club on the loch that day! (See Notices, page 99.)



There will be a re-enactment with horses at the Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza

Messiah in a Day at Kinross-shire Winter Festival! Sing one of the most famous works of Handel, the 'Messiah', in one day with conductor Peter Rutterford and four professional soloists! We welcome all singers, whether experienced or beginners to sing in the choir. The rehearsal is during the day and anyone can come and enjoy this masterpiece at the performance in the evening! **Sunday 23 November**, from 2pm to 5pm, and the performance is at 7pm at the Kinross Parish Church. Cost are £15 for singers and £10 for audience at concert in evening. If interested in taking part, please e-mail your details to bouwien@kleo.org.uk

Other events at the Festival:

- **Eddi Reader** (supported by Alice Marra and Andrew Mitchell from the Hazey Janes), Sat 22 November, 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus.
- **Kinross-shire's Got Talent**, Friday 14 November, 7pm at the campus.
- **Iain Hunter and The Eliot Murray Big Band**, Saturday 15 November, 8pm at the campus.
- **Choirs Together**, Sunday 16 November, 7pm at the campus.

Tickets are for sale through the website, Milnathort Post Office, Macbeth Currie Estate Agent in Kinross and Hunters of Kinross (tickets Iain). For more information about the festival, visit www.kinrosswinterfestival.co.uk

Leven Voices: Leven Voices will have a summer stop but will start again on Tuesday 16 September, 7.30pm at the Kinross Parish Church.

For more information, please visit www.kleo.org.uk, email info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

Kinross Junior Agricultural Club

With summer upon us, our busy young farmer schedule shows no signs of slowing down. Since I last wrote, Kinross JAC has had a busy spell with many interesting meetings and visits. Some highlights include a guided tour around the large animal practice at the Edinburgh Royal Dick Vet School, where we saw first hand how their modern facilities are used to perform life saving procedures on both farm livestock and horses.

Another great visit just last month was a tour around the impressive facilities up at the Binn Farm where we were shown around the recycling plant where all our local blue lidded bins are emptied and sorted.

Competition-wise, our club has seen great success over the recent period. Highlights include winning overall boy and girl prizes, helping us to achieve second overall club at the Fife and Kinross District Field Day. Also at last week's West Fife Show, secretary Lynn Paterson and past chairman Ian Cullens cooked their way to the Highland Show by winning the east area Ready Steady Cook competition.

Next week (19-22 June) sees the highlight of our young farmers' year, with a week of fun and competitions at the Royal Highland Show. Members will be competing in a range of different activities, from stock judging to the aforementioned cooking competition. We wish all members good luck and hope they achieve great success against clubs from across the country.

Our next meeting is clay pigeon shooting at Athron Hall in early July. For more information, or if you would like to come along, please contact Angus Nelson on 07762 590066 or look for "Kinross JAC" on Facebook to keep up to date with all our club is up to.

Compassionate Corner

Through conversation with a friend, I heard a lovely story of compassion.

An organisation called **Balkan Underdogs** makes a difference to the lives of unwanted, injured and abandoned dogs in the Balkans. They are a group of volunteers who attempt to re-home Balkan street dogs in the UK and the EU. The dogs are spayed and given a passport and a clean bill of health, then a home is found for them. One young man in Scotland is eagerly awaiting the arrival of his dog. What a wonderful example of compassion in action.

I remember, as a very young girl, waking up one morning with flea bites. They were very itchy and sore and I was helping my mother search the bed for the offender. Not such a difficult task as in those days all sheets were white. What I wasn't going to do to that flea when I caught it! My mother sowed the first seed of compassion by remarking, "fleas have to live too, you know!" She sowed many more seeds of compassion throughout my life both by words and the way she behaved to all living things, both human and animal. Mothers are very powerful promoters of compassion and I hope I also sowed seeds in my own children.

P.S. We dispatched the flea humanely!

Lucille Henderson

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Music in Dollar

New concert season announced

Music in Dollar's season of concerts held in the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, are firm diary entries for many music lovers in and around our community. Staged by the Dollar Music Society, a not-for-profit organisation run by local volunteer enthusiasts, the concerts feature artists of international standing, performing music as diverse as jazz, folk, opera and classical and regularly attract audiences of up to 100.

Julian Reeves from Dollar Music Society said: "The artists we've asked to perform for us in this year's season are as varied as ever. We hope that we can encourage people to come along to listen to music they are familiar with – and perhaps try something new."

Thanks to the financial support the Society receives from Enterprise Music Scotland, the ticket prices are very reasonable, at just £10 on the door. Anyone in full time education can get in free of charge. Members of Dollar Music Society and season ticket holders receive additional discounts making the concerts even better value.

The Society can trace its roots back to the 1940s and was established to promote the arts in and around Dollar. Today, a small committee of hard-working music lovers continue that work, giving their time so that we can enjoy live music, right in the heart of their community.

Julian continued: "We're very lucky to have the use of the Gibson Hall and we're very grateful to Dollar Academy for allowing us to use it. The acoustics are great and parking, and access for the less able, is first class."

Most of the Music in Dollar Concerts are held on Saturday evening (details below) but as an experiment, one concert in the new season is being held on a Sunday afternoon to see if that encourages more people to go along.

Julian concludes: "All our concerts are very informal, and there's no need to be a member of the Society to come along and simply enjoy the music, so please come along if you haven't been before - and to our 'regulars' - welcome back for another season."

The 2014/15 Music in Dollar Season

Phillip Conti and his Be Happy Band - Jazz

Saturday 11 October 2014 at 7.30pm.

Phillip sings classic Italian and Neapolitan Songs, including songs from Italian American artists such as Louis Prima and Dean Martin. The Be Happy Band, five outstanding musicians, provides sympathetic and colourful accompaniment, with arrangements by Director of Music Dick Lee.

The Edinburgh Quartet String Quartet

Saturday 15 November 2014 at 7.30pm.

The Edinburgh Quartet has toured European countries and the USA, South America and many of the Caribbean islands as well as playing regularly behind the Iron Curtain, with tours of Poland, Russia, Yugoslavia, and the Baltic. More recently the Quartet has been working in the Middle East, Cyprus and Malta whilst continuing to perform in the most remote parts of Scotland.

Opera on a Shoestring - Opera

Sunday 18 January 2015 at 3pm.

Opera on a Shoestring does what it says in the tin. It's a small-scale professional company based in Glasgow, which offers concerts, usually by four singers and a pianist, of a wide variety of opera and operetta arias and ensembles. In

doing so, they bring the essence of opera into the heart of communities where full-scale productions would not be possible.

Whistlebinkies - traditional Scottish Folk

Saturday 21 February 2015 at 7.30pm.

The Whistlebinkies have built a world-wide reputation over 40 years for their approach to Scottish music - letting the power and beauty of the melodies shine while achieving a rich blend of the traditional instruments. With bellows blown pipes, harp and fiddle at the core of the sound, the colours of flute, concertina and, most recently, double bass enhance the harmonies and tunes.

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland members - brass ensemble, Saturday 21 March 2015 at 7.30pm.

Ten young players from the wealth of musicians studying at the Glasgow-based Royal Conservatoire of Scotland will be performing to bring the finest music ever written for brass.

Contact: Email: info@musicindollar.org.uk

Web: www.musicindollar.org.uk

Kinross Museum



Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, who have been helping people with their enquiries, we have received a number of generous donations, all of which help in developing the core activities of Kinross Museum for the benefit of the community. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, why not drop by the Museum Study Room in the Community Campus on a Thursday or Saturday and meet our existing volunteers to learn more about what we do? Alternatively send an e-mail to kinrossmuseum@live.co.uk

The Museum recently responded to a query from the great-great-granddaughter of Thomas Grainger and Margaret Murie, who emigrated to New Zealand in 1849. Margaret was a relative of the local Kinross worthy Katie Murie, who walked the streets with two baskets, one containing sweets, barley sugar and 'parliament cakes', the other filled with buttons, ribbons and needles for sale. She is said to have died in 1877 in a snowstorm between Milnathort and Kinross, only yards from where the Museum is now. The photo of Katie Murie below is in the Museum collection.



Katie Murie, 19thC seller of sweets and ribbons

Orwell Guides

Tracy Reid, Leader 1st Orwell Guides, was presented with her ten-year service award by District Commissioner Alison Hamilton. Congratulations, Tracy, from all the Guides!



The District Commissioner presents Tracy with her ten-year service award

1st Orwell

The weekend of 13-15 June sees four girls and two leaders going to London for Trooping of the Colours. The four girls are also doing their Baden Powell Award (the highest award for a Girl Guide). The weekend away in London will count as their Baden Powell Adventure weekend. I'm sure it will be a very tiring weekend with 10 hours either way on a bus, watching Trooping of the Colours and plenty of sightseeing, but a fantastic achievement for these girls. Well done!

2nd Orwell

2nd Orwell has been doing First Aid over the last two weeks. CPR, bandages, diabetes, epilepsy, recovery position, and wounds are just some of the many things we have been learning about. The girls were continually assessed and after successfully being able to show how to carry out CPR on an adult, child and baby have earned their First Aid badge. Congratulations to each one of you!



Lomond Antiques and Collectors Club



On 1st June members visited Glamis Castle. Most of us remembered it from Shakespeare and from our early history lessons so were prepared to be impressed and we were not disappointed. The castle was imposing and beautiful as it appeared at the end of a long drive. Our guide provided a lively and highly individual commentary on the various splendid rooms. She drew our attention to the many paintings and rare pieces of porcelain and furniture which were displayed.

We had the good fortune of sunny weather and explored the grounds and gardens to make a most enjoyable outing.

The AGM was held on 11 June. The chairman and treasurer gave reports on the past year. An appeal was made for members to be alive to any opportunity to invite interesting speakers to contribute to our programmes.

We were asked to complete the membership forms by 20 August so that the secretary can print the programmes.

Portmoak Community Woodlands

From the Portmoak Community Woodlands Steering Group

Dramatic developments are planned for Portmoak Moss in August. We are going to the next level of peat bog restoration by mulching the core area of the Moss.

Unfortunately, this means that the circular path round the Moss will be closed for most of August and both the steering group and Moss owners, the Woodland Trust Scotland, are sorry for the inconvenience. Other, informal paths in Portmoak Moss will remain open.

This isn't a case of 'health and safety gone mad'. The 'bog master mulching machine' requires a 100 metre safety exclusion zone when operating. Work is due to start on 1st August and continue for most of the month, including on Saturday mornings. The WT Scotland are hoping to open the circular path, temporarily, once the contractor has finished work on Saturdays until work resumes on Monday mornings. Some additional work is also planned on other parts of the site. There will be improvements throughout Portmoak Moss to sections of paths/steps and bridges as well as the cutting back of windblown trees. This means there will also be intermittent temporary closure to parts of the path network. Further information is available at the entrance to the Moss.

The reason for the mulching is that too many areas of the peat dome are remaining dry, despite damming the ditches and removing the birch and pine regeneration. We need to get rid of the tree stumps and other raised areas in order to make the central area as boggy as possible. Achieving true bogginess should also make it difficult for trees to grow back and improve conditions for bog-loving plants and insects.

The many creatures of the Moss haven't been forgotten. An environmental assessment has been done to ensure protection of the small population of red squirrels, while important breeding places for dragonflies and damselflies have been excluded from the working areas. Also, the timing of the work has been deliberately planned to commence at the end of the ground nesting bird season.

Scottish Natural Heritage have recommended the work and are supporting improvements to the raised bog habitat through their Green Stimulus Peatland Restoration Project. The Gannochy Trust are supporting the access works.

Meanwhile, can you help with some dirty digging? The Steering Group need some volunteer assistance in rescuing bucketfuls of sphagnum moss which we will store, ready for re-planting, once the mulching has been done. So if you'd like to spend a dirty Sunday morning scooping up moss, please join us at 11.30am on **27 July** at the Scotlandwell entrance to Portmoak Moss.

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Dobbies Community Champion

The **Little Seedlings Club** now have their own growing bed at the allotments behind the store, and at the beginning of June the children enjoyed planting lettuce seeds, and sunflowers, as well as runner beans sown last month, and the annual poppies are also coming up well. Four of our members also received gold certificates and a small gift for having attended the club for a whole year!

The next meeting, on **6 July** at 11am, again at the allotments, **will be about scented plants** which are used to make perfumes and other products, and we will be doing a scent trail around the store. This is free for accompanied children aged 4 to 10; **if you would like to come to the next meeting please leave a message for Amanda at Dobbies on 01577 863327.**



Children from Portmoak Primary School enjoying their growing after recent donations

At the **Grow your Own Day** on 17 May, children enjoyed some crafts, sowing seeds, and an edible plant trail round the store, learning about vegetables which can be grown in a greenhouse, outside, and easily from seed. Sunflowers, which they and Little Seedlings sowed are growing well, and will soon be planted outside the store, come along and see how tall they will grow by the end of the summer!

As well as groups coming into the store from schools, I visited **Cardenden School** and talked with the P1 pupils about plants and growing food, and they sowed cress seeds to take home. They asked a lot of interesting questions, like "what is the tallest plant in the world?" and sent me some lovely thank you pictures and letters afterwards.

We have a LOST TEDDY at the Garden Centre, who would like to find his owner! He is a Mothercare teddy, made of light blue fleece, about 20cm tall, and he was lost maybe during the Easter holidays. Please give us a ring if you think he may be yours. A **sum of cash** was also found in the car park on 9 June, and kindly handed in by a customer, again, contact the store for more information. For further information about any community activities or possible projects, contact Amanda James at Dobbies, 01577 863327, or at community.kinross@dobbies.com

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

May Draw

1st No. 57 Shona & Sion Matthews, Scotlandwell
 2nd No. 29 Bruce Calderwood, Glenlmond
 3rd No. 39 Esther Williamson, Scotlandwell

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Did You Know?

- The hall is a registered charity (SC026692) run by a committee of volunteers who live in and around the village.
- It can be hired by anyone on an hourly basis through Jean Shearer in the village shop (£20 per hour for one off events).
- It is used by various groups on a regular basis but to cover the annual running costs we have to fundraise.

Our next big fundraiser is an **Auction of Items and Promises on 13 September**. Doors open 6.30am.

Please support us in any way you can. Come along on the night with family and friends or donate something for auction. It could be anything from a homebaked chocolate cake to a few hours' grass cutting to a restaurant voucher or an activity day out. We'll take anything! The committee is working hard to get auction items and we already have, for example, a Family Day at Landmark, golf at Blairgowrie and golf at St Andrews, some babysitting, a children's disco, clay pigeon shooting and two different holiday homes for a week's stay abroad. Our target is to raise £3,000 so we really need everyone's support. Contact Michelle Wight to offer donation items, email crookofdevonhall@gmail.com or speak to any committee member. A list of current Hall committee members can be found on the Hall noticeboard. We will be updating the auction list as we go along. The latest version can be found on the hall website at www.crookofdevonhall.com. Entry to the auction is £5 per person on the door with complimentary wine and free entry into a prize draw to win a Kindle Fire HD.

Future dates for your diary

The Family Film Afternoons will be taking a break over the summer months but watch out for their re-launch in the autumn.

Christmas Family Disco: **19 December**, 6.30 - 8.00pm.

Hogmanay Disco & Ceilidh: **31 December**, 8.30pm - 12.30am.

Watch out for posters advertising these events nearer the time.

What's On When?

Monday: Fun Fit Fitness Class 9.30 - 10.30am. Exercise for women of all ages and abilities. Contact: Verity Smith 07934 653600.

Yoga 7.30 - 8.40pm. Ashtanga yoga from beginners to experienced. Contact: Anna Johns at sites.google.com/site/annajohnsyoga

Tuesday: Children's Ballet 5.15 - 7.30pm. Ballet from pre-school to Grade 3. Contact: Rachel Webb at danceconnect@btinternet.com

Scottish Country Dancing 7.45 - 9.00pm. Traditional Scottish Country Dancing. No expertise required! Contact: Anne Mitchell on 840834.

Wednesday: Indoor Carpet Bowls 8.00 - 10.00pm. Teenagers and adults welcome. No experience necessary. Contact: Derek Mitchell on 01337 860467.

Thursday: Gym Fit Fitness Class 8.00 - 9.00pm. Circuits and interval training for men and women. Contact: Verity Smith 07934 653600.

Friday: Youth Club 6.30 - 7.45pm. For children aged P4 to P7. A lively mixture of crafts, activities, games and tuck shop! Contact: Alison Savage on 840836.

All groups would welcome new folk! Please note some of the groups are seasonal and some only operate during term time.

Kinross High School



By the time you read this, the school session of 2013-14 will be complete. At our Awards ceremony on the last evening of the summer term the highlights of the school year will have been revisited and the many successes celebrated. We will have said some goodbyes and to a great many people we will have said thank you. In this, my final article in the current format, I would like to do something similar for our wider community.

Perhaps the standout highlight of our year is the amount of money raised for Mary's Meals; our final total stands at £16,178.85. This is indeed a magnificent effort. It is a testament to the amount of work and effort our pupils put in to organising the various events and also a measure of the generosity of our school community.

Actually there have been many highlights this year, but rather than single out any of our Award winners I would ask you to wait until the next issue of the Newsletter when the full list will be published.

Next, some goodbyes. As well as saying farewell to long standing staff members Mrs Sleight, Mrs Wagstaff and Mrs Halcrow, we have, of course, waved off another batch of senior pupils with our good wishes for their futures. Our outgoing S6 pupils have been much in our thoughts recently as some of them have been the subject of harsh and humiliating publicity. At least two local newspapers have chosen to comment on last January's Teen Ball – an event wrongly associated with the school and even badged – INCORRECTLY – in one newspaper as a school prom! While it is for the organisers of that event to respond to the specific criticisms I offer this eyewitness observation regarding our young people....

On 3 June the KHS prom was held in Forrester Park Resort, Cairneyhill. 180 young people attended along with 30 staff members. The behaviour of the young people was commended by the hotel management who described the event as 'exemplary', 'civilised' and 'problem-free'. The organising committee of young people – appropriately guided by school staff – is to be commended for the excellent job they did and I am happy to confirm that I was proud of all the young people attending that night.

Another goodbye we have said is to our old working week format. As of August, we will be operating our new asymmetric week. In plain terms this means organising the SAME working hours in a new way. The same size of cake just portioned differently if you will. Friday afternoons will be available to be used in new and creative ways by pupils and staff. We understand that it might take the community a wee while to adjust to the change but I will be very happy to share the educational rationale with anyone interested. Just remember, that KHS pupil you see in the street at 2pm on a Friday may be going home or may be heading to a community placement but will NOT be skiving. Watch our website for updates.

Finally some opportunities to say thank you. Our Parent Council organised a Jobs Fair in the school on 11 June. A huge amount of work went into the organisation of a very busy and useful event. I would like to say a public, well deserved and genuine thanks to our Council members and to the excellent contributors. Same time next year?

Thanks also to our partners in the many businesses – large and small – from the area who support the school in such a

large number of ways. We are grateful for your interest, your involvement and, of course, your money!

My very last thank you is to the readership of the Newsletter. As I indicated earlier, we are reviewing the format of the KHS contribution to this publication to allow a much wider range of staff and pupils to showcase the workings of our school. May I express my personal gratitude for the many positive comments about my monthly contributions. Our new website will be the focus of my own journalistic offerings from now on. We will launch this in August and I look forward to keeping in touch with you there.

R H Keatings

KHS exchange visit to France

By Jeannie Paterson, Town Twinning Association

On 30 May I joined 30 excited pupils and four teachers from Kinross High School for the annual exchange visit to Jean Moulin in Gacé, Normandy, France.

On arrival pupils were soon introduced to French partners and everyone went off with host families. Over the next two days the Kinross group attended a class at school, toured Gacé and visited Honfleur, a coastal town.

We met again on Saturday night for a buffet supper provided by host families. This was followed by some Scottish dancing demonstrated by the Kinross group who then invited the French families to join in the fun: a very happy evening.

I next joined them on a trip to Paris where we boarded the batobus and sailed along the Seine to Notre Dame Cathedral. I then went off with Danielle to see a wonderful flower market while the High School visited the Louvre and Eiffel Tower, where we met for the return journey.

On the last day we travelled to Lisieux, where we had time to do some shopping.

Finally we went to the new museum at Mont-Ormel, between Falaise and Chambois, the area where the last battle in Normandy took place in August 1944. Our guide gave a harrowing account of the three days and nights battle which took place. Everyone listened attentively; a very moving experience. All too soon it was time to say goodbye, and with a few tears we boarded the bus for the journey home.

I was happy to be with a group of friendly well behaved youngsters whose behaviour was a credit to their school and families. Thank you Mr Becher, Mrs Jackson, Mr Somerville and Mrs Galloway for allowing me to travel with you.

To the pupils, if you see me around do say hello. I can't say I will remember your name, but I will try!

Finally, if any of you, or anyone who has visited Gacé on an exchange visit, would like to join the Town Twinning visit to Gacé next year to celebrate 40 years of twinning, please contact me, Jeannie Paterson, (01577) 862159 or David Munro (01577) 862126. I look forward to hearing from you.

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KHS Mary's Meals project

In previous articles we told the story of how Kinross High School had decided to concentrate on supporting one charity for a whole year. They gave themselves a very ambitious target of raising £11,235. This represented feeding a school the size of Kinross High School for a year. The good news is that they did not just achieve their target, they blew right passed it, and raised an amazing £16,178.85. A group of Sixth Year pupils supported by Depute Headteacher Hugh Cairnie have driven the initiative during their community involvement time. Their success attracted attention from the founder of Mary's Meals, Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow, and he visited the school to express his gratitude.

A reception held at the school gave him the opportunity to meet pupils from all years who had made contributions towards the fundraising work. It was also attended by Councillor Bob Band and community partners who had been involved through the year. Magnus spent time talking about his work and answering questions from pupils.

The events held throughout the year have included a Fashion Show, a Silent Auction of Art and Craftwork and a variety of sponsored activities. Sales of T Shirts, Christmas Cards and Valentine Cards also contributed towards the total.

£7,000 of the money raised has been used to sponsor the building of a kitchen at Mchinji Mission School in Malawi. The kitchen will feed Primary School aged children and have the name of Kinross High School displayed on it.

In addition to the fundraising, pupils from the Youth Achievement Award group organised a Backpack Appeal where clothing and school materials were donated and used to fill backpacks. The group travelled through to the warehouse in Glasgow to see their work being loaded into a container bound for children in Malawi.

Mary's Meals is currently feeding 900,000 children, across the globe, one good meal a day in a place of education.

Following the success of supporting a single charity during a school year, it is to be repeated for the coming year. The charity selected through the Pupil Council is to be **Teenage Cancer Trust**. The aspirational target will be to surpass this year's total of £16,178.85.



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A full copy of all Parent Council meeting minutes can be requested by contacting the Clerk.

The Parent Council ran a very successful Jobs Fair for pupils at the school on 11 June. Over 40 volunteers from within our school community, together with a group from Sainsbury's and a group from Scottish Water, came along to share their experience of the world of work. It was a fabulous event and very well attended by pupils. Judging by the feedback from pupils, it was very well received and hugely beneficial in terms of making them aware of some jobs they did not even know existed as well as allowing them to chat to people actually doing a job they might have been considering.

Do you have a child moving to Kinross High School this year? Perhaps you might consider joining the High School Parent Council. It consists of parents and guardians of young people at the school together with teachers, (including our Headteacher, Mr Keatings) and community members. The Parent Council represents the views of parents and guardians of pupils at the school to help ensure that our young people can learn and develop to their maximum potential. We work in partnership with the school to create a positive and proactive environment which supports pupils, staff and parents. The Parent Council is on hand to help support the process of communications with the school and we are always keen to hear from you, whether it be good, or not. Any parent or guardian of a Kinross High School pupil is welcome to come along to Parent Council meetings. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in finding out more. Dates for meetings during the 2014/15 School year have still to be agreed but should be available for the next issue of the Newsletter.

Even if you cannot commit the time to joining the Parent Council, if there is ever a general concern you would like raised about the school, please contact the Clerk with details and it can be discussed. Specific issues relating to individual pupils should always be raised directly with the School in the first instance.

Office bearers of the Parent Council for the 2014/15 school year will be elected at our AGM on 16 June.

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Cleish Primary School

It has been a very busy final term at Cleish Primary School, filled with fantastic learning opportunities and lots of fun.

Queensferry Crossing

This term, we were the first primary school in Scotland to visit the new Queensferry Crossing – a competition prize won when a former Cleish pupil helped to name the bridge. Primary 3-6 pupils had a great experience and learned lots of facts about the design and structure of the bridge, before visiting the site to see the bridge being built. They then went to the education centre where they saw models of the bridge, before using their design and technology skills to build their own bridges. The children then enjoyed a buffet lunch before returning to Cleish, having had a fantastic and unique day.



Cleish Primary School pupils visit the new Queensferry Crossing

Bottle Greenhouse

We are very grateful to parents and members of the local community who gave time and materials for our bottle greenhouse. The greenhouse has already been put to good use with Primary 1 and 2s using it to house their sunflowers before they are planted in the garden. It's so popular at lunchtimes that we have had to limit the number of people using it – everyone is keen to get growing! Many thanks to the following contributors:

- Muir Construction who supplied most of the wood used;
- Ariel Plastic who donated the clear roofing, courtesy of David Sturrock and Webster Building Supplies Ltd;
- Cowdenbeath Recycling Centre for their donation of bottles;
- Cromwell Dundee who supplied the special plastic sheeting that wrapped the frames of the greenhouse;
- Cromwell Aberdeen who supplied new gardening tools and equipment for the school and all the bolts, nuts, washers and screws for the greenhouse;
- Mima Wilkie who supplied all the canes for the greenhouse and gardening use;
- Drew Forrest for his time and effort in building the greenhouse;
- Liz and Bob Roe for their time helping with the building of the greenhouse and for organising the collection and uplift of the bottles and sourcing roofing sheets.

Also, thanks to staff and children who contributed to the design and building of the greenhouse. It will give us opportunities to learn new skills for many years to come.

Mark Beaumont

In early June, Mark Beaumont took time out of his busy Commonwealth schedule to visit Cleish Primary. Mark talked to us about his life as an adventurer and his experiences travelling around the Commonwealth countries, following the Queen's Baton Relay. He shared his experiences, including his cycle around the world where he travelled 18,296 miles through 20 countries in 194 days and 17 hours on his bike. In doing so, Mark broke the previous Guinness World Record by 81 days. All classes at Cleish have been learning about the Commonwealth Games this term and Mark shared his knowledge and experience about the Commonwealth Countries he had visited which really made our learning come to life!

"I enjoyed learning about Mark. I'm inspired by Mark's expeditions and adventures. I want to be as successful as he is in the future!" Euan, Primary 7

"Mark Beaumont has inspired me to make my ambitions come true." Eleanor, Primary 6

"Listening to Mark was very interesting and the adventures he's been on are both terrifying and amazing." Emma, Primary 6



Cyclist and adventurer Mark Beaumont visits Cleish Primary

We are always looking to involve members of the local community in the life of the school. If you have any questions or have skills or expertise that would enhance learning at Cleish, please do not hesitate to get in touch at cleish@pkc.gov.uk

Anna Nesbitt, Headteacher

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Portmoak Primary School

I am writing this as the term is drawing to a close and by the time you read our news we will be off on summer holidays. As well as sharing some of our recent news, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the many helpers and friends of our school who give their time and expertise so readily, both inside the school and within our beautiful grounds and who help to make Portmoak a school of which we should all be proud.

A Busy Month

We have been very busy since the last article, with many visits out of school, including two residential experiences, firstly for P6 at Ardroy and then a couple of weeks later for P7 at Dalguise. Locally we enjoyed being able to attend the opening of the Heritage Trail this month and P6 pupils have visited RSPB Loch Leven to take part in 'Citizen Science' as the conservation element of their John Muir Award. P7 pupils have benefited from two days at Kinross High as part of their transition arrangements and P6 pupils have visited also, starting their transition early. We have welcomed 18 new recruits for Primary One with a suite of transition activities including Portmoak pre-school picnics, classroom visits and a parent talk.



Portmoak pupils at Heritage Trail opening

Portmoak Pupils Sing for the World

On 10 June, over 30 pupils from Portmoak Primary School recorded three songs as part of the British Council's World Voice Programme. This is a musical cultural exchange where children from different backgrounds and countries share songs which are posted on the British Council's online World Song Book and can be accessed by schools all over the world.

The Portmoak youngsters recorded 'Three Crows' and 'Mhairi's Wedding' and also had fun making a pronunciation video of the songs so that children from other continents will perform the Scots songs in an authentic way. They were also invited to record the programme's theme song, 'Starlight Star-bright', composed by Lin Marsh and as yet unpublished.

Portmoak's music teacher, Ian Young is one of the British Council's five UK Song Leaders promoting this programmer worldwide and says, "This is such an exciting venture, where children from all over the world share the opportunity to use singing to develop their musicality and support wider learning and I'm so proud that pupils from Portmoak are part of this venture." At present, the programme is operating in Bangladesh Nepal, India, Colombia, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Ethiopia, Senegal, Jordan and The Palestinian Territories. In August, Ian will be working with young people in Bangladesh and training song leaders in India.

The standard of the singing in our school is often commented on by visitors and when the choir attends events. I hope some of you were able to attend the Portmoak Festival children's concert and hear this for yourselves.

The next time I write for the Kinross Newsletter will be at the start of the new school year, so I wish you all a lovely summer whatever you may be doing.

Thank you for reading our news.

If you have time or expertise that you would like to share with our school, then please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Louise Gordon, Headteacher

Milnathort Primary School Parent Council

Annual General Meeting: Pop the date in your calendar and come along to our next meeting on **Monday 1 September 2014**. We will be discussing how to spend the funds raised at the Summer Fair in the upcoming academic year. (See also *Thanks*, p. 92.)

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Kinross Parish Church

Service by Kinross Elders

The Elders of Kinross Parish Church of Scotland led worship on Sunday 8 June in what has become an annual event. The church's Session Clerk, Jaffrey Weir, co-ordinated a service with a difference which involved most members of the Kirk Session. Each prayer, reading and talk was led by a different elder and other elders joined the choir or provided home baking for teas. The hymns had been chosen as 'favourites' by members of the congregation.

Among the participants, Kay Mitchell drew on her work experience in education to talk on 'Discipleship' and John Webster's talk for the young people was illustrated by a shoe in plastic bag! Jaffrey Weir spoke on 'Grace' – God's love for us, even though it is undeserved. This topic was followed up with a related prayer, the song 'Amazing Grace' and a short sketch set in a Manse with a group of grumpy elders – how close to real life was it?

Minister Alan Reid was in the congregation and said: 'Everybody played their part well and I know it was a team effort. It helped me enjoy that unusual thing: a weekend'.

Kinross-shire leads on Fair Trade

A team based at Kinross Parish Church have managed in the past year to sell £8,600 of the goods produced by 'Traidcraft', the fair trade charity. This makes Kinross one of the fifty highest-selling centres in the UK and led to a recent article in Traidcraft's Bulletin.

One of the seven-strong team, Karena Jarvie, says: "Our Traidcraft stall has been a vital part of the ways in which Kinross Parish Church has supported fair trade. Kinross-shire was the first Fairtrade County in Scotland and we hope to continue to spread the word of the importance of Traidcraft. We sell every Sunday after our church service, during the week at our church office, at other local churches, cafés and shops and take orders from the catalogue. At the moment our best sellers are chocolate, geobars – and socks!"

A recent initiative has been to give out free samples of tea, coffee and sugar to local businesses to encourage them to use these fair trade products.



Flora (left) and Hannah, two of the Traidcraft team at Kinross Parish Church

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Winners of the Kinross-shire Best Kept Village Awards

Judging for the 2014 Best Kept Village and Hamlet awards took place on Tuesday 17 June.

The Best Kept Village prize went to Kinnesswood, for the second year in succession, with the judges being impressed by the overall community involvement, particularly some of the visible contributions acknowledging the County's involvement with the Ryder Cup Golf Competition later in the year.

Crook of Devon was in second place.

In the Best Kept Hamlet competition, Keltly Bridge and Maryburgh was the winner, with Cleish taking second place, again the same results as in 2013.

The judges said that they were very impressed with the appearance of the villages and that it had been a privilege and an enjoyable day to be able to walk around them all. In particular they commented positively on the hamlets which, although they are by definition small, play an important part in presenting the attractiveness of the county, as they are all situated on major roads through the county.

The awards are sponsored by Robertson's of Milnathort and will be presented at a ceremony later in July, when all will be welcome.

The judges were Mr Matthew Pease, from Rumbling Bridge, Mr Grant Lindsay, from Dollar and Mrs Jamie Skinner from Freuchie.



Kinross-shire Civic Trust



Announcement of Environmental Awards Competition

The Kinross-shire Civic Trust offers an award to acknowledge the creation of new woodland, the management of existing woodland

or

any works that have contributed to environmental enhancement within Kinross-shire.

Entries for the competition are invited from within the County of Kinross and Glenfarg Parish.

The area of the entry may be between 0.1 to 10 hectares in size and should meet one or more of the following aspects:

- Fit into the landscape
- Are well maintained
- Help minimise soil erosion
- Help maintain a diversity of wildlife
- Accommodate recreational facilities such as footpaths
- Promote the growth of good quality timber
- Utilize native species

Applications are invited from owners or project managers who should send in a statement of management intention and a map.

Judging of entries will be undertaken in the late summer

For further information and entries to:

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The upgrading of the curling rink remains on schedule, with the roof cladding and insulation complete and the walls being tackled now. The ice floor base is complete and the heater coils laid. The floor, the key task, is next.

The project manager is Craig Gilmour, senior partner of Hardies Ltd, Dunfermline. Steven Kerr, curling rink manager, attends design team and progress meetings and contributes his technical expertise and knowledge. Bob Tait represents the Kinross Curling Trust as these meetings. The team is working very closely with the contractor to deliver a high quality upgraded facility.

There are lots more photos showing progress on the Kinross Curling website and Facebook page.



*Rolls of insulation for the roof being delivered
photo: Donald MacGregor*

Kinross Curling School

It may be the middle of summer, but it is a busy and exciting time for Kinross Curling (*see above*). The refurbishments to the rink are coming along well and the programme for the coming season taking shape.

With Try Curling Sessions, Beginner Courses, Club Coaching and Junior Sessions starting in September, there will be plenty opportunities to Try, Take Up and Improve your curling skills. Keep your eyes on the Kinross Curling website and www.TryCurling.com



Claire Milne
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Kinross Swimmers

We have now completed our sessions of Total Immersion swimming and are looking forward to putting all we have learned into practice in the coming weeks as the sessions return to their more usual format. It is the coaches' and club's intention that the sessions will continue to be varied with their focus on differing aspects of training for example sprints, endurance and technique. It's hoped that the swimmers who may have stayed away during these lessons to concentrate on their own training will now return to the pool. You have been missed.

There will remain a 'TI Lane' where those looking to catch up with missed sessions or who need a little longer to practice can continue to build on what they have been learning. Fraser will be back and forward to these lanes without necessarily being a full time instructor.

Some time ago the club invested in an underwater camera to be used as a training aid. This shows swimmers their own stroke and can provide invaluable immediate feedback. It records clips in a format which can be viewed on the monitor at the poolside. These clips can then be sent as a media file to the swimmer so they can be further viewed in their own time. Clips over a period can give a real demonstration of progress. This has been an underused tool which we are going to incorporate into future sessions.

As usual we continue to meet every Tuesday evening at the pool at Loch Leven Leisure Centre between 8 and 9pm where our intention is to improve the stroke, stamina and style of those attending so that any other swimming is more worthwhile, effective and enjoyable. We still welcome anyone looking to improve their swimming for whatever reason; all we ask is that you can complete four lengths.

For further information please either contact us on Facebook - Kinross Swimmers - or Ian Shepherd via email at shepherd_ian@hotmail.com or on mobile 07944 503074.



Lochleven Diamonds

Lochleven Diamonds Baton Twirlers meet at Loch Leven Community Campus on a Wednesday night from 6pm. New members are always welcome, whether complete beginner or returner. Girls and boys are welcome from 5 years upwards. The classes cost £2.50 for 6-7pm, and £3.50 for 6-8pm, depending on level. The coaches Sarah and Kylie are fully qualified and members of the British Baton Twirling Sports Association. They are insured and PVG checked. We are a competing and display team. Some of the team recently competed in an inter friendly competition at the campus and their results were:

Beginner Age 7	Sophie McMenamin 4th Basic Strut, 2nd Fancy, 3rd Solo.
12/13	Emma Grehan 4th Basic.
14+	Rachel Kennedy 3rd Basic, 5th Solo.
Novice Grade	Kaitlin Laurence 4th Basic, 4th Fancy and 2nd Solo.

Three team members will be competing 14-15 June at the UK Open Championships in Linwood.

The class is off for summer holidays at the beginning of July and restarts on Wednesday 23 July.

Hall Bookings

A list of halls and contact details can be found at
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Kinross Road Runners

Perth Parkrun

The inclusion of Perth Parkrun in the club championship proved to be a big success with what seemed to be the largest turnout of the year by the KRR contingent. Some great times were run and a great day out was had by all.

Well done to Annabel Simpson who has recently secured a place to represent Scotland in the World Mountain Running Association's International Youth Cup - Arco di Trento, Italy 29 June following a string of great early season performances. Annabel also won gold in the national trail race 5k at Falkland recently. Congratulations, Annabel!

Edinburgh Marathon and Half Marathon

A huge congratulations to Linda Palmer on completing her first ever Marathon at Edinburgh on Sunday in a remarkable time of 3:49:56; obviously all of those extra miles paid off in a big way. Well done to John Beveridge who also ran Edinburgh Marathon and ran a huge 14 minute PB coming home in a fantastic time of 3:33:53. Jillian Gordon and Simon Parsons took part in this year's Edinburgh Half Marathon. Jillian had another strong performance in what I am assured were very windy conditions to finish in a time 1:28:03. Simon had a strong run too and managed to sneak into the 1:42s with a finishing time of 1:42:59. Great performances all round.

Templeton Trail Race

There was a fantastic turnout from the club for this year's Templeton Trail Race. The weather was absolutely perfect, the course was great and the BBQ beer and cakes afterwards went down a treat also. Matt Newton (39:04) was first KRR home and Jillian Gordon (41:38) was first Lady KRR. Graham Kemp continues to lead the Male Championship and Anne MacIntyre tops the ladies rankings as things stand.

Strathearn Marathon

There was a fantastic result for Andy Laycock who was KRR's sole representative at the Strathearn Marathon, finishing 7th in a very impressive time of 3:00:31 on an extremely tough course.

Black Rock 5

Well done to all the KRR who participated in this year's Black Rock 5 which takes place in Kinghorn. This is an extremely popular race either because runners get to run along the beach and round the Black Rock and back or because all the finishers get a beer at the end (I'll let you decide). Andy Laycock was first KRR and Jillian Gordon was first female KRR.



Kinross Cavaliers Basketball Club

Under 10 / 12 National Challenges

The weekend of 17 and 18 May saw over 270 players from Scotland travel to the Lagoon Leisure Centre in Paisley, to take part in the Under 12s National Challenge. The 16 boys' teams from Tayside & Fife, Grampian, Highland, West, East & Central Scotland, competed for victory on Saturday and a further eleven girls' teams took to the court on Sunday.



Players from Kinross Cavaliers who recently took part in the Under 10/12 National Challenges

The weekend of 7 and 8 June saw 120 boys and girls from across Scotland travel to the Peak in Stirling, with ten boys' teams on Saturday and another seven girls' teams on Sunday, to take part in the Under 10s National Challenge.

The competitions were funded by the 'Cashback for Communities' project, which takes money received from criminal acts across the country, and ploughs it back into the various community projects.

Both weekends were a great success with some high level basketball skills and teamwork on display from every team. It was made even better by the fantastic sportsmanship shown throughout by everyone involved. The atmosphere at both weekends clearly motivated the kids. The support shown by parents and families of all of the players involved was great and definitely helped to make the events so successful.

The coaches at Kinross Cavaliers focus on fitness and having fun, and learning new basketball skills. If you are under 14 and are interested in basketball or would like to give basketball a try, just come along to the campus any Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm.

Remember, our summer break starts after training on Tuesday 24 June. Training will resume on Tuesday 19 August at 6pm.

If you would like to get involved in any capacity, or would like any further information, please call:

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Volleyball

The first weekend of June saw the largest congregation of volleyballers in the UK at Perth's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament. This, coupled with the Women's European Championship Qualification tournament along with an indoor men's and women's tournament, saw teams from around Europe and the USA meet for a weekend volleyball extravaganza. Bell's Sports Centre looked magnificent with the Olympic volleyball court having been laid on the centre court and Scotland's women put in a magnificent performance, defeating Malta, Ireland and Northern Ireland by 3 sets to 0, before losing out to Cyprus 1-3 in their final game. Despite this loss, both Scotland and Cyprus progress to the 2015 Euro Championships next June. The Scotland men's team were in Iceland for their Euro Qualifiers and they too progress to next year's Championships along with Luxembourg. At a Perth & Kinross Council civic reception held at Bell's Sports Centre, SVA Chief Executive Margaret Anne Fleming presented three lifetime membership awards, one of which was to David Munro of Kinross Volleyball Club.



The Kinross men's team competing outdoors at the Scottish Open

Kinross teams were there too, competing outdoors on the 35 outdoor courts which catered for 94 teams, including teams from the Faroe Islands, Belgium and Italy. The Kinross men competed in men's division one and although failing to qualify for the trophy group, did finish up as winners of the consolation group. The Kinross mixed team took time to adjust to outdoor play and also finished up in the consolation group on the Sunday, losing out in the consolation final.

Monday evenings have been very good weather wise, with only one Monday to date being missed due to adverse conditions. Club members and youngsters from Kinross High School meet at 7pm on the grass area behind the campus to play outdoor park volleyball and anyone is welcome to come along to these free sessions. The Kinross Club has entered two teams, a men's team and a mixed team, in the 41st De Haan Tournament in Belgium, held over the second weekend of August. Let's hope the summer (and Mondays) are bright and sunny!

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Kinross Cycling Club



Summer is definitely under way and members of KCC have been participating in cycling challenges throughout Scotland.

Etape Loch Ness: On 4 May Kirsty Ellis and her sister Ellen Harrison, Margy Thomson, Jeff Wall and Neil Roberts completed the 107km cycle sportive around Loch Ness.

Etape Caledonia: On 18 May it was Scotland's major closed road cycle sportive, starting in Pitlochry. Roly Kitson, Robbie Sangha, Nick Rowan, Murray Fleming, Grant Young, Christian Darbyshire and Kirsty Ellis all recording excellent times in a field of 5000 riders on a perfect cycling day.

Bealach Beag: On 24 May Paul Maddocks and Jane Timperley cycled 45miles and climbed nearly 5000' of ascent around Applecross and including Scotland's highest mountain pass over Bealach na Ba.

Tayside Transgression Audax: Also on 24 May KCC hosted its own Audax endurance cycle event. Thirty seven riders completed the 303km route around Tayside, including Stuart Allen, Andy Bruce, Grant Young and Paul Zarb from KCC. Thanks to Trevor Keer and to the marshalling team for their help.

3 Pistes Sportive: This 102km tour of the ski resorts of Glenshee, Lecht and Cairngorm, with 2690m of ascent was completed by Margy Thomson, Lance Sloan, Roly Kitson, Neil Roberts and Robbie Sangha on a fine day with light wind.

Dunfermline Crit: As part of Fife cycling festival there was a closed road cycle race in Dunfermline on 5 June. This was a fast and furious event and the men's race was won by commonwealth team member Evan Oliphant. KCC was represented by Paul Maddocks, Donnie McLeod, Stephen Nairn, Nick Rowan Roly Kitson and Calum Sharp in the men's race. Fiona Dodds, Veronica Duncan and Kirsty Ellis flew the flag for the KCC ladies.

Save the date: Rapha women's 100km event 20 July. As part of an international event to promote women's cycling, KCC women will be riding 100km. This event is open to non-members and is free. Details of this and other forthcoming events at www.kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk

Kinross Bowling Club

The season is going well. The weather is mixed but we have had some lovely sunny days to play. We are still playing friendlies, having played at Falkland, which was a close game, and a friendly atmosphere at Falkland.

Cambo visited our green for a friendly on 8 June and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all – Kinross winning that one!

The Ladies County Pairs of **Anne Bell** and **Sheila Rennie** are through to the final of the County Pairs to be played at Menstrie on Wednesday 25 June, so best of luck to them. Several one-day competitions are scheduled for June and July (both Ladies and Gents) and club ties are now underway.

Kinross Ladies Open Pairs are scheduled for **Sunday 17 August**, and are sponsored this year by **Loch Leven's Larder**. Entries to Sheila Rennie, 17 Montgomery Way, Kinross, 01577 864727 asap, as first 24 entries only.

Anyone who would like to have a go at bowling, give us a call on 01577 864727.

Kinross Tennis Club



With the Wimbledon Championships having started on 23 June and Andy Murray providing the inspiration, the season is now in full swing; so, no time like the present to pick up your racket and join us at KTC for a game of tennis.

We have adult and junior + adult and child coaching sessions, social tennis on weekdays and weekends plus league matches for adults and juniors; something for everyone at all levels of ability.

League Matches - Tennis Tayside

Our Men's team, playing in Division 3 of the league has experienced a difficult start to the season. Out of 8 matches played, the team has won 1, lost 5 and drawn 1. They are currently lying fifth in their Division.

Our Ladies team, playing in Division 2 has been playing well and have had some early season success, they have so far won 4 out of 6 matches played and are currently second in their Division.

In addition to the Men's team in Division 3, we have also entered in a team in the 4 Player League. Record to date: played 6, won 3 and lost 3.

Perth & District Junior League

The Perth & District Junior 13 and Under League is now finished for this season. The juniors have competed well in all of their matches, in some cases against very strong opposition. They have enjoyed some success, winning 1 of the 4 matches played. This is a young team, most of whom will still be eligible to play next season - well done to all who participated.

AEGON Mini-Red Tennis + Competition

The Kinross Mini-Red team have played all of their matches in the AEGON Mini-Red league. In their first taste of competitive tennis they all played well, and although no overall matches were won, all have enjoyed the experience. KTC hosted a mini-red (Ages 8 and under) regional tournament on Sunday 1 June. This was well attended,

thoroughly enjoyed by all of those involved, and the tournament was won by Calum Porter from Balgedie.

Coaching

Considerable emphasis has been placed upon junior coaching this year, a consistent improvement in standards of play being noted at all levels.

Summer tennis camps are being run from **30 June to 4 July** and **21 to 25 July**:

		Member	Non-Member
Mini (Ages 5-8)	0900-1015	£17	£19
Midi (Ages 9-10)	1030-1230	£26	£28
Junior (Ages 11-16)	1300-1600	£50	£55

Junior coaching at all levels will also be available from 19 August to 10 October.

Places are still available for all sessions.

Booking for junior coaching and camps, please contact Siobhan Macleod, at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Adult and Child Coaching sessions have proven to be extremely popular; they are a great way to introduce very young players to tennis and at the same time ignite/reignite the interest of parents in tennis.

Club Championships

We are now requesting members to sign up for the senior and junior club championships, matches to be played during July and August, with finals day for Seniors **6 September** and Juniors **30 August**. In addition the Mini Red, Orange and Green club championships will take place on **16 August**.

Tennis Club Open Day - Great British Tennis Weekend

Kinross Tennis Club will hold an Open Day on **28 June**, as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend, which will include on-court sessions from midday through to 3pm.

Non-Members/Visitors: Sands the Ironmongers are able to provide access to the tennis courts for a small fee.

Further Information on Kinross Tennis Club can be found on our website: www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

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Kinross Otters

Scottish Schools National Relay
Swimming Finals 2014, 11 June,
Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh
HIGH SCHOOL OTTERS STRIKE GOLD!



The Scottish Schools National Relay Swimming Finals took place at the refurbished Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh on 11 June. This superb facility is to be the venue for the Commonwealth Games diving next month.

Kinross High School sent their best ever swim team, who had won double gold in two previous years of this competition. The team consisted of Otters **Cameron McCloskey** and **Conor McCormick** and former Otters (now Carnegie) **Aaron Gillon** and **Cameron Nelson**. All did not go according to plan initially, as in their first race, the heat of the Medley Relay, they set a blistering pace only to be upstaged by Cults Academy from Aberdeen who finished a significant 0.93 seconds ahead in 1.55.54, just missing the Championship record in the process. After much analysis, head-scratching and iPad replay watching, the boys entered the final more determined than ever to swim the "perfect" race.



*Cameron McCloskey, Aaron Gillon, Cameron Nelson and
Conor McCormick with their medals*

First off was **Aaron Gillon** (15) in the Backstroke, a former Midland District record holder in this event and he produced a superb leg to record a very quick 29.18 secs but still only good enough to lie second behind an amazingly quick Cults Academy swimmer (27.99). **Aaron** handed over to **Conor McCormick** (15) the Breaststroke specialist, who has made individual National Age Group finals and was swimming a year young. **Conor** managed a very rapid 33.88 secs but at the halfway stage it was not looking good as they lay some 2.69 seconds behind Cults. **Cameron Nelson** then took over in his favourite Butterfly event in which he won a National Age Group title in 2012 and is one of the very best Butterfly swimmers in Scotland. Even he could only manage to hang on despite a lightening quick 26.65 sec leg. Going into the last leg (Freestyle) it all looked lost as Kinross were 2.79 secs adrift. The value of having four great swimmers then became very apparent as **Cameron McCloskey** (former National Schools Individual bronze medallist, Backstroke) had the swim of his life as he gained on the final Cults swimmer with every stroke. In what was the most exciting race and finish of the whole day, he finally overhauled his prey with 5 metres to go to take a huge 1.5 seconds off his best ever time in 25.42 secs to win gold for Kinross High School and to smash the Scottish Schools Team Championships record in 1.55.13, some 0.44 seconds ahead of Cults!

There was little time to celebrate as the team knew they had a major fight on their hands to beat Cults in the Freestyle and

they knew Strathallan also had a very strong team. Kinross managed to qualify quickest in 1.44.55, just 0.16 secs ahead of Cults. Kinross had changed the order in a tactical move to have progressively faster swimmers as the race unfolded. **Conor McCormick** led off and produced a superb personal best of 27.03 secs to leave the Otters 4th, some 1.8 secs off the Cults pace. **Cameron McCloskey** followed in another rapid 26.01 secs to leave Kinross in 2nd but still 2.26 secs behind Cults. **Cameron Nelson** was next up in an excellent 25.16 secs, to leave Kinross 1.07 secs ahead and then **Aaron Gillon** produced a simply blistering leg of 24.51 secs to claim gold for Kinross in 1.42.71 (only 0.35 secs off the Championship record), with Cults second in 1.43.83.

What a day! What a team! Kinross High School are no doubt very proud of their treble, double gold medal winners! Well done, boys.

Kinross Primary School Boys team (aka Otters **Duncan Crawford**, **Jack Muncey**, **Rory Nesbitt** and **Liam Slater**) also performed extremely well in the Freestyle relay to come 4th in 2.23.92.

Midland District Distance Championships

16 – 18 May, Olympia Pool, Dundee

The Otters produced some excellent performances with seven individual medal winners and an 18 medal haul in total. Star of the Otters' show on this occasion was **Jordan Curtis** (17) in the 17 and over category, who just keeps getting better the older he gets. He broke Club records in the 200m Backstroke (2.23.83, silver), 400m Freestyle (4.17.19, gold), 800m Freestyle (8.54.97, gold) and 200m Freestyle (1.59.51, gold) taking some sizeable chunks off his own Freestyle times that he only recently set. He also won a silver medal in the 100m Backstroke (1.09.79). Hot on his tail was younger brother, **Ryan Curtis** (15) in the 15-16 age group, who also bagged five medals in the 200m, 400 and 800m Freestyle (2.07.87 bronze, 4.32.31 bronze, 9.19.86 silver) and 100 and 200m Backstroke (1.11.17 bronze, 2.25.73 silver).

Jack Watson (13) won gold in the 100m Backstroke and bronze medals in the 800 and 1500m Freestyle in the 13 year old category whilst **Iona Crawford** (13) won two silvers in the 100 and 200m Breaststroke events. Butterfly specialists **Ola Stanton** (11) and **Amy Broadhurst** (13) both won silver medals in the 100m Butterfly (10-12 and 13 year old categories respectively). Rounding off the medal tally was **Jack Muncey** (10) who did very well to get a bronze medal in the 10-12 age group despite being only 10.

Scottish National Age Group Championships 2014

Three Otters qualified for this top class event to be held in Aberdeen from 25 to 29 June – **Iona Crawford** (13), **Ola Stanton** (11) and **Amy Hardie** (12). Well done, as even qualifying for an event such as this is quite a feat. Good luck to the girls.

Fife Performance 124 Meet

24 – 25 May, Carnegie Leisure Centre

A tough meet, this one, with clubs from as far as Inverness. Some of the Otters star performers were on show and they did not disappoint. **Ola Stanton** (11) was simply superb in the 10-11 year old category as she destroyed the rest of the field to win gold in the 100m Backstroke (1.20.83) **by over 5 seconds** and the 200m Breaststroke (3.13.69). This leaves her 5th and 6th quickest 11 year old in Scotland. **Connor Houston** (11) won his first ever gold medal in the 10-11 years 800m Freestyle whilst **Iona Crawford** won a creditable silver in the 12-13 years 100m Breaststroke in 1.27.09.

Kinross Kobras Junior Hockey

It has been a busy few weeks for the Kobras.

Firstly, congratulations go to the Kobras players who played for the Midland District U14 Girls team which won the national Interdistrict championship (Jenny Walls, Olivia Mears, Georgia Smith, Lucy Smith and Erin Stevens).

Kobras teams have also played in tournaments hosted by Carnegie HC, Perthshire HC and in a Scottish Hockey U14 Mixed Festival.

In the Carnegie HC Tournament, the Kobras U10s came third and the Kobras U12s came fifth. With ten teams in each age group, there were some great games, and the U10s (Angus, Bart, Fraser, Caitlin, Campbell and Andrew) won two and drew one of their four pool matches before winning against Cala in the 3rd/4th place playoffs. The U12s (Olivia, Olivia, Douglas, Kara, Katrina, Sara and Andrew) won two pool games and also played Cala in the

5th/6th playoffs. Andrew scored the only goal in the playoff game (possibly a bit high) and fifth place was secured.

At the Scottish Hockey U14 Mixed tournament, the Kobras team of Olivia Young, Jenny Walls, Erin Stevens, Kara Shiels, Lois MacMaster, Alex Wilson, Josie Hamilton, Zoe Price and

Oli Wilson played against some of the top teams in Scotland. They came away with wins against Granite City Wanderers and Fjordhus Reivers but lost in some tight games against strong (mainly boys) teams from Dundee Wanderers, Kelburne, Inverness Eagles and Edinburgh Cala.



The Kobras players and a few others from the Midland District U14 Girls team

Milnathort Golf Club

Junior section

With the season well underway, some recent results have been as follows:

- Junior Stableford won by Jamie Fulton with James Hay as runner up.
- Montgomery Cup - round 1 won by Brian McCormick with Max Spenke runner up.
- Montgomery Cup - round 2 won by Rory Hutchison with David McIntyre runner up.
- Overall winner of Montgomery Cup was Rory Hutchison.
- June Medal won by Struan Fotheringhame with Jamie Greenshields runner up.

The club's Junior Bells team (David McIntyre, Cameron Wallace, Patrick Freeman, Daniel Reilly and Sam Freeman) won through to the second round as one of the best losers in the first round after playing well on the away leg at Crieff and then Patrick Freeman winning a playoff against Blairgowrie 'A' at Muthill GC. The draw for the second round sees the club playing Craigie Hill.

The Newsletter is on Facebook!

The Kinross Newsletter now has a Facebook page!

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News from the Rurals

POWMILL – President Mary Wilson welcomed members to the AGM and extended a warm welcome to Mary and Joyce from Blairingone SWRI, our tellers for the evening.

The minutes of the previous AGM were read and approved and various reports were then given.

Mary Ramsay then gave a demonstration on cake decorating, turning a plain, round sponge cake into a very fancy and lovely handbag with accessories, much too nice to eat! Mary very kindly donated the cake as a raffle prize.

The President then presented the following trophies:

Points Trophy – Elsie Johnston, Miss Jessie Gibson Clock (points runner-up) – Catherine Stewart, Pat Reay Quaich (handcrafts) – Catherine Stewart, President's Prize – Shona Cheyne, Aileen Whyte Trophy (Decorated Egg) – Mary Wilson.

Mary and Joyce judged the monthly competitions:

4 pieces of tablet - Catherine Stewart
Garden Gem - Janie Buchanan

BISHOPSHIRE – New President, Norma Smith, opened the meeting. Following that, arrangements were made for the forthcoming Portmoak Festival and Kinross Show. Then Anna Garner, one of our members, gave a very interesting, insightful and entertaining talk of her 20 years living in Iceland and brought along many interesting items for us to see.

Competitions:

Crocheted Item - Margaret Paton
Small Vase of Flowers - Sylvia Herrington

Raffle winners: Avril Rogers and Jenny Sword

Thanks were given to Betty and June for providing a lovely supper. We are now on our summer break and will resume in September.

CARNBO – President Molly White welcomed thirty members and a guest to the June meeting.

Business over, she welcomed our speaker for the evening, Mrs Claire Paton, who delighted us all with a demonstration of “Flowers on a Budget”.

Competitions:

Floral Arrangement in a Cream Jug - Molly White
Flower of the Month - Elma Forrester

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Good mornin, effername, evenin, or whatever time ye happen tae be readin this. Time fur anither bit o blurb about the reserve.

It's been a bit o a variable breeding year this spring. Lapwings hiv produced the same amount o nests as last year, circa 50. Until final numbers hiv been crunched and data analysed, it's difficult tae say the final results. One pair hiv produced "Little and Large" in a bizarre quirk o nature; two chicks hatched around the same time are completely different sizes. Yin is a wee, or shid that be big, monster, the ither is a wee squirt o a thing. Whatever the reason is, it seems yin is doin weel feedin wise and the ither yin seems tae be oan a permanent diet, only eatin tiny amounts which hiz affected its growth rate, but still keepin it alive. Mum certainly looks a weird shape when she tries tae brood them durin heavy rain showers; a bit bauchled tae say the least. We hiv loads o moorhen, shelduck and shoveler chicks, along with mallard, which is a bit o a given, and reasonable numbers o gadwall. We hid a passin visit fae a Little egret. Has Egbert returned to the area?

We are lookin for volunteers in quite a few different work areas again. If ye fancy helpin oot in either the centre café or shop, or if your preference is more speakin tae visitors (tho ye still dae that in the café and shop as well obviously), giving oot information about the wildlife (staff not included) and reserve or providing general help tae visitors, we are lookin for a few People Engagement vols. If you are more o a practical hands oan type o person, we are also needin folk tae join our existing team to do practical, reserve, get-yer-hands-clarty, maintenance, building type things as well. If you fancy passing on your skills or would like to find oot a bit more about what's inVOLved (see whit a did there?), training can be given and you might even learn a few new skills at the same time. Please contact the reserve on the usual number or speak to us when you visit and open up a whole new world of enjoyment and help nature at the same time.

Upcoming Events

During a busy July we will be running various **weekly** themed events for kids to do with **Trees, Wildflowers, Birds and Bugs**.

A one-day **Watercolour Art Course**, on **Thursday 17 July**.

A one-day **Beginners' Digital Photography Course** on **Saturday 19 July**.

On **Tuesday 29 July** it's a bit of a cultural evening when, after last year's popular performance, the **Festival Players** return to the reserve to perform "**A Comedy of Errors**".

All of these are bookable events with limited spaces on some of them. To find out more information (ain't got enough room to explain them all fully), or to make a booking, please phone on the usual number 01577 862355. Think that's it till next time.

Ta ta,

Colin

Loch Leven NNR



Well, it's been another really busy month here at Loch Leven. A lot has been written about the official opening of the path so I don't need to cover that here.

On 1 June we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the NNR agreement which led to the declaration of Loch Leven as a National Nature Reserve. Faces from past and present assembled at the Boathouse Bistro from partnership organisations. All those present had contributed in some way to the management of Loch Leven over the last 50 years, and it was great to have the opportunity to gather them all together for a celebration of what has been achieved here so far. We were delighted to welcome SNH Chief Executive, Ian Jardine to open proceedings and address the gathering. Presentations were given by Reserve Manager Neil Mitchell and Dr Linda May from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology. Both highlighted the various challenges and successes that had been met and achieved since the NNR agreement was signed in 1964, and both were positive about the direction the NNR is heading in. Linda particularly emphasised the improvement in water quality at Loch Leven, which ultimately dictates the quality of habitat available to the species that we have here.

Discovery Day was a great success this year with an estimated 700 people attending. (See p. 13.)

The volunteers have been hard at work. The main work we have been doing is counting the duck nests on St Serf's. Folk stand in a line and walk up and down searching for nests under the tussocks. After 13 days' solid nest searching, we are finally finished. It will be up to Neil Mitchell to go through all the data and write that up.

We've also got to that time of year where we are pulling Himalayan Balsam. All the work over the years is beginning to pay off with probably the lowest amount of plants since it started to take over. Less back breaking pulling required!

Danielle Muir of the British Dragonfly Society is running an event on **Saturday 26 July** looking at these fascinating creatures at Loch Leven and Portmoak Moss. It runs from 10am until 4pm. Learn about their life cycle with their amazing transformation from a bottom of the pond dwellers to amazing aerial predators.

Another date for your diary is the 50th Anniversary 24-hour **Bioblitz**. I will send out an e-mail to let you know more about it in due course but our mission will be to find as many species of flora and fauna as possible about the reserve. This runs from 12pm **on the 5th until 12pm on 6th July**. We will be joined by many experts and enthusiasts for this event. These include botany experts, spiders, beetles, birds, mammals, dragonflies, snails, molluscs, moths and fish. There will be walks, talks and stations set up all round the loch. Feel free to join in and find things or simply come and see close up what we find.

Keep an eye on the blog for details:

<http://lochlevennr.wordpress.com/>

Jeremy

Fact of the month

Dragonflies are among the fastest flying insects in the world with some species recorded flying at 60mph in level flight!

Farming



Farming encompasses a wide range of activities and duties. From routine vaccination to ploughing, from fencing to plumbing, every task requires a high level of skill and care. Most of my last few weeks I have spent with my lambs and their mums, including the non-glamorous task of dagging – cleaning ewes' tails. Despite my best efforts, I'm not sure I will ever master a fraction of the farming tasks and I admit I prefer some more than others. Anything beats dagging, though!

But within the jobs I do take care of, it is amusing me no end that my caring and compassionate job includes a role with the very combative title of 'Farm Neutraliser'. If you are now imagining me dressed in khaki, on military service, patrolling my hill land in an attempt to counterbalance an enemy attack from terrorists, well that's probably making you laugh more than any of the jokes I have ever shared in this column, but no, I have not joined the TA – so you don't have to worry.

Farm Neutraliser is to do with managing the pH level of the soil on the farms. Over the last few years I have been on the attack to reduce the acidity levels in our soils and undertaken a military-style liming programme. We routinely test each field to find out the acidity and this revealed that the levels in some fields were very low – down to 5.3 pH in some of the cases. With the guideline pH for grassland being 6, rising to 6.2 if you are growing cereal crops, then neutralising this pH became a number one priority. An application of ground limestone is the remedy; it is a natural alkaline and, as it breaks down in the soil, it restores the pH to nearer neutral. The limestone isn't available locally so it's brought in from Yorkshire on a lorry and tipped up in the yard before being spread. It's either dark grey or yellow dependent upon where it is quarried and is resembles fine gravel. Limestone is very dense, so when the huge artic tips up, it deposits a tiny pile in the yard. This makes you think that you don't get very much for your money. We were advised to spread at the rate of two tons per acre over more than one application and we have been liming two or three fields per year – this fight has been quite an investment.

Restoring the pH will pay us back, though, as it's the foundation of our business. Everything we produce is dependent upon the soil, so taking care of the pH, organic matter content and drainage is looking after the building blocks. We know that any of the fertiliser we apply will be more effective in a well-balanced soil, so in the future we can apply less and my ewes' and lambs' growth rates should improve too. I'll keep you posted on that one; meanwhile I'm off to find camouflage workwear.

Fiona

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Weather



May Weather Report from Kinross

Total rainfall	64.4 mm (2.57 inches)
Heaviest fall	19.0 mm (1st)
Total sunshine for month	122.5 hours
Sunniest day	9.8 hours (21st)
Maximum temperature	average 15.07°C
Highest temperature	19.0°C (27th)
Minimum temperature	average 5.06°C
Lowest temperature	-1.5°C (12th)

As we go to press, maximum temperature so far in June was 25.2°C on the 17th. A full report for June will be in the next issue.

Local Attraction Opening Times

Lochleven Castle, Castle Island, Kinross



Famously where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567 and forced to abdicate before dramatically escaping, this semi-ruined 14th century castle is set on an island in beautiful Loch Leven, within a National Nature Reserve. There are toilets, lawns and picnic benches on the island. Castle towers not suitable for visitors with limited mobility (narrow stairs). No access for wheelchair users. Dogs not permitted.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier, where there is parking, a Historic Scotland shop and a bistro.

Opening times for 2014:

1 April to 30 September: Daily, 10am to 5.30pm
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Balvaird Castle

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Elcho Castle, near Bridge of Earn

A 16th century fortified mansion, five miles NE of Bridge of Earn, in a tranquil setting. It has an orchard and dovecot. Opening times: 1 April to 30 September, daily, 9.30am to 5.30pm. Admission prices: Adult £4.50, Child £2.70, Concessions £3.60. Historic Scotland.

Abernethy Round Tower

One of the two round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland dating from the late 11th century. Good views of the Firth of Tay. Key available from nearby Berryfields Tearoom (not Tuesdays). Historic Scotland.



Gardens Open

Special Days Open in July under SGS

The mature garden at **Row House in Dunblane** is open on **Wednesdays 2 July and 30 July**, 2pm-5pm. Admission £4, children free. (Charity: Crossroads Caring Scotland West.) Partial disabled access, plant sales.

The garden at **Logie House, Crossford**, is open on **Sunday 13 July**, 2pm-5pm. Formal walled garden, fruit, roses, shrubs, annuals and lawns. Admission: £5, children free. (Charity: Juvenile Diabetic Research.) Fresh strawberries from garden with cream also available. Full disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, refreshments, plant sales.

The charming country garden at **Thorntree, Arnprior**, is open on **Wednesday 16 July**, 2pm-5pm. There is an apple walk and lovely views. Admission: £4, children free. (Charity: Riding for the Disabled.) Full disabled access, dogs on leads welcome, plant sales.

The beautiful parklands at **Gean House, Alloa**, are open on **Tuesday 22 July**, 1.30pm-4.30pm. Cream teas available in Gean House, a 20th century Arts & Crafts style mansion. Admission: £4, children free. (Charity: Scottish Society for Autism.) No disabled access. Tullibody Road, Alloa.

Kincarrathie House in Perth, originally the home of whisky baron and philanthropist A K Bell, and now a residential home, opens its gardens on **Sunday 27 July**, 10am-4.30pm. There are 6.5 acres of parkland, a woodland walk and a walled garden with herbaceous borders, an orchard and vegetable plots. Admission: £3.50. (Charity: The Kincarrathie Trust.)

There is a double opening involving **Kellie Castle Garden and Balcaskie in Pittenweem** on **Sunday 27 July**, 12pm-5pm. Kellie Castle's garden is 400 years old and was sympathetically restored by the Lorimer family in the late 19th century. In 1905 it was said that Balcaskie was 'one of the best and most satisfying gardens in the British Isles'. The gardens are being restored with the help of the National Trust for Scotland. Admission to both gardens: £8. Access is via Kellie Castle. Visitors will be transported to Balcaskie. Partial disabled access at both. Teas and plant sales at Kellie Castle.

Further details of all the above, including directions, can be found in the SGS book or website.

Gardens open by arrangement

The following gardens can be visited by arrangement with the owners:

Barham, Bow of Fife (up until 31 July).

Earlshall Castle, Leuchars (on request).

Kirklands, Saline (up until 30 September).

Full details are available in the Scotland's Gardens Guide and on the SGS website.

Gardens open regularly

There are some attractive National Trust for Scotland (NTS) gardens (and properties) reasonably near Kinross, such as: **Falkland Palace and gardens, Hill of Tarvit mansion house and estate, Kellie Castle and gardens, the Royal Burgh of Culross** including the palace and gardens. NTS also has a small but fine garden in Perth, **Branklyn Garden**. Find out more at www.nts.org.uk.

Other places to consider visiting are: **Drummond Castle Gardens at Crieff, Scone Palace, the Botanic Garden in St Andrews and Pittencreiff Park in Dunfermline**.

Some gardens open regularly under SGS are: **Braco Castle gardens** in Perthshire and the famous **Cambo Estate** at Kingsbarns, near St Andrews.

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

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| 5(a) Vase displaying 3 stems of annuals (same variety) | 11. Vase of Five Sweet Peas One Colour Only |
| 5(b) Vase of 3 stems perennials (same variety) | 12. One Gladioli any variety |
| 6(a) Vase of Three Dahlias - Decorative | |
| 6(b) Vase of Three Dahlias - Cacti | |
| 6(c) Vase of Three Dahlias - Ball/Pompom | |

FLORAL ART SECTION

NAFAS Rules need not be adhered to. Simply read the schedule carefully and pay attention to size and materials. Space allowed width 76cms by 60 cms depth. All exhibits to be composed of natural plant material - i.e. Fresh, Dried or Preserved unless otherwise stated. All Fresh plant material to be in water or water retaining substances. All Flowers and Foliage to be in good condition.

13. **Times Gone By** – An Exhibit using fresh flowers and foliage – accessories allowed. Space allowed 76cms width by 60cms depth.
14. **Wooden Anniversary** – An Exhibit incorporating three wooden articles (might include wooden container), using fresh flowers and foliage. Accessories allowed.
15. **Roses Grow on You** – An exhibit in a suitable container using no more than 10 or 12 roses with fresh foliage. No accessories allowed.
16. **Nimble Fingers** – An arrangement in a basket incorporating sewing equipment (cotton reels, piece of tapestry, needles, etc) using fresh flowers and foliage.
17. **Bowl of Beauty** – An arrangement in a bowl with flowers and foliage from your own garden.
18. **Tom Thumb** – A miniature arrangement in a container of your choice using fresh plant material – height not to exceed 12cms and width 8cms.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- 19(a) **A bowl of floating flowers** (any size of bowl any number of flowers) for 14 years and under. Glass bowls will be provided if required.
- 19(b) **A drawing of your favourite farm animal** (can be done by computer) Age 5 and under.
20. **A drawing of Loch Leven to include some geese** (can be done by computer) Age 6 – 8 years.
21. **1 Decorated Digestive/Water/Tea Biscuit** Age 5 and under – Plates will be provided.
22. **A model of An Animal using Fruit & Vegetables** Age 6 - 8.
23. **An arrangement of Garden Flowers in a Jam Jar** Age 8 and under.
24. **Your favourite animal made from recyclable materials.** Age 9 – 14 years.
25. **A Garden in a Seed Tray** not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only. Age 8 and under.
26. **A Garden in a Seed Tray** not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only. Age 9 - 14.
- 27(a) **Model Farm in a Seed Tray** – 'Models Allowed' Age 8 and under.
- 27(b) **Model Farm in a Seed Tray** – 'Models Allowed' Age 9– 14.
- 28(a) **A decorated Wellington Boot** – Age 8 and under.
- 28(b) **A decorated Wellington Boot** – Age 9-14.

SECTION OF CLASSES FOR CHILDREN – Pick Up and Bring

1. Pick up and Bring - A Shell - Age 5 years and under.
2. Pick up and Bring - Your favourite farm toy - Age 7 years and under.
3. Pick up and Bring - A 'photo taken by you' of your favourite Pet/Animal – this to be brought along to the Flower Show. Tent until 9.00pm Friday evening, with your name, address and age and not any larger than 6x8 inches. Age 8 - 9 years.
4. Pick up and Bring - A photo taken anywhere in Kinross-shire – this to be brought along to the Flower Show Tent until 9.00pm Friday evening, with your name, address and age and not any larger than 6 x 8 inches. Age 10 to 14 years.

ALL PHOTOS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR JUDGING IN THE FLOWER SHOW TENT ON SHOW DAY

Kinross-shire Agricultural Society Flower Show continued...



VEGETABLE SECTION

All Vegetables to be presented washed and in Good Condition. Paper Plates will be provided.

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| 29. 3 Courgettes any size | 33. 1 Cucumber |
| 30(a) 3 Onions White | 34. Plate of 6 tomatoes (any variety) |
| 30(b) 3 Onions Red | 35. 6 Pods of Peas |
| 31(a) 4 Potatoes - White | 36(a) 4 French Beans |
| 31(b) 4 Potatoes - Coloured | 36(b) 6 Runner Beans |
| 32. 1 Lettuce (any variety) | 37(a) 3 Leeks |
| | 37(b) A Vegetable Marrow or overgrown Courgette to be judged on size |

FRUIT SECTION

All Fruit to be presented washed and in Good Condition. Paper Plates will be provided.

38. Plate of black-currants
39. Plate of Gooseberries
40. 1 Plate of any other seasonal fruit/s

EGG SECTION

All Eggs must be washed and polished. Paper Plates and Shavings will be provided. All Decorated Eggs must be hard boiled.

41. 3 Hens Eggs Any Variety – Age 12 and under
42. 3 Hens Eggs Any Variety – Age 13 to adult
43. 1 Decorated Egg Any Variety - Age 12 and under
44. 1 Decorated Egg Any Variety - Age 13 to adult
45. 1 Decorated Egg Any variety – by an adult
46. 3 Duck Eggs – Open to all

Carrs Billington, Milnathort have kindly donated two £10 vouchers for the two best exhibits in the egg classes.

The Trophy Presentation will take place within the Flower Show Tent at 3.30pm on Show Day. Prize monies to be collected on the day.

TROPHIES

The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 12 and 13 to 18 inclusive, will be assessed 3, 2, and 1 for the first three prizes.

CAIRNS CUP for the most points overall, + Rosette.

BALADO SALVER for the most outstanding entry in Classes 1 to 12 + Rosette.

FISHER BOWL for most points in Dahlias.

CAESAR TROPHY - Sweet Peas.

THE KIRKNESS TROPHY for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 13 to 18 inclusive).

THE RENTON TROPHY for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 13 to 18).

THE GAVINE LINDORES TROPHY for the best Single Rose (Class 10).

THE SCOTT-DAVIDSON CUP presented by the late W. Scott-Davidson for the winner of Children's Class 24.

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (small) winner of Children's class 25.

LENA GRAHAM QUAICH (large) winner of Children's class 26.

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

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

PATON PRODUCE TROPHY - For best exhibit in the produce classes.

MAWCARSE SALVER - Best Exhibit Overall in the Show.

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COMPANION DOG SHOW

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Dog Ring, 1pm.

Entries will be taken on the Field from 11.30am at the Dog Show Marquee from 10.30am until 12.30pm prompt, WITH STRICTLY NO LATE ENTRIES.

Convenor: Alasdair Cox

Judge: Mrs Mary Wilson, Rumbling Bridge. Entry Fee: Adults £1 per class, Children 50p per class.

- Class 1.** Puppy - any variety - Dog/Bitch (6-12 months)
- Class 2.** Sporting - any variety - Dog/bitch (Hound: Gun Dog or Terrier)
- Class 3.** Non-Sporting - any variety - Dog/Bitch (Pastoral, Toy: Working or Utility)
- Class 4.** Open - any variety - Dog/Bitch

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- Class 5.** Novelty Class - Dog/Bitch from crossbreeds such as Labradoodles, Springadoors, and Mongrels etc
- Class 6.** Open – any variety - Dog/Bitch – Confined to Kinross-shire
- Class 7.** Dog or Bitch with Waggiest Tail
- Class 8.** Dog or Bitch with Most Appealing Eyes
- Class 9.** Dog or Bitch - any variety - Handled by a boy or girl 14 years or under

Prizes - First £3 Second £2; Third £1 for classes 1- 4. Special Prize £10 for Best in Show.

Prize tickets will be given after each class and monies can be collected in Secretary's Marquee until 4.45pm.

Trophies will be presented at the Dog Show Marquee.

Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may enter for exhibition at this show. Your dog is vulnerable and **AT RISK** if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liable for any damage caused.

DOG SCURRY

Convenors: Mrs Dora Smith & Mrs Lynn Ballantyne

The Scurry will run from 11am until 3pm. Entry at the Dog Marquee. Entry Fee per Dog £2.00

- Class 1.** Dog or Bitch handled by under 16 years old on day of show.
- Class 2.** Dog or Bitch handled by over 16 years old on day of show and resident in Kinross-shire.
- Class 3.** Dog or Bitch handled by over 16 years old on day of show and resident outwith Kinross-shire.

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Congratulations



Congratulations to Simon and Catherine **HAMMOND** (née O'Hare, formerly of Kinnesswood) on the birth of their second son, **WILLIAM JOSEPH**, on Sunday 4 May 2014; a very welcome brother to Robin John.

WADDELL – ARCHIE THOMAS, weighing 7lb 5oz, was born on Tuesday 6 May 2014 to proud parents Stuart and Shona of Milnathort and delighted family.

Congratulations to **DAVID** and **EILEEN GRAY** of St. Serf's Road, Crook of Devon, who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 10 July. They were married in 1954 at Calder United Free Church, Church Street, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire by the Rev. Robert Brackenridge.

Thanks



VIOLET FOWLIS wishes to thank her family for a lovely 80th Birthday party. Also friends and extended family for cards and gifts. Thank you all.

Eight women from the local curling community have raised a huge sum of money for ovarian cancer research. **WILMA BROWNLIE, JANE DRYSDALE, MAGGIE SCOTT, FIONA MACFARLANE, CATH MCGOVERN, FIONA RUTHERFORD, ENA STEVENSON** and **LYNNE STEVENSON** walked the 96-mile West Highland Way in May. They received over 200 donations and sponsorship pledges, raising a total of £10,422.71 for the charity **Ovarian Cancer Action**.



At the end of the West Highland Way, from left: Wilma Brownlie, Ena Stevenson, Fiona Rutherford, Jane Drysdale, Fiona Macfarlane, Cath McGovern, Maggie Scott and Lynne Stevenson.

Two more lady curlers walked the West Highland Way in May for a charitable organisation. **PAT PILGRIM** and **ANNE MOORE** of Kinross Ladies Curling Club raised £401.25 for the **Kinross Curling Trust**, which is current refurbishing the local curling rink.

Newsletter Deadlines

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

Thanks continued...



Milnathort joiner and contractor **COLIN M STEWART**, his wife **DIANNE** and dog Gordon recently walked the Great Glen Way in 3½ days, covering 80½ miles in a total of 175,000 steps! Colin says: "We would like to thank our back up crew of sister Karen and mum Violet for going up front in a 23½ ft campervan. We would also like to thank all family, friends, customers and businesses who sponsored us on our walk and raised £1,225 and counting for Alzheimer's Scotland."



Dianne and Colin Stewart at the end of the Great Glen Way with Gordon the dog (named after their favourite ti pple!)

MILNATHORT SUMMER FAIR: We hope that you all enjoyed this year's summer fair and the perfectly timed beautiful weather. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Dalrymple, the new Head Teacher, on her first visit to the fair.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to the following people and organisations for their kind contributions to this fun and successful community event: The Army - Alan Barnes; Dance Connect; Disco Duck dance; Giacopazzi's; Hunters of Kinross, butchers; Kinross and District Pipe Band; Kinross-shire Round Table, with special thanks to Paul Murray; KLEO; Milnathort Filmhouse; Milnathort Primary School, teachers, and the pupils who ran the barista, netball and helped on stalls; Milnathort Town Hall Committee; Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church; Parents and carers for all the kind donations; Perth and Kinross Council; Sainsbury's Kinross; All stallholders who attended. Our thanks to you all for helping to raise an amazing £1,367.00, which will greatly benefit the pupils' learning experience.

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Church open for visiting or quiet contemplation at same times as office (but note Pram Service on Tuesdays during term time)..

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 'JamPact' (Secondary Age) meet at church centre from 10.15am, finish at church.

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

Wednesdays: 10.45am Service, church centre. 1.30pm Craft Group.

Saturdays: 'Coffee Stop' at Church Centre café, 10am -12noon with second-hand book sale, most Saturdays.

Other Events and Services

June

Sat 28 7.30pm: Alastair Savage Trio, concert of traditional and contemporary fiddle music. £10, concessions £8, under-16 free.

Sun 29 3pm: Faith and Light Concert by Ian White, £5.

July

Tue 1 2.30pm: Service at Whyte Court.

Sun 6 10.30am Morning Service, followed by informal Communion.

Mon 7 8am: Silent Meditation.

Sat 12 8.30am: Prayer Breakfast (names in advance to church office)

Thu 17 9pm: late evening service of Compline.

Sun 27 6.30pm: Informal Evening Service.

Tue 29 2.30pm: Service at Causeway Court.

Thu 31 7.30pm: Praise and Prayer for Family Week.

Family Week, Monday 4 – Friday 8 August

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Sunday Worship, Junior Church and crèche:

10am Portmoak Church,

11.30am Orwell Church.

All children welcome. Crèche available during Sunday Services.

Prayer Meeting held 30mins before each service

Evening Service at 6.30pm in Orwell Hall (1st and 3rd Sundays of month).

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

Services at Levensen: first Tuesday of the month at 4pm

Morning Prayers at 9am

Each Thursday at Portmoak Church New Room.

Each Friday at Orwell Church.

Dates and events for your diary

6 Jul Michael Bruce Memorial Service in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm

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

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

Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

KCF also runs the Talking Donkey 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.

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Sunday Services at 9.45am**July****Sun 6** 9.45am Morning Worship followed by Refreshments and Fellowship. Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 13** 9.45am Morning Worship. Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 20** 9.45am Morning Worship. Rev L Stenhouse.**Sun 27** 9.45am Morning Worship. Rev L Stenhouse.During **July** there will be a crèche and DVD club available for all babies and children after the early part of the service.**Café Refresh:** Every Thursday, church hall, 2-4pm.**House group:** Please contact Fred for details, 01577 840833.**Film Afternoon:** In the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Friday 4 July, 2.30 - 4.30pm. *Join us for a film, a cuppa and a blether.***Cleish Parish Church**
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Sunday Services 11.15am**Crèche and Junior Church** 11.15am**July****Sun 6** 11.15am Morning Worship followed by refreshments in the village hall.**Sun 13** 11.15am Pentecost Morning Worship, Sacrament of Baptism.**Sun 20** 11.15pm Morning Worship.**Sun 27** 11.15am Morning Worship.

All welcome

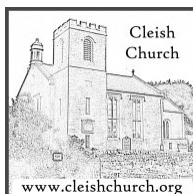
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St Paul's is open, friendly and welcoming to all age groups (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do.)

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Mondays and Wednesdays: 8am Morning Prayer in the Church

Thursdays: 10.30am - 12 noon Study Group in the Meeting Room

Thursdays: 3.30pm - 4.30pm: Rector's Hour

July Services and Events

Refreshments are normally available in the Meeting Room after the Sunday 11am service.

Sun 6 Thomas, Apostle (transferred from 3rd)
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 13** Proper 15. 8.30am Holy Communion (1928).
11am Sung Eucharist.**Sun 20** Mary Magdalene (transferred from 22nd)
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.**Wed 23** 8.30pm Compline.**Sun 27** James, Apostle (transferred from 25th)
8.30am Holy Communion.
11am Sung Eucharist.**Everyone welcome at all services**

The Church is open as a quiet space with the opportunity to light a candle on the following days:

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2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursdays: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

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	6.30pm	Gospel Meeting
Monday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
	8.15pm	Bible Study

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Mass Times Saturday Vigil 7.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

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

Obituaries

PATERSON, Thomas (Tam), died peacefully at Perth Royal Infirmary on 19 April 2014, aged 71, following an illness fought with much strength and courage.


Born and raised in Kinross, Tam was the eldest child of Tam and Elsie Paterson and the brother of Margaret. A family man through and through, he married his wife Joyce in 1979 before going on to have two daughters together, Kirsty and Debbie.

After leaving school, he served his apprenticeship as a Painter and Decorator in Perth before setting up his own business in Kinross. He plied his trade as a Master Painter until very recently, always showing attention to detail such as the perfectionist he was.

Tam was a friendly man who had a few words (or more!) for everyone he met and loved nothing better than meeting new people and having a good old blether. He dedicated his life to his family, his work and of course his football team, Glasgow Rangers, who he supported passionately.

Tam is survived by his wife Joyce, daughters Kirsty and Debbie, son-in-law Mark and grandson Zac. He will be sorely missed by all.

HARLEY, Frank Robert, passed away peacefully on Monday 19 May 2014 at Cornhill Macmillan, Perth, (late of K Trailers). Beloved husband of Margaret (née Douglas).

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Acknowledgements

PATERSON – Joyce, Kirsty and Debbie would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all friends, family and neighbours for the expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers following the recent sad loss of Tam. Thanks also to everyone who paid their respects at Kinross Parish Church and the North Burial Ground.

They would also like to most sincerely thank Dr Pattison and Dr Dalgety at Loch Leven Health Centre, Dr Lord and Gillian Sandeman at the Oncology Department, PRI and all of the staff of Ward 3 PRI for the care provided during Tam's illness.

Special thanks to Rev. Alan Reid for his words of comfort and for paying a lovely tribute to Tam, and to all of the staff at Stewart Funeral Directors for their professionalism and compassion.

The most generous sum of £546.84 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

McEWAN – Mark and the Liddle family would like to thank everyone for the condolences and support that they received after the death of Betty, who passed away at home on 30 April 2014.

A special thanks to the doctors, nurses, Cornhill and Elite carers who were there to support Betty through her illness.

Thanks also to the Rev. Stenhouse for the comforting service and to everyone who gave to the donation for Cornhill Macmillan Support Group and Macmillan Cancer Support, which amounted to £998.19.

Mum's memory will live on in the minds and hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

COTTON – Helena Cant and family wish to thank neighbours, church family and friends for the flowers, cards and messages of sympathy received on the death of Helena's mother, Betty. We wish to thank the doctors and nurses for their wonderful care and attention, and also to Elite Care for the great carers they sent over the past year since Betty came to live in Kinross.

HARLEY – Margaret wishes to thank family, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy received following the sad loss of her beloved husband, Frank. Special thanks to all staff of Cornhill Macmillan, Perth, for the dedicated care shown to him while an in-patient; the Rev. Duncan Stenhouse for his much appreciated support and comforting service; to Gordon Stewart and staff, Funeral Directors, for their help and guidance and to all who attended the service celebrating Frank's life and who so generously donated £500.00 for the Cornhill Macmillan Support Group.

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Session times (term time only)

Tuesdays 9.30- 11.15, Fridays 9.30- 11.15

Contact Sylvia Flynn 07793 005732,

sylviaastewart@hotmail.co.uk

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

FOSSOWAY TODDLERS

Crook of Devon Village Hall

Friday 9.30am - 11.00am

All Mums to-be and Mothers, Fathers and Carers with children aged birth to 3 years are welcome to attend.

Contact - Karen McConnell 07545 274 440

karen@kaequestrian.co.uk

PORTMOAK UNDER 5s

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

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

Babies and Toddlers (birth- 3yrs), Tues 9.30am - 11am
Playgroup (2yrs onwards), Mon & Fri 10am- 12noon

Contact Lynda Hardie (Play leader/Manager)
01592 840785 or 07594 328475

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

SWANSACRE PLAYGROUP

21-23 Swansacre, Kinross

Kinross-shire Playgroup Association

Aka Swansacre Playgroup

Reg Scottish Charity No SC017748

Tel: 01577 862071 Mobile: 07592 392235

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

Playgroup: Mon 9.05am-11.35am with Lunch Club after (for children from age 3 yrs). Tue to Fri 9.15am-11.45am. Children from the age of 2 years welcome.

Inbetweeners: Fri 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club before. Children from the age of 3 years welcome.

Rising Fives: Tues & Wed 12.45pm-3.15pm with Lunch Club beforehand. Complementary to preschool Nursery.

For availability or more information, please contact:

Kim 07504 445949, enrolments.swansacre@gmail.com

or Playgroup on telephone numbers above.

Baby and Toddler Group – Thurs 12.45-2.45pm

Ante-natal to pre-school. Fun for children; coffee and chat for the parent/carer. For more information, please contact

Playgroup on 07592 392235.

The premises are available to hire for **Private Functions**. For more information, please contact **Siobhan 07443 223408** or the Playgroup.

LOCHLEVEN TWOS CLUB

Masonic Hall, The Muirs, Kinross

Thursdays 9.45 to 11.15am (term time only)

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

Contact Esther Blackburn on estherjkent@hotmail.com or 07812 757077 for further details,

or find us on Facebook: Two's Club Kinross

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!

MONTGOMERY TODDLERS

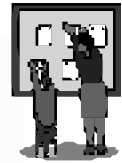
Every Thursday 9.30am to 11am (term-time only)

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.




Notices

Yes Yes Kinross-shire Local Meetings

Come along and put your questions about the Referendum to the panel at your local village hall. Meetings start at 7.30pm

Glen fàrg Friday 4 July
Cambo Friday 11 July

 Panel members will be announced on Facebook Yes Kinross-shire

Michael Bruce Trust **Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration** Sunday 6 July

This year's annual service commemorating the life and work of the Kinross-shire poet Michael Bruce (1746-67) will be held in Portmoak Parish Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 6 July. The service will be held by the Rev Duncan Stenhouse and the guest speaker will be the Very Rev David W Lunan, a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Tea will be served after the laying of the wreath on the poet's grave by Michael Bruce Trust Chairman, Professor David Munro.

All are welcome to join this special celebration.

Children's Hospice Association Scotland



Children's Hospice Association Scotland

Children, young people and their families at the heart of all we do.

How to turn your old t shirt into a scarf.

Come along to the CHAS Gift Shop on **Thursday 17 July** between 11am and 2pm and bring an old t shirt with you to find out how. Sandra Farrer, a local crafter will be demonstrating how to do this as well as showing her knitting skills. Scarves can then be donated to the scarf challenge that Sandra has undertaken which will raise money for CHAS. There will also be a craft sale on in the Gift Shop which starts on 16 July. We will be happy to receive craft donations at any of our Kinross shops.

CHAS Gift Shop
23 Avenue Road, Kinross, KY13 8EP
Tel: 01577 865557

Open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm



Bishopshire Horticultural Society

Ninety-fourth competition

in Portmoak Hall, Scotlandwell
on **Saturday 16 August**

Admission: Adults £1, Children free

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

Lorna Ainsworth 840571

Doors open 1.30pm

Opening Ceremony and Presentation of Prizes at 2.15pm



KCLD Group Meetings

(Kinross-shire Community Learning & Development Group)

Loch Leven Community Campus at 10am

Wednesday 20 August

Monday 29 September

Wednesday 19 November

Community representatives most welcome!

KCLDG is made up of people who live and work in the Kinross-shire area. We share information with groups and individuals to improve services, identify and respond to local needs and to help improve the quality of life in our local communities.

Dr Donald Duncan Bequest Committee

The above Committee has for many years provided Grants for educational purposes for persons whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received some of their education in the County of Kinross. In recent years, the Committee has followed a policy of providing awards only for University Degree Courses. The Committee has also followed the policy that once one award had been received, no further awards would be given.

The Committee has, for the last two years or so, been prepared to consider a more flexible approach to awards. The Committee will, in future, consider applications not just for University courses and will contemplate making more than one award in certain circumstances. Awards will still only be granted, though, for educational purposes.

Application Forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN.

Mary Queen of Scots Extravaganza

Sunday 31 August

12 noon – 5pm, Kirkgate Park, Kinross

FREE EVENT

Historical Themed Activities

A great day out for the family with historical re-enactment with horses and combat.

Enter your teams for the 'Great Escape' rowing boat races! Rowing boat races will happen at the end of Kirkgate Park. Boats will be provided but enter your team as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as there is only space for limited number of teams. The entrance fee is £20 per team with proceeds of the event going to charity and with great prizes to be won!

Enter your team by sending an e-mail to Barry Davies at barrydavies57@btinternet.com.

For more information about the event, visit www.kleo.org.uk.

This event is organised by Rotary Club of Kinross & District and KLEO (Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation)

The Wash House, Scotlandwell

Visitors can look inside the restored, historic wash house by borrowing the key from the Well Country Inn at anytime during daylight hours.



Welcome to the Kinross-shire Volunteer Information Point

Located in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library
Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

Here you can find information about **Volunteering Opportunities** available in Kinross-shire.
Take your time and see what is available. You will also find leaflets in the folders explaining where you can go for further help such as Voluntary Action Perthshire www.vaperthshire.org

If you would like to promote your **Organisations Volunteering Opportunities** please hand your information into reception for attention of: Tracey Ramsay (Community Capacity Building Worker)


Blank profiles are also available for your use if required. These are in the organisation folder at the VIP alternatively follow this link:
www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22228&p=0

The Volunteer Information Point has been organised and supported by Partners of the Kinross-shire Community Learning and Development Group.




For further information please contact Tracey Ramsay 01577 867177 or email Tramsay@pkc.gov.uk

THE KINROSS HUB A CAFE FOR CARERS





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





**St. PAULS CHURCH HALL
KINROSS**
1st MONDAY of EVERY MONTH
10am–12noon & 1pm-3pm

Contact Gail Boath
or Elaine Kincaid
Tel. 01577 867306 or 867310

Milnathort Rainbow Guides

We are looking for an adult leader to help with Rainbow Guides in Milnathort.
It's only for one hour a week.

If you would like to, or know someone who would like to help, please contact Alison on 01577 864262 or 07764 750212

Kinross CC Newsletter Ltd Charitable Grants

Local good causes may apply to Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL), a charitable company, for grants. Decisions on disbursement are made by Kinross CC at its monthly meetings. Applications are welcome from individuals or local organisations but grants are not intended for use where central or local government funding could be used. Applications must comply with the purposes of KCCNL. More details and application forms are available from the community website www.kinross.cc KCCNL's fund has been built up from surpluses made by the Kinross Newsletter Ltd.

Disability Sport

There are many activities for people with disabilities at local, regional and national level which welcome people with physical, learning and sensory disabilities. Sports available include swimming, athletics, boccia and bowling. If you would like further information or would like to be included on an email distribution list to keep up-to-date with what is available, please contact Caroline Ness, Sports Development Officer by telephone on 01738 472242 or email CMNess@pkc.gov.uk

Funding Alert!

PKC produces a huge list summarising funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. There are dozens of Trusts and Foundations giving away grants. The list will be posted on www.kinross.cc or go to www.pkc.gov.uk and look for the voluntary sector page.

Contacts:

The P&K Grants Direct Team 0845 605 2000
Steve MacDonald, P&KC External
Funding Officer 01738 477963

(Contact Steve MacDonald if you would like to subscribe to P&KC's regular e-funding bulletin.)



Kinross-shire Fund Grants available for local community projects



e.g. Events, Information, Transport, Welfare, Physical Amenities, Recreational Facilities, Support for Care of the Elderly, Voluntary Organisations

For more information and to download an application form, see www.kinross-shirefund.org or contact Annabel Bath on 0131 524 0300 or email Annabel@scottishhcf.org

Newsletter Deadlines 2014

Please note, deadlines are on a **FRIDAY**. More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website. In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check Newsletter website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
August	Fri 18 July	Saturday 2 August
September	Fri 15 August	Saturday 30 August

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times: **Mondays to Fridays 9am to 7pm**
Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 5pm

Bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non recyclable (general) waste.

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

The Bike Station

Donate unwanted bikes, parts and cycling accessories for reuse. Bikes are refurbished and sold on to the public at affordable prices. Poorer bikes are salvaged for parts.

Bikes can be donated at the Kinross Recycling Centre (Bridgend Industrial Estate) or at The Bike Station at Mid Friarton, just off the Edinburgh Road in Perth.

Bike Station opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10.30am to 4.30pm and late opening to 8pm on Wednesdays.

Weekly bike sales: Fridays, 10.30am-4.30pm (children's bikes) and Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm (adults' bikes).

Tel: 01738 444430. Email: perth@thebikestation.org.uk
 Website: www.thebikestation.org.uk

Ceilidh Dancing

Come and join us from 2 till 3 every Monday in the Guide Hall, Milnathort, and learn to ceilidh dance. You don't need a partner and it is all very informal and great fun.

All proceeds go to the Scouts and Guides.

Just come along – the more the merrier. No age limit.

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in School?

If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: tel 0845 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland

Blythswood Care

Sainsbury's Car Park

(if car park is full, van will park nearby, e.g. Park & Ride or Ochil View)

Tuesday 22 July

between 10.30 am and 11 am

Further details from 862258



Loch Leven Community Campus
The Muirs, Kinross
KY13 8FQ
www.pkc.gov.uk

Community Learning & Development
Adult Learning
Free local and friendly support with:

English as a Second Language

Would you like to improve your ability to:

- Talk to friends and neighbours
- Understand what people say to you
- Give information
- Talk on the phone
- Fill in a form
- Apply for a job

Adult Literacy & Numeracy

Reading Writing Spelling Numbers

“I can enjoy books now”

“I feel more confident”

“Filling in forms is less scary”

“I passed my driving test”

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

If you would like further information regarding any of the tuition please contact:

Tracey Ramsay

Loch Leven Community Campus

Email: TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk

Tel: 01577 867124

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre

based in the centre of Perth

Offers free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and support to anyone facing a pregnancy related crisis.

In a safe, secure environment we aim to assist women (or couples) in making their own informed decisions about their future and support them through the process if they require it. We offer confidential advice, free pregnancy testing, pregnancy crisis and miscarriage support, adoption advice and counselling for post abortion stress.

The office is open 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday and outwith those hours can be contacted on the office number 01738 621174.

On-line support and information can be obtained from our website www.careconfidential.com

Hope Pregnancy Crisis Centre, 40 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP

www.hopepregnancy.co.uk

email: hope-pregnancy@btconnect.com

Helpline 01738 621174

We are a Scottish Charity SC037103



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



MINDSPACE COUNSELLING SERVICE

MindSpace Counselling Services are now able to offer counselling to adults and young people aged 11+ at The Loch Leven Health Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays. We offer counselling to people who are facing a wide range of difficulties or challenges such as: bereavement or loss; isolation, anxiety or depression; stress of work or in the home; difficulties in friend, family or intimate relationships; confused feelings. If you are interested in this service you can self-refer via email to info@mindspacepk.com, by telephone on 01738 631639 or by visiting our website at www.mindspacepk.com. You can also be referred by your GP.

MindSpace also offer counselling to adults (18+) at their offices in Perth. For more information visit our website at www.mindspacepk.com



Need to consult an old Newsletter?

The Kinross (Marshall) Museum at the Loch Leven Community Campus houses a collection of every Kinross Community Council Newsletter ever published (July 1977 to the present day). Newsletters can be consulted when the Museum Study Room is open: Thursdays, 10am – 8pm and Saturdays, 10am – 1pm. Electronic versions of Newsletters from September 2006 to the present day can be downloaded from the Newsletter website: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Advice Surgery



The Kinross Outreach Advice Surgery is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall, The Muirs, Kinross. The next visits are:

8 and 22 July

No appointment is necessary as the surgery is a drop-in service. For complex issues a further appointment may be necessary. Perth CAB can help you – our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact us: Advice line 01738 450580; Appointment line 01738 450581.

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau Benefits Advice in Libraries (BAIL)



Benefits specialist Sarah MacLean will be available at Loch Leven Community Campus Library on the **second and fourth Wednesday of each month** between 2pm and 4pm. Alongside the provision of general benefits advice Sarah can help with the following:

- Completing both paper and online benefit application forms;
- Conducting checks to see if clients are receiving everything they are entitled to, i.e. discounts for fuel, etc;
- Providing advice and support in instances where an application is refused or awarded at a lower level than expected.

Please note: Sarah is available **by appointment only**. To make an appointment, please call 01738 450599.

MOUBRAY HALL, POWMILL

Do you need to hire a venue for your club or society meetings, family get-togethers, birthday parties or functions?

Then look no further than Moubray Hall, Powmill.

Available to hire all year round with new kitchen and disabled toilet.

For further details, please call 01577 840330.

P&K school summer holiday dates

The 2013-14 school year ended on Thu 26 June 2014.

The 2014-15 school year begins on Tue 19 August 2014 for pupils (day before for staff).

Homes Required urgently for our homeless hounds



www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

Greyhounds are very gentle creatures that require very little walking!

Telephone Celia on
Mobile: 07826 244765
Evenings: 01577 850393
Email: ferniejimmyf@aol.com



Community Councils

Kinross: Secy: Mrs M Scott (01577) 862945
KinrossCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Cleish & Blairadam: Secy: Patty Fraser (01577) 850253,
CleishCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Milnathort: Chair: Bruce Hamilton (01577) 830616
MilnathortCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk
Fossoway & District: Secy: Kevin Bothwick (01577) 840845,
fossoway.cc@gmail.com
Portmoak: Chair: Malcolm Strang Steel (01592) 840459,
PortmoakCommunityCouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Portmoak Community Councillors

Robin G Cairncross	01592 840672
Bruce Calderwood	01592 840423
Susan Forde	01592 840128
Thomas Smith	01592 841160
Malcolm Strang Steel	01592 840459
Richard Williamson	01592 840538

www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

Councillor Mike Barnacle (Independent)
Tel/Fax (home): 01577 840516.
Email: michaelabarnacle@gmail.com
Website: mikebarnacle.co.uk

Moorend, Waulkmill Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross, KY13 0UZ

Councillor Dave Cuthbert (Independent)
Tel (home): 01577 861681. Email: dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk
8 Highfield Circle, Kinross, KY13 8RZ

Councillor Joe Giacomazzi (Scottish National Party)
Tel (home): 01577 864025.
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38A New Road, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XT

Councillor Willie Robertson (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Tel (home): 01577 865178. Email: wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk
85 South Street, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9XA

Perth & Kinross Council www.pkc.gov.uk

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

Out of Hours Emergencies Tel: 01738 625411
(Roads, flooding, environmental health and dangerous buildings)

Clarence (for non-emergency road and lighting defects) Tel: 0800 232323

Registrar Tel: 01577 867133
The Registrar is normally in Kinross only on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Loch Leven Community Campus

Mobile Library

Mobile 2, Week 1, every second Wednesday:
Visiting Powmill, Rumbling Bridge, Crook of Devon, Fossoway, Cleish and Milnathort. Next visit: **9 July**.

Mobile 2, Week 2, every second Tuesday:
Visiting Mawcarse, Glenlmond, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Levenmouth Farm, Hatchbank and Cambo. Next visit: **1 July**.

Mobile 1, Week 2, every second Wednesday:
Visiting Glenfarg and Duncreevie. Next visit: **2 July**.
For times of stops, see PKC website: www.pkc.gov.uk
Any queries, telephone AK Bell Library 01738 444949.

Kinross Community Councillors

Margaret Blyth	6 Muir Grove	
David Colliar (Chair)	10 Rannoch Place	864037
Barry M Davies	60 Lathro Park	865004
Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	865045
Ian Jack (Treasurer)	Burnbrae Grange	863980
Dot Mackay	17 Ochil View	864635
Margaret Scott (Secy)	21 Ross Street	862945
Gareth Thomas	50 Muirs	863714
Campbell Watson	7 Gallowhill Gardens	861544
David West	9 Leven Place	07824 313974
Malcolm Wood	The Woodlands, Hatchbank	850394

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire Roseanna Cunningham MSP

New constituency office details, as from April 2014:
63 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0PE

Telephone: 01738 620540

Email: Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:
The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Claire Baker MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6759

Email: Claire.Baker.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

Jayne Baxter MSP (Labour) Tel: 0131 348 6753

Email: jaynebaxter.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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Email: Annabelle.Ewing.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

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Member of Parliament for Ochil & South Perthshire Constituency Gordon Banks MP

www.gordonbanksmp.co.uk

Email: banksgr@parliament.uk

For dates and locations of regular advice surgeries, or to raise any concerns you may have, please contact the constituency office: telephone 01259 721536, fax 01259 216761 or write to 49-51 High Street, Alloa, FK10 1JF.

Fossoway and Cleish Community Office

A service for the Community, open:

Thursdays 2 pm - 4 pm

Saturdays 10am -12 noon

Out of hours there is an answering machine

Tel: 01577 840185 Email: fccoffice@btinternet.com

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

Tel 01577 865045. Email: linda.freeman_64@btinternet.com

Kinross-shire *Day Centre*

64 High Street
Kinross
KY13 8AJ



Film shows • Cards • Dominoes • Art Class
Daily Papers • Chiropody • Trips • Exercises

Weekly Programme

Monday	Exercise Class	11am	Bingo	1.30pm
			“Stride for Life” Walking Group	2pm
Tuesday	Relaxation Class	1.15pm	Singing group with Alex Cant	1.45pm
	Fun and Games	1.15pm		
Wednesday	Morning Service	10.45am	Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm
	Dominoes & Games	1.30pm	Scrabble	1.30pm
Thursday	Film Afternoon	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm
	Art Class	1.30pm	Scrabble etc	1.30pm
Friday	Bingo	1.30pm	Dominoes	1.30pm

Additional Events for July

Barge Trip
Chiropody

Friday 4th 10.15am
Every Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm
(phone 01577 863869 for an appointment)
Thursday 24th 12noon - 3pm

Food from around the world, and
Entertainment (Spanish)

There will also be other day trips that are yet to be organised!



Coffee Bar open to the public 8.30 am - 4 pm, Older Adults Lunches Daily.

Our activities are open to everyone - please feel free to come in and have a great afternoon.

Phone: 01577 863869

Fax: 01577 863869

Email: kindaycent@tiscali.co.uk

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION



Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon - Fri: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 862422

Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon to Fri: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm &
2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Saturday: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tel: 862219

Sundays: The nearest open pharmacy is Asda, Dunfermline



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.

PLUS Perth

www.plusperth.co.uk

Tel: 01738 626242

77 Canal Street, Perth



PLUS is a member-led local charity improving the lives of people who have suffered mental distress and promoting more positive attitudes towards mental health.

The PLUS office is open Mon-Fri 9.30am – 4pm for mental health signposting and enquiries.

Newbies

Every Monday, 2- 3pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

A new group for new parents and new babies!

Come along and meet other parents for a blether, whilst the babies play.

Parents with babies 0 - 18 months FREE!

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.scottishcf.org

Classified Adverts

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.

Items for Sale

Canon Pixma ip2200 Printer **£1500**
Excellent condition. Complete with cables, drive disc and one unopened black ink.

Seller details: Fiona Watt 01577 840431
fiona.watt5@btinternet.com

Trailer **£5000**
Small Trailer, 4ft x 2ft 6ins x 2ft 6 ins high. Ideal for general use such as camping, gardening, skip runs. Good condition with all electrics working etc.

Fire Surround **£5000**
Light Mahogany Fire Surround. Marble back and hearth. Nearly perfect condition. Cost £1200 new.

For two items above contact: Eric Caldwell 01577 865846
ericcaldwell@btinternet.com

Sofa Table **£4000**
Reproduction Mahogany 2 drawersofa table.
Seller details: Pat Hughes 01577 840385

Situations Vacant

In conjunction with www.kinross.cc, the Newsletter is pleased to publish local situations vacant. Please go to the kinross.cc website before applying to **check whether a position is still available**. (Go to www.kinross.cc then click on 'Local Adverts' and choose 'Situations Vacant').

Electrician (full time), Hatrick Bruce Ltd, Milnathort

We currently have a vacancy for experienced Electricians for a variety of industrial and commercial projects. Must be 17th edition and able to drive.

Apply to 01577 863967 or email mandy@hatrickbruce.co.uk

Taxi Driver, A2B Taxis, Kinross

We require a part time taxi driver for school contract one day a week, holiday cover and occasional other shifts. Full UK driving licence and Perth & Kinross taxi licence required.

Anyone interested in this position should call Bruce on 07743 33237.


Mobility Scooters

Available to hire, free of charge, seven days a week
from the Kinross pier

1st July – end October, 10am – 4pm

Telephone Simon Lennox on (01577) 862670
to make a booking.

*This facility is available due to the generous co-operation of
Historic Scotland and Montgomery Hotels Group/Kinross Estate*



**Community Learning & Development
Adult & Family Learning Team**

Technology Drop-in

**CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER?
INTRIGUED BY THE INTERNET?
ERRORS IN YOUR EMAIL?
FLUMMOXED BY YOUR PHONE?**

The IT Tutor with Community Learning and Development
at
Loch Leven Community Campus
is holding drop-in sessions to help with any basic
technology questions you may have:
Friday mornings 10am – 12 noon
in the ICT room within the library
No need to book, just drop-in!
If you need further information,
please contact **01577 867177**

Art for Recovery Kinross

Confidence building Skills Sharing Socialising

ARK provides support through arts and crafts for people with health issues in Kinross and surrounding areas.

ARK offers peer support to those in need of a little company to socialise and learn new skills. Try drawing with pencils and pastels, painting with acrylics and watercolours, working with clay, felt-making and patchwork. Or just have a cup of tea or coffee!

The group meets **weekly on a Wednesday** from 1pm to 3pm in Orwell Church Hall, Ba' Hill, Milnathort. £1 per session. For more information, email arkforart@gmail.com or call the Chair on 07590 387189.



Springwell – Wellbeing Support Team Inclusion * Wellbeing * Recovery

*Supporting positive mental health in Kinross-shire
and Strathearn for adults from 16 onwards*

We support people to improve the quality of their life and wellbeing, be more involved in their community, help them achieve their ambitions and manage their mental health. We support people how to improve their social contacts, be more active, access education or voluntary opportunities or work. The support and activities we offer are flexible and can change and develop over time, depending on what people need and benefit from.

For more information or an informal chat please phone
Charlie Wilson 01577 867320, or
Email charleswilson@pkc.gov.uk

JAM Ticket Competition Terms and Conditions

Entrants must be 18 or over. One entry per person. The competition is to be entered by posting "I'M A FAN OF JAM" on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/JustAboutMovies

The deadline for posting is 11.59pm on Thursday 17 July 2014. One entrant will be chosen at random from the posts and contacted by the organisers by private message on Facebook to be asked a simple question about the July Newsletter. If the entrant chosen fails to respond correctly within 72 hours of the message being sent, the prize will not be awarded. The winner agrees to have their name published in the Kinross Newsletter. The prize is two Full Weekend Camping tickets for the 2014 Just About Movies Film Festival to be held at Tullibole Castle, 29-31 August 2014. There is no cash alternative. Kinross Newsletter Ltd is not liable for the provision of the prize. The judge's decision is final. Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and agree to be bound by them.

The competition promoter and judge is Synergy Event Solutions Ltd, Rosevale House, 15 Bridge Street, Dollar, FK14 7DE.

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