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Letter From The Editor

As the weather warms up, we will no doubt see more algal blooms at Loch Leven. I was really pleased to hear from research scientists at the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology who want to ask local people about their perceptions of water quality problems in the loch and what they think is needed, in terms of research, to resolve them.

There will be a public consultation in June, so watch out for the date in the next *Newsletter*.

It is really important that we do all we can to protect our loch and so I would encourage everyone to engage with the consultation when it comes along.

About The Kinross Newsletter

The *Kinross Newsletter* has been informing and supporting the community for nearly 50 years.

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

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Kinross and Milnathort will both have individual beacon-lighting ceremonies on the evening of Thursday 8 May, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day. Beacons will be lit at seven locations across Perth and Kinross to commemorate the end of the Second World War in Europe (see p11 for more details about where and when to attend on the night).

You will have no doubt noticed some big changes are afoot at Sainsbury's. We asked Store Manager Fraser Caldwell to tell us all about the coming exciting transformation. We are very grateful to Sainsbury's for their support of the *Newsletter* and we wish them every success with the new-look store!

Rumours can be rife on social media and are not always to be trusted. We have been speaking to NatureScot about the Burleigh Sands car park, to get clarification of their plans for it over the summer. In the warmer months it has often sadly been misused by people camping overnight, lighting fires on the beach and leaving rubbish strewn around. You can see the statement from NatureScot on p21.

At the *Newsletter* we aim to publish the established facts and, as a source of information that the community can trust, we prefer not to get our stories from comments we read on social media. We are always keen to hear from our readers so please do get in touch with me at my email address editor@kinross-newsletter.org.

Hannah Collins, Editor



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Letters

Muir/Lethangie Road Junction

I WOULD ROUNDLY support our Councillors efforts to achieve a sensible solution to the Muir/Lethangie road junction.

As has been recently demonstrated traffic lights around this junction are a nightmare, causing endless blockages and hold ups in all three directions. It is well known that traffic lights cause the biggest disruption to traffic flow and that roundabouts ease these and I endorse Councillors Cuthbert and Robertson in their efforts to have a roundabout, not traffic lights, at this junction. There are already two sets of pedestrian traffic lights on the main road and adding another set between them will add greatly to the stop/go of traffic. I find it extraordinary that the developers can dictate what work they will do to the roads.

If I, other members of the public or Councillors tried to dictate this to the roads department we would be seen off in short shrift! The present junction would be better than additional traffic lights and perhaps Persimmon would like to do nothing rather than antagonise the community further!

Patrick Milne Home, Milnathort

Grow Wild: Do P&K Spin Doctors Think We're Stupid?

KINROSS RESIDENTS WILL have noticed signs recently put up on green public spaces as in the attached photo. 'Growing wild' in an appropriate shade of green is given as the reason for reducing or stopping mowing of verges etc. for which the council is responsible.

I hope that the mowing will be reduced rather than stopped otherwise we'll have to get used to our green spaces being overgrown with long grass and weeds and spilling on to footpaths.



However, the real reason is surely and transparently a measure to cut costs in the council's budget.

While it's unfortunate that this has to be done, it would have been understandable had the council simply stated the real reason. P&K officials should not take us for fools by trying to disguise the decision as an environmentally friendly, green initiative.

Furthermore, with council budgets being so tight, it would be interesting to know how much it has cost the council to produce and distribute the signs across the council area

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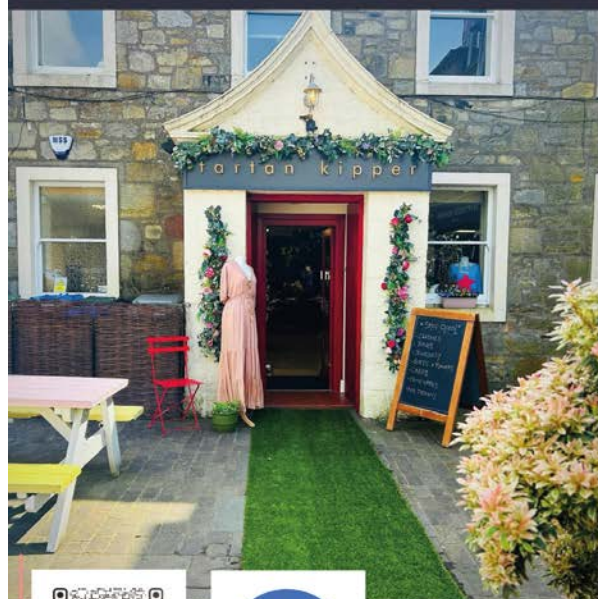
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Letter To The RSPB

DEAR STAFF

I have been an RSPB member for a long time and I have received from you in September, November & December 2024 invitations to renew my membership.

I will not be doing so because of the Society's ridiculous stance of not objecting to huge onshore windfarms promoted through Government policy and their detrimental effect on our landscape & bird populations (see *Times* article 27/2/25 'Turbines will be painted black to cut bird deaths' estimated at between 10000 and 100000 a year).

In my area two huge windfarms in the Ochil Hills Local Landscape Area are proposed and subject to many objections, including Historic Scotland because of the effect on Loch Leven Nature Reserve (RSPB Vane Farm). I asked wardens there for help with geese migration routes from the north and got no help whatsoever!

Says it all – you don't protect birds!

Mike Barnacle, Crook Of Devon

Kinross And Cutlery

I THOUGHT YOUR readers might be amused at this AI contribution from Google, found when researching the historic cutlery industry:

"AI Overview: Kinross was once known for its cutlery production, particularly in the 18th and 19th centuries. However, this industry has since declined and is now almost extinct, with the town's inhabitants now primarily involved in the manufacture of woollen goods and cotton weaving."

Who knew!

*Dr Catherine Kent, Buildings Historian
Honorary Fellow, , Department of History,
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NICOLE & STUART HUNTER are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter **Hollie Alice**, born on Tuesday 15 April weighing a healthy 10lb 3oz. A gorgeous wee sister for Harris.

She is the first granddaughter for Yvonne & Jim Wardrope and Catriona & Murray Hunter, and the

first great granddaughter for Christine Dawson & Alice Blaikie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the *Newsletter's* **Hannah and Chris Collins**, who finally tied the knot in Dornoch on Saturday 5 April.



WELL DONE **Patrick**, of Fossoway Primary School, who won the Daffodil Competition at Fossoway Flower Show.

All the primary school children were given a daffodil bulb to grow in November and Patrick's won first prize.

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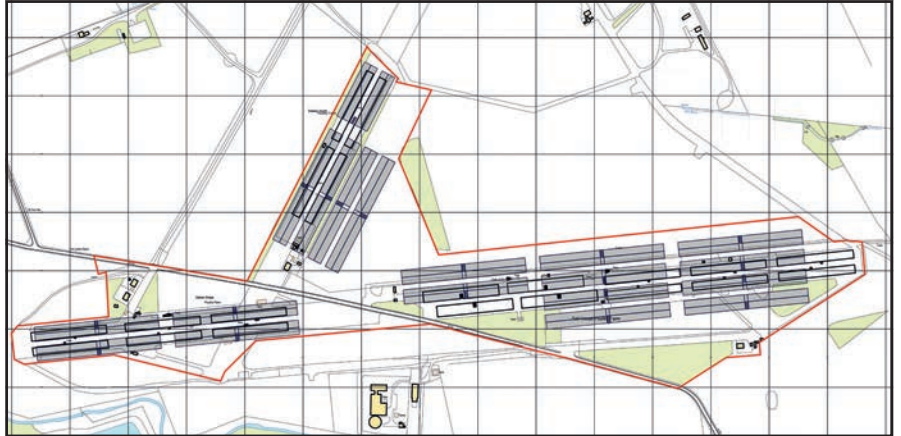
EXPANSION TO BALADO CHICKEN FARM PROPOSED

A PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION notice (PAN) has been submitted to PKC for the Balado Bridge poultry farm, which sits around two miles west of Kinross, to almost double its size.

Amber Real Estates Investments wants to redevelop the farm and to replace the existing 20 buildings with 38 new structures. Poultry sheds would be replaced on existing hardstanding and additional, or widened, sheds would be installed on land currently used for agriculture.

Before submitting a formal planning application, Amber Real Estates is to stage two consultation events at Millbridge Hall in Kinross. These will take place on 7 May and 21 May, both between 1pm and 6pm.

Comments can be made at the event or by writing or emailing the applicant at Emma.moore@areil.co.uk. They must be submitted no later than 3 June 2025. Please note that all comments must be sent to the developer to the contact de-



tails stated above and not to PKC. There will be an opportunity to make representations to the Council as and when a formal planning application for the proposal is submitted.

A leaflet drop will be undertaken to the nearest surrounding properties. Councillor

Dave Cuthbert declined to comment as he sits on Perth and Kinross Council's Planning Committee. He said 'If I did comment, then I would need to declare an interest and would then not be able to take part in any discussion or vote on the application, should it come to the committee.'

KHS RECEIVES 'GLOWING' INSPECTION REPORT

THE POSITIVE LEARNING environment, high quality learning and teaching and successful leadership at KHS have been identified as key strengths.

His Majesty's inspectors visited the school in February. Some of the strengths identified by the inspectors include:

- The headteacher and senior leaders have led a successful focus with staff on developing high quality learning, teaching and assessment. As a result, staff are highly motivated to provide positive and engaging learning environments for young people.
- Senior leaders and staff have developed a range of robust systems to monitor young people's progress in learning. Staff use this information well to plan young people's support and ongoing learning experiences.
- Staff work well with an extensive range of highly effective partners. These partnerships are enhancing significantly young people's learning in classes, their wellbeing and achievements.

Inspectors also concluded that all staff work diligently to ensure a calm, safe, and respectful culture for learning. Almost all young people



engage well in their learning and are highly motivated to succeed. Most young people attain well. Almost all are supported effectively by staff and partners into a positive destination when they leave school. The behaviour of almost all young people is exemplary.

Sarah Brown (Headteacher) said, 'This was a real team effort and an example of what can be achieved through hard work, dedication and a shared commitment to educational excellence. Well done to all staff, young people, partners and our school community.'

David Macluskey, Strategic Lead for Education and Learning, said 'I am delighted by this validation of Kinross High School by colleagues from Education Scotland. This is a very strong inspection report. The school is ambitious and has a clear vision for continuous improvement and excellence.'

The inspection team were impressed by the high quality of learning and teaching that they observed, and a range of curriculum offers which promote pupil leadership of learning. These areas of highly effective practice will be shared nationally.



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ALGAL BLOOM: YOU CAN HELP OUR LOCH!



Public Consultation: Co-Developing Solutions To Algal Bloom Problems At Loch Leven

A group of research scientists from the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UK-CEH), James Hutton Institute, Scotland's Rural College and Scottish Agricultural College Consulting who are keen to hear from everyone who interacts with, or is affected by, Loch Leven. This includes, but is not limited to, members of the public, schools, local councillors, community councils, farmers, landowners, wild swimmers and recreational water sports users, walkers, cyclists, anglers, birdwatchers, dog walkers, conservation societies, artists and storytelling groups.

Scotland's lochs deliver important eco-

system services to people and nature. These include flood protection, water supply, food security, recreation, and improved health and wellbeing. If high levels of nutrients enter our lochs, this affects the natural balance of the system resulting in harmful algal blooms. These blooms, which are often seen as green or brown scums floating on the surface of the water, can kill aquatic life and produce harmful toxins that affect the health of people and animals.

The link between algal blooms and nutrients was first recognised at Loch Leven in the mid 1980s. By the mid 1990s, restoration measures had reduced nutrient inputs to the loch by about 50 per cent and, by the mid 2000s, the loch had returned to good water quality. However, in recent years, the loch has experienced a resurgence in algal blooms; monitoring suggests that this change is probably being caused by climate change.

A spokesperson said, 'To help us understand why this has happened, and to explore how the effects of climate change can be mitigated, we need you to help us co-develop research questions and management options that could improve the water quality of the loch.'

Our Science Needs Your Help

'As scientists, we can suggest theoretical solutions to water quality problems but often we don't understand how the quality of Loch Leven affects the day-to-day lives of local communities. With algal blooms increasing, again, we are inviting you to help us develop a research strategy to help improve water quality and reduce their impact.'

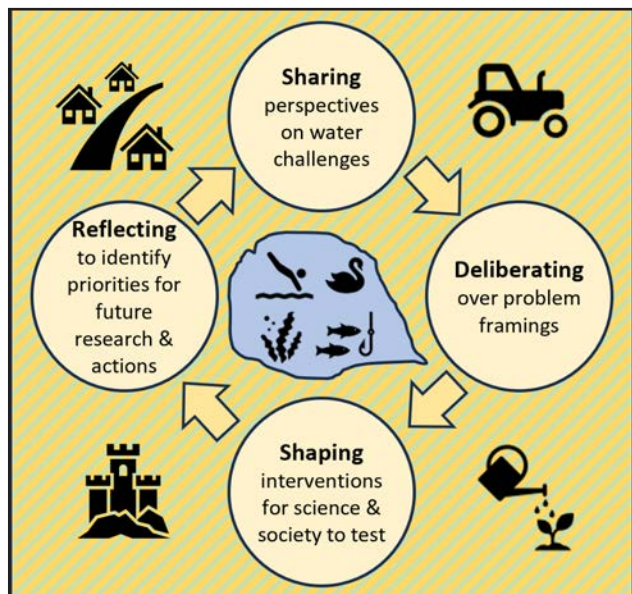
'We are planning to hold a public consultation to co-develop a shared understanding of the causes and effects of water quality problems in the loch, explore possible solutions to those problems and agree the research required to evaluate their effectiveness.'

The aims of the meeting are:

- To exchange views on water quality problems at Loch Leven
- To identify sustainable interventions that the community can adopt to help improve water quality
- To discuss the creation of demonstration projects that would enable scientists and the public to evaluate, jointly, the effectiveness of those interventions

'The meeting will be organised by UKCEH and its collaborators. It will be funded by the UK Natural Environment Research Council and the EU FutureLakes project. We look forward to seeing you!'

Further details and the exact time and location of the meeting will be confirmed in the June issue of the *Kinross Newsletter*.



KINROSS SCHOOLS RUN TO VICTORY IN CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

KPS PRIMARY 6 AND Primary 7 cross-country runners returned triumphant from the P&K Schools Cross Country annual championship.

Almost all of the 69 primary schools from Perth and Kinross gathered at the event, with over 1,000 competitors running a mile-long course. In each of the four races, Kinross Primary School pupils were winners of the team trophy.

This unique achievement marks a milestone that will be remembered for years to come. Mr Ross Graham, PE teacher, said, 'Our teams put in months of hard work, coming in early for training twice a week since

the start of the new session in August. We also held a collaboration event with Kinross High School to fine-tune our preparations. Although we knew we had strong teams, we could only dream of sweeping the boards.'

The teams will now advance to the 35th Scottish Schools Athletics Association Cross Country Cham-



pionships, to be held in Kirkcaldy on 26 April.

Well done also to Kinross High School pupils who won the overall High School title at the Championships. A spokesperson said,

'Pupils demonstrated fantastic motivation, determination and teamwork'. In the team events, their S1 boys, S2 and S3 girls won 1st place, S1 girls and S3 boys took 2nd place and the S2 boys secured 3rd place. Individual medals were won by Lucy (S3) 1st, Harry (S2) 2nd and Arianna (S1), Lily (S2), Robbie (S3) and Alfie (S1) 3rd. Congratulations to all the competitors and prize-winners at both schools!

CALLING FOLKIES OLD AND NEW



DUST OFF YOUR INSTRUMENTS and join Kinross Community Folk Group, a new collaboration with Kinross Local Events Organisation!

Do you have a musical instrument or an unfulfilled musical talent? Have you always wanted to play in a group but never found the opportunity, or not done so in a long time?

We invite all abilities and any type of acoustic instrument to come along and join in. Please also bring a music stand if you have one.

Sessions start on Tuesday 27 May, 1pm – 3pm at St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church Hall, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY – the hall is accessible for wheelchairs.

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MORE FROM ARTS@STPAUL'S

ARTS@STPAUL'S is popping up again this year beginning with a Taster Art Exhibition on the weekend of 24 and 25 May. Designed as a taste of what is to come, it will feature a small selection of work by 10 different artists who will all be featuring in the exhibition programme this year.

On 7 and 8 June an art and crafts exhibition will feature a wider range of media including Wendy Farquharson's needlefelt painting, Julie Close's imaginative storytelling and writing illustrated with her (The Wee Pixel) composite photography, Colin Mackenzie's (Wooden Wonders) exquisitely decorated wood turned items and Anne Taylor's drawings and paintings inspired by walks on the coast and nature.

So come along and have a taste of what is to come later in the year. After a summer break the full programme of exhibitions commences on 23 and 24 August with work on display every second weekend through to 10 December.

Delighted with the response to the first two years of exhibitions, a number of artists will return showing new work and will be joined by new names from the local area and further afield.

Arts@StPaul's is an exciting concept giving artists and makers the opportunity to show and sell their work. It has been warmly



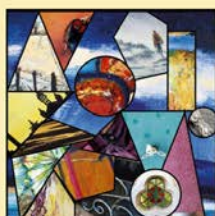
received and is a window on the amazing range of talent in our area and in neighbouring areas bordering Kinross-shire.

As well as the fortnightly displays of Arts and Crafts, the organisation has this year supported other initiatives such as promoting a regular art class at St Paul's with tutor Barry Allan Scott. They are currently engaged in a working brief with artists and makers to support the introduction and delivery of workshops and develop opportunities to share professional practice. They were also delighted to this year be able to support Kinross and District Rotary in judging the entries to the Rotary Young Artist Competition from Kinross High School.

A spokesperson said, 'Last year we supported Inside Out which returns this year With Pride on 3/4 May at St Paul's. The weekend exhibition aims to showcase and sell artwork by Veteran Prisoners in Perth Prison. The artwork not only

helps with their rehabilitation but allows them to give something back in raising funds for their chosen Armed Services Charity, which this year is Fighting With Pride.

'We warmly invite you to come along to our exhibitions with no obligation to buy but to enjoy the efforts of so many talented people and to encourage an appreciation of art and craft in our community. We hope to see you soon.'



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VE DAY: 80 YEARS DOWN THE LINE

at the North Inch. That night, a series of VE Day 80 beacons will be lit at seven locations across Perth and Kinross to commemorate the end of the Second World War in Europe.

On Sunday 11 May, there will be a commemorative church service in St John's Church, Perth at 11am, to which all are welcome – no tickets needed. There will also be a display of military vehicles, live music from pipe and brass bands, and other street entertainment, on the streets outside the church. For those unable to attend in person, Caresound Radio will be broadcasting the service live and it will be available on catchup on their website afterwards. <https://caresound.radio/>

Bailie Chris Ahern, Armed Forces and Veterans Champion for PKC, said: 'This will be a historic occasion and a chance for people across Perth and Kinross to remember the sacrifices made during the Second World War.'

Stephen Leckie, Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross, added:

'So many people from Perth and Kinross gave their lives in the defeat of the Nazis and other Axis powers in Europe. This is such an important anniversary, and the Lieutenancy is delighted to be working with Perth and Kinross Council and The Black Watch to lay on a series of events on 8 and 11 May for the veterans, those others who lived through the Second World War, as well as the serving armed forces, cadets and general public.'

'We encourage you to come along and join us.'

COMMUNITIES ACROSS PERTH and Kinross will this month commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Victory in Europe took place on 8 May 1945 when the Allies accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany.

To mark this anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, a series of events is planned across Perth and Kinross. On the morning of 8 May, wreaths will be laid at the Veterans' Memorial on St John Street in Perth and at The 51st Highland Division Memorial

P&K Provost Xander McDade said: 'Commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day allows us to honour the immense sacrifices made by millions of people during World War II. This allows us to reflect on our shared history, educate younger generations about the importance of peace, and express our gratitude to those who fought for our freedom.'



WHERE WILL THE BEACONS BE LIT?

ON 8 MAY, a series of VE Day 80 beacons will be lit at seven locations across Perth and Kinross to commemorate the end of the Second World War in Europe.

The commemorative beacon lighting ceremony for Kinross is: 9pm at the War Memorial, 14 High Street, Kinross. The

beacon will be lit by Deputy Lieutenant Mrs Jeffy Erskine at 9pm. There will also be a piper in attendance.

The commemorative beacon lighting ceremony for Milnathort is 9.30pm on Ba' Hill, preceded by refreshments in Orwell Church Hall.

MUCKHART OPEN GARDENS IS BACK

THE PERENNIALY POPULAR Open Gardens Weekend is coming back to Muckhart at the end of the month. A collection of gardens in and around the Pool o' Muckhart and Yetts o' Muckhart will open their doors to let visitors come in and have a look in aid of the Scotlands Gardens Scheme.

It will be held on the weekend of Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June, from 1-5pm (Teas are served in the Coronation Hall from 2-5pm). Tickets, maps and teas can be found at the Coronation Hall, Muckhart on the day. Full details can be found on www.scotlandsgardens.org/muckhart-open-gardens/

FOOD & DRINKS FESTIVAL/ KINROSS SPRING MARKET

COME ALONG TO THE Food & Drinks Festival at the Kinross Spring Market, Market Park on Saturday 24 May from 10am-5pm.

There will be a food and drinks festival including demonstrations in the marquee of the beer garden by local Masterchef finalists Jilly MCord and Sarah Rankin, Tyroshan Attidi Panagoda (Sri Lankan street food), Kenneth Campbell (Gin Laboratory), Angie Noble (Cairn O'Mohr), a representative of Loch Leven Brewery and Yoon Mi Seong from Pinko's who will demonstrate how to make Kimchi.

For the full programme see p51 in this Newsletter.



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NEW LOOK FOR SAINSBURY'S

SAINSBURY'S KINROSS IS GEARING up for a whole new look, following conversations with customers throughout the UK about what matters most to them when shopping.

Sainsbury's wants all its customers and colleagues to look forward to and enjoy the time they spend in its stores – so the retailer is currently transforming many of its super-markets, including Sainsbury's Kinross, to implement an extensive array of improvements. The new-look supermarket will relaunch to customers on Friday 23 May.

Customers have told Sainsbury's they are looking for more creativity and excitement when shopping. Sainsbury's recognised the opportunity to do more to inspire and delight them with a new format centred on tasty, great quality and innovative food, while maintaining competitive prices. Other exciting new features to look out for in the store include:

- **Hundreds of delicious new products throughout the revamped food aisles**
- **A new *Free From* department bringing chilled products, frozen food and cupboard staples together in one convenient location**
- **Redecoration and refitting of the store**

Sainsbury's is also installing state-of-the-art technology in and around the supermarket, such as new digital signage and displays, which are designed to help customers feel more inspired while also making the store more energy-efficient and easier to navigate. The aim is to help them better focus their visits on different parts of the store based on the type of shop they want to do, supported by Sainsbury's helpful, knowledgeable colleagues throughout the shop floor.

Fraser Caldwell, Sainsbury's Kinross Store Manager said: 'We're really excited to be ramping up our work to transform



Sainsbury's Kinross to deliver a completely refreshed store for our customers and colleagues.

'We appreciate this is a project that involves a significant amount of change in and around the store and I'd like to thank everyone in the community for their support and patience while this work takes place. I'm thoroughly looking forward to hearing what everyone thinks of their brand-new store when we reopen next month.'



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YOUNG ARTISTS TRIUMPH IN ROTARY COMPETITIONS



THE ROTARY CLUB OF Kinross and District has continued to provide opportunities for young people in the community in recent weeks.

Emily – whose poem, 'Wonderful Water', was awarded first prize in our Club Heat, has now been awarded second prize in the District Heat of the **National Rotary Young Writer Competition**.

Well done, Emily!

Also on the theme of 'Wonderful Water', we have invited entries to the 'Young

Photographer' and 'Young Artist' competitions.

Hayden was awarded the club heat for '**Young Photographer**' with his entry, which he explains:

'A photo of a splash of water, highly contrasted as the camera catches the moment the water reacts to the stone chucked in it, with the background reflection of floodlight tower on the adjacent playing field.'

Meanwhile, Maja won the heat for '**Young Artist**'. She tells us:

"This art piece is a representation of 'Wonderful Water' because it shows the roughness of the ocean waves, but it also represents the calmness beneath the surface of the water.'

Fabulous work – such talented young people in our community! Well done to all who have entered the recent competitions.



KINROSS-SHIRE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

THE CLOSING DATE FOR the Kinross-shire Volunteer Awards is on Monday 19 May: Nomination forms (printed in the April Newsletter) are also available from the Kinross Partnership's website (kinross.cc), the library, campus and various shops in Kinross-shire.

To find out more about the Kinross Partnership, go along to the AGM on Wednesday 25 June at 7pm at Unorthodox Roasters, 129 High Street, Kinross. You will be able to hear what the Partnership has been doing and what their plans are for the future. Everyone is welcome.



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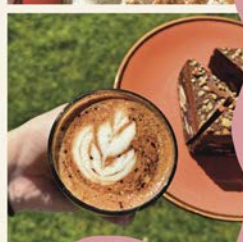
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Martyn Link

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Steve Osmond

4th May **Scottish Bible Society**
Fiona McDonald

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REPAIR CAFÉ CELEBRATIONS



ON SATURDAY 12 APRIL Kinross-shire Repair Café celebrated its first anniversary. It was a lovely community party at Orwell Church Hall in Milnathort with celebration of repairs and four demonstrations. Bike expert David showed tips on changing valves and bike maintenance. Sherri Conn, an antique restorer and pottery artist, demonstrated how

to repair a broken pottery bowl. And two musicians – Nigel and Ola showed the best way to change strings on a guitar and a violin. Live music and birthday cake marked the special celebration of our sustainability project in Kinross-shire. A big thank you to all who joined and supported us with their donations which will help us to continue our work in 2025.

The next repair café will take place at Orwell Church in Milnathort on Saturday 28 June between 10 am and 1pm, when experts will carry out a full range of repairs. But there is also a stall on 24 May as part of the Spring Kinross Market – where the Repair Café will be offering textile and bike repairs. In support of the Food Festival organised by KLEO the stall will have a display about sustainable cooking and ideas on how to reduce organic waste through food share initiatives and meal plans. There will be a Fun Food Quiz game.

As part of Greener Kinross-shire the Repair Café are launching biodiversity action and would like to hear from you about what you think is important for local biodiversity. A spokesperson said, 'Come and talk to us at the May market stall and find out about upcoming events, and how to take part.

'If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, please come along, get in touch. Repair café is open to the whole community.

For more information about the Kinross-shire Repair Café or to get involved, please contact Gosia Stanton or Trudy Duffy on kinrossrepaircafe@gmail.com, or via Facebook: [KinrossandshireRepairCafe](https://www.facebook.com/KinrossandshireRepairCafe)

Choral Evensong Service at Cleish

AS PART OF THE Cleish Village Fête and Classic Car Show on 10 May, singers from St John's Choir, Princes Street, Edinburgh, will lead a service of Choral Evensong at Cleish Church. This is a new addition to the day's programme, alongside the regular organ recital, which will be performed at 3pm by St John's Director of Music, Giles Longstaff.

The Evensong service begins at 4.15pm, with music by composers including C.H.H. Parry and Orlando Gibbons.

Neil Freshwater, one of the organisers, said 'Evensong has had a resurgence in recent years. Its musical format has wide appeal – for both churchgoers and those simply drawn to good music. With the future of Cleish Church uncertain, it's great to try out new things.'

The fête starts at 1.30pm, and the village hall bar will be open until 8pm.

DO YOU NEED A POSTAL VOTE?

ENSURING YOUR POSTAL VOTE is up-to-date is crucial for participating in future UK Parliament elections. Perth & Kinross residents are being urged to complete new Postal Vote forms for future UK Parliament elections.

Darryl Rae, the Electoral Registration Officer for PKC will be getting in touch with postal voters between March and June to ask them to reapply to vote by post at future UK Parliament elections.

Residents with questions about their postal vote in PKC can contact the Electoral Registration Officer Tel: 01738 630303, Email: perth@tayside-vjb.gov.uk. Information on registering to vote is also available on the Electoral Commission website at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/ways-vote/apply-vote-post

PERFORM IN PERTH SUCCESS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE many Kinross-shire performers who took part in this year's 'Perform in Perth', the annual competitive festival for music, dance and speech. Kinross-shire was well represented in the list of winners (let us know if we've missed anyone):

- **Kinross Church Choir (Pictured):** Church Choir class and the Crawford Chalice
- **Lennox Munro:** Bagpipes (jig) Age 15-17
- **Irene McFarlane:** Scots Song, Soprano, over 18, and Burns Poems, over 18
- **Emma Hall:** String Recital (Intermediate)

- **Eisean Wilding:** String Recital (open)
- **Edda Vanini:** Violin Solo (Level 1)
- **Libby Dean:** Violin Solo (Level 2)
- **Alexander Baijal:** Violin Solo (Level 4)
- **Elloise Tweddle:** Violin Solo (Level 5)
- **Murray Gill:** Violin Solo (Open)
- **Danny Hodge:** Viola Solo (Level 2)
- **Catherine Clarke:** Cello Solo (Open) and the Advanced Strings Gold Medal
- **Lily Pritchard:** Flute Solo (Level 3)
- **Sarah Kader:** Flute Solo (Advanced)
- **Max Rutherford:** Trumpet etc. Solo

- (level 4) and Xylophone Solo (Level 1)
- **Matthew Gibb:** Trumpet Solo (Level 5)
- **Andrew Robertson:** Xylophone Solo (Level 4) and Wilkie's Music Shield
- **Andrew Thompson:** Timpani Solo (Level 1)
- **Kinross High String Orchestra:** School String Orchestra (Advanced) and the String Orchestra Cup
- **Darach Robb:** Burns poems, age 13 – 14 and the Perth Burns Club Rose Bowl
- **Kinross High School Percussion Ensemble:** Percussion Ensemble class and the Percussion Ensemble Trophy



BOOKMARK WIN!

TO CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK Day children entered a competition to design a bookmark. Templates were available in



Read and Relax, Heaven Scent and a number of schools got involved. The names of the winners are: Holly aged 7 in the '8 and under' category (pictured), Eliza aged 11 in the '9-12' category and Astrid aged 13 in the '13+' category.

Sarah Jarvis said, 'We were overwhelmed by the number of entries and the standards were very high. Instead of having just one winner, we decided to split into the three age categories and have a winner from each. The winners all received a £10 National Book Token and a £10 Heaven Scent voucher.'

Heaven Scent staff are big readers and wanted to be in on the fun. They handed out the bookmark templates to children visiting their lovely cafe and returned lots of entries to Read and Relax.



The winning bookmarks are being given out in Read and Relax and are proving to be very popular! We hope the winners enjoy their prizes.'

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN NEEDS YOU!



A MAJOR COMMUNITY-LED consultation is about to get underway, to develop a five year Community Action Plan for the future of Kinross. Funding has been provided by Perth & Kinross Council CLLD fund, and community development consultants STAR Development Group have been appointed to guide and support the process.

A Steering Group has been established to manage the project, comprising representatives from a cross section of local groups including Kinross Community Council, Kinross-shire Partnership, KYTHE, Kinross Day Centre, CHAS, KLEO, Greener Kinross-shire, Broke Not Broken, and Kinross-shire Civic Trust.

The consultation will offer lots of ways for everyone who lives or works in Kinross to get involved and have their say.

A household survey is being delivered and collected by teams of local volunteers to homes across the community to find out what people think of the community now, what it could be like in the future, and what they think needs to happen to



make it better. You can also collect and drop off your survey form at Sainsbury's, the Kinross Centre and the library.

The survey is also available online by scanning the QR code above.

There will be meetings with a wide range of interests in the community, including the school, young people, sports groups, environmental and heritage interests, and businesses to find out their views and priorities for action.

The results of all the consultation will be presented back to the community at a fun, drop-in event to be held in at the Millbridge Hall on Saturday 30 August.

Many other communities around Perth & Kinross, and indeed across Scotland, have prepared their own community action plans in recent years, and have found that the process and the plan itself provide great benefits to the community – including strengthening existing community organisations, enabling better partnership working, having greater influence with service delivery, and improved access to funding for community projects.

Watch out for all the ways you can get involved and have your say over the next few months. Please, whatever your age or interests – make the most of this opportunity to shape the future of Kinross. The more survey replies we get back, the stronger voice we will have in making things happen for our community.

POLICE ADDRESS PLAYPARK PHOTO/FILMING CONCERNS

KINROSS COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM say they are aware of 'community tensions' in relation to males allegedly filming in playparks in the Kinross-shire area.

They said, 'We can confirm we have not had any reports of this.

'We are committed to keeping the community of Kinross-shire safe. However, we rely on people to provide us with information in order to carry out appropriate investigation.

'Reports like this are, and will be, thoroughly investigated.

A recent statement from Assistant Chief Constable Catriona Paton commented, 'Given concerns about filming, I would ask people to remind anyone videoing or photographing in public to respect those around them. Police officers balance the rights of people to film with the potential to cause fear or alarm and make decisions based on individual circumstances.'

At a recent Kinross Community Council meeting the police were keen to stress that while they would always investigate allegations of this nature, there is currently no evidence of any filming actually having taken place.

In fact, there have been so many reports of this nature throughout the country, there is a strong suggestion that this is an urban myth.

'A police spokesperson said: 'It is not illegal

to take photographs or video footage in public places unless it is for criminal purposes.'

To contact Police Scotland to report crime you can phone 101 or visit: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/contact/>.

LOCH LEVEN HALF-MARATHON

GOOD LUCK TO ALL those participating in the 40th edition of the Loch Leven Half Marathon on Sunday 11 May 2025.

Please be aware of local road closures.

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Ballingry - Scotlandwell 1100

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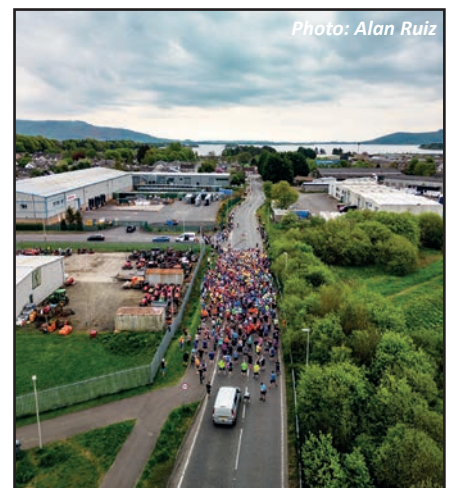


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CONFUSION OVER CAR PARK CLOSURE AT BURLEIGH SANDS

NATURESCOT HAVE ISSUED a statement clarifying rumours that Burleigh Sands Car Park is to close over the summer months.

The statement said, 'Loch Leven National Nature Reserve (NNR) is first and foremost a nature reserve and our emphasis is on protecting wildlife while welcoming responsible visitor access.'

'Unfortunately, in recent years there have been unsustainable levels of campervan and car camping taking place at the Burleigh Sands car park, with associated issues including toileting, litter, fires and damage to vegetation. This level of damage and disturbance has had a negative impact on the reserve, its wildlife, and the enjoyment of other visitors.'

'We are currently considering how we can try and reduce these issues. Partial



closure of the car park overnight during the peak season and/or installation of a height barrier or gate are among potential options, but it's important to stress no de-

cision has yet been taken. We will be discussing options further before reaching a decision and will advise the public of any changes as soon as we can.'

RELAUNCH FOR CHAS SHOP



JIM FAIRLIE, MSP cut the ribbon at the reopening of the refurbished CHAS shop. The changes include new lighting, flooring and shop fittings at the front and a new kitchen, sorting and office areas at the rear.

Shop Manager, Emily-Kate McDonnell said: 'Our shop is so well supported by the local community and we hope our customers love what has been achieved.'

CHAS CEO, Rami Okasha said: 'It was fantastic to have Jim's support. Every item sold will help us deliver unwavering care to children who may die young and their families. We are hugely grateful to all of our shop volunteers for their dedication and also the local community for their continued support.'

Jim said: 'I have to say it is by far the most "boutique" charity shop I've ever seen. There are real bargains to be had. The real bonus is the fact you are helping the most phenomenal charity. It's an incredibly humbling experience to see the dedication and of the people who are working to help folk at the toughest of times.'

KINROSS-SHIRE SHE-SHED IS ON!

A NEW WOMEN'S GROUP has been set up for women who want to help empower other women. The She-Shedders now have regular social meet-ups every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4pm and Thursday evenings from 6-8pm at the Kinross Rugby Club. You are very welcome to come along and join this new, friendly group of women who share similar interests, have different skills, and want to help each other.



There are lots of ideas in the pipeline for events, and there has already been yoga, jewellery making, and some call outs for DIY and gardening help. The She Shed describes itself as 'Like Andy's man club but for women – we come together for drinks, talks and to create or fix and mend people, ourselves and things for the women in our community. Organiser Kim said, 'Many thanks to Callum and the Kinross Rugby Club for getting us through the trial period. We are so thankful to them for supporting us and sharing such an awesome venue with us. We are going to help them out by training their hedging!'

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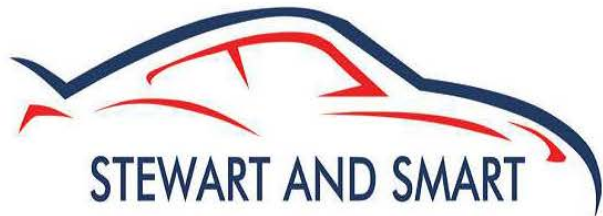


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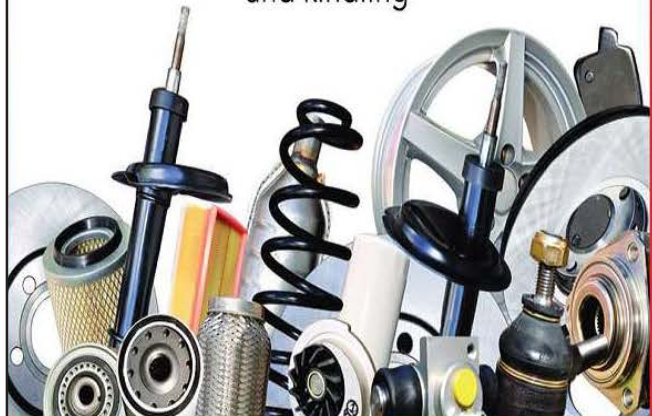


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PEGGY!



A KINROSS GRAN has reached an incredible milestone. Her family want to send a huge thank you to everyone who sent cards, messages, gifts and flowers to Peggy Lamont on her 100th birthday.

One of the highlights of the celebrations was Peggy receiving a birthday card, signed by King Charles and Queen Camilla. When local postie Ben handed her the card she was delighted, saying, 'I've waited for this moment my whole life!'

Another highlight was her 100th birthday party, where friends and family joined her to celebrate and reminisce about all the amazing milestones in her life to date.

Special thanks to Caroline Ramsay, Manager of Whyte Court, Hanover Housing Kinross, for helping to coordinate the special week long events and for running an incredible place.



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CART-ASTROPHE AVOIDED!

ONCE UPON A TIME Kay Trailers of Milnathort donated a trailer they had made but no longer needed to the village. It was used by Milnathort in Bloom for many years very successfully, but the exposure to the weather elements in this area slowly eroded the cart to the point where it was not just unusable, but becoming dangerous. It is a testament to how well built it was originally that it has lasted this long. So, after patching it up themselves



and limping on a few more years, it came to the point of repairing, replacing or removing it entirely.

Having no regular funds themselves, they asked some of the businesses and groups in the area if they would be able to help us. A few viewed the project but did not commit.

Then John Ross and his team at Kinross Wooden Products contacted them and

said they would be willing to take it on as a winter project.

A spokesperson said, 'You can imagine our relief and we accepted gratefully. Now it is finally complete and ready for this season's planting. It is a tribute to John and his team to come to the aid of a village group dedicated to making Milnathort a nice place to live.'

RIGHT KNIGHTS BITES



KINROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL'S "Right Knights Bites" healthy snack initiative is off to a fantastic start, thanks to the generosity of local shoppers and the hard work of the school's dedicated pupils. During their recent visit to Sainsbury's Kinross, pupils took the opportunity to share the school's exciting progress toward earning the prestigious Gold Award under Unicef's Rights Respecting Schools programme.

Wearing bright fruit masks and full of enthusiasm, the pupils canvassed shoppers, raising awareness of their commitment to embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into their school ethos. The response from customers was overwhelming! By the end of the hour-long session, the donation point was overflowing with healthy snacks, and many more customers promised future donations.

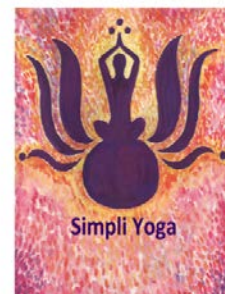
This is just the beginning! If you're in Sainsbury's Kinross, why not support the cause by purchasing some healthy snacks to drop in

the collection point? Items like cereal bars, breakfast biscuits, raisins, or fruit-based snacks (please avoid anything nut-based) will be greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed. With your help, the school is one step closer to achieving the Gold Award and further enriching the school's health-focused initiatives.

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PORTMOAK GALA DAY

THIS YEAR'S PORTMOAK GALA day will take place on Saturday 31 May from 2pm, at the same location as last year – Kinrosswood farm field, opposite Bishopshire Golf Course.

Led by Jimmy Loudon on his Massey Ferguson and The Cupar and District Pipe Band, the procession of the gala royal party and community groups will take place down Grahamstone Avenue and around the show ground. Everyone is welcome to follow along behind the procession to make their way to the gala.

There will be plenty going on in the arena, including the all-important crowning of the gala queen and king, performances from local dance schools, The Fair City Baton Twirlers, live music and tug of war!

This year, Kinross Aerospace will be attending with their mobile planetarium, a fantastic experience for all ages. Tickets for the planetarium will cost £5 (under 3's free) and are available to purchase from the Kinross Aerospace website.

There will be bouncy castles, face painting, food trucks, the



bar tent, a whole range of stalls from baking to community fundraisers and maybe even an appearance from Charlie Chaplin! A kid's disco will round off the fun for the younger ones in the late afternoon/early evening.

The Gala raffle will be drawn on the day with a range of fabulous prizes up for grabs. Tickets will be going on sale soon so please look out for updates and support the gala by buying some tickets. For older kids and adults, the entertainment continues



late into the evening with live music from local acts. Remember to bring a blanket, as even on the sunniest day (fingers crossed) it can get chilly in the evening at the gala site.

Follow the Portmoak Gala Facebook page for updates and times as we get closer to the day.



Church News



NEW WORSHIP LEADER

IRENE MCFARLANE, an elder in Kinross-shire Parish Church, was presented on Palm Sunday with a certificate from the Presbytery of Perth for having successfully completed its course for local Worship Leaders.

Her certificate was presented by Rev Alan Reid of Kinross-shire Parish

Church in his role as this year's Moderator of the Presbytery.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

DID YOU KNOW that there are long-running D&D evenings held in Kinross Church, 10 Station Road, Kinross to which all are welcome?

Adults meet on Monday evenings once a fortnight at 7.30pm – on 12 and 26 May. Youth Dungeons and Dragons takes place fortnightly on Fridays at 5.30pm – on 2, 16 and 30 May.

There are spaces available in the Youth evenings in particular. If you are interested in coming along contact the church office for more information (office@kinrossparishchurch.org).

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PORTMOAK COUNTING DOWN TO FESTIVAL TIME 2025

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MORNING			Under 5s Group	Crafts: Zentangle and Embroidered Minibeasts 10-1pm		Under 5s Group	
AFTERNOON	Exhibition, Crafts and Cream Teas 2-4pm	Exhibition, Crafts and Cream Teas 2-4pm	Exhibition, Crafts, Cream Teas, Gaelic conversation 2-4pm		Exhibition and Crafts 2-4pm	Exhibition and Crafts 2-4pm	Exploring the Orchard: Woodland Group walk for families: 2pm
EVENING			Festival Quiz at The Well Inn 8pm	Pudding Club 6-8pm	Pudding Club 6-8pm		JAZZ NIGHT Dave Batchelor & Friends 8-10pm BYOB

ONCE AGAIN WE WILL see the Portmoak Festival take place in June, just after the Portmoak Gala. This year it will run for a week, starting on 1 June and finishing on 7 June. There are now fewer people to organise events.

As usual there will be a chance to see the wonderful art work done by the children of Portmoak Primary and the Portmoak under 5's. Following the last few years' themes of wildflowers and birds organisers have continued the biodiversity theme of insects and minibeasts. As usual it will be a colourful display with a few interesting and amusing facts about insects in among the pictures.

As well as the children's art, Michael McGinnes will be selling the Portmoak Woodland Calendar and displaying some of his pictures taken in the Moss. There will be a few items for sale and Anna's lucky dip.

There will be craft demonstrations for each afternoon and a chance to join in.

Teas start on Sunday afternoon, giving people who work during the week a chance to sample the tasty cream teas. The teas also take place on Monday and Tuesday.

There will be a chance to try your Gaelic again during afternoon tea on Tuesday 3 June. The Gaelic table was well attended last year by a wide range of folk from complete beginners to one or two very friendly native speakers. *Thig a-steach!*

Lynn at the Well has kindly agreed to have an extra festival quiz also on Tuesday 3 June. This is always hotly contested.

The famous Pudding Club will be on Wednesday and Thursday nights at the moment. It may be possible to persuade someone to do a third night or another event. Don't miss the puddings.

There will be a morning of craft on Wednesday, a chance to try out similar crafts to what the children have been doing: one embroidery, the other zentangle or you can dabble in both. Sign up by sending a message to the Facebook page.

A member of the Woodland group is leading a walk to explore the Portmoak orchard on Saturday 7 June, a chance for both children and adults to find out more about their area and what lives there, including a few minibeasts, we imagine.

Finally there will be a jazz night with Dave Batchelor and his talented musical friends. This is always a great night for jazz fans.

Don't forget your raffle tickets. There are always amazing prizes. Charlotte (pictured above) recently used her voucher from last year for a free flight at the Portmoak Gliding Club.



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VE DAY IN SCOTLAND

VICTORY IN EUROPE (VE) Day, celebrated on 8 May 1945, marked the end of World War II in Europe and was met with widespread jubilation across Scotland. From bustling cities to tranquil villages, Scots united in heartfelt celebrations, reflecting both relief and joy after years of conflict.

EDINBURGH: A CAPITAL REJOICES

IN EDINBURGH, the announcement of Germany's surrender ignited spontaneous festivities. Even before the official declaration, anticipation filled the air. On 7 May, residents began



VE Day Celebrations in London, 8 May 1945

gathering materials for bonfires, and by evening, flames illuminated the city. Children in the Old Town, particularly around the Canongate, built large fires near the entrance to Holyrood Palace, where people danced to the tunes of concertinas. The Scotsman newspaper noted that Old Town "bairns" took "full advantage" of the permission to light bonfires.

The following day, 8 May 1945, saw an outpouring of joy in central Edinburgh. Thousands of servicemen and women, factory workers, shop employees, and citizens thronged the streets. Princes Street became a focal point, with crowds singing "Roll Out the Barrel" and Harry Lauder's "Keep Right On to the End of the Road." Outside Register House, jubilant individuals climbed the Duke of Wellington statue, waving to the masses below. The Ross Bandstand in Princes Street Gardens hosted impromptu dances, with couples performing eightsome reels to amplified music.

The celebrations extended over several days. On Thanksgiving Sunday, a parade featuring 3,000 participants—including service members, civil defence workers, and youth organizations—marched along Princes Street, drawing one of the largest crowds the city had ever seen. Street parties flourished in neighbourhoods like Stockbridge, where residents adorned streets with flags and bunting, setting up long tables for communal feasts. One res-

ident recalled, *'The children were all in one street for their tea and in the evening we waltzed in the street.'*

GLASGOW: THE CITY GOES 'DAFT WITH JOY'

Glasgow's response to VE Day was equally exuberant. The city erupted in celebration, with George Square becoming the epicentre of festivities. By midday on 8 May, the square was teeming with revellers. Servicemen and women danced to music blaring from the offices of the Daily Record, and ships on the River Clyde sounded their horns in triumph. An estimated 'one-tenth of Glasgow had come to George Square' for the first day of celebrations. The Daily Record described the scene: 'Garlanded with twinkling, coloured fairy lights, George Square was packed with crowds such as it has never seen before.'

Schools were closed, and a two-day holiday declared. Many factories remained open on 8 May, but workers eagerly joined the festivities after their shifts, extending the celebrations over three days. Pubs were so crowded that many ran out of spirits by the evening of 9 May. A 14-year-old resident at the time recalled, "I didn't see too many drunks... There was no need. The spirits were lifted high enough as it was." He recounted joining the celebrations with a companion, noting, "Every street we went through was holding some party or another."

ABERDEEN & THE HIGHLANDS: REFLECTIVE CELEBRATIONS

IN ABERDEEN, the end of the war was embraced with 'a spirit of thanksgiving and quiet joy.' Bonfires, fireworks, and open-air dances marked the occasion. Fishing vessels sounded their whistles, and in Peterhead, maroons used for calling out the lifeboat crew were fired. The Lord Provost addressed the citizens, acknowledging both the collective relief and the personal losses many had endured.

Further north, in Inverness, church bells rang out for 20 minutes, and the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders' military band





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added to the sense of occasion. The Lord Provost of the Highland capital addressed the residents: "We have reached one of the supreme moments in human history. Never, in fact, has there been a moment like it before and pray God there will never be a moment like it again."

Perth and Kinross saw widespread celebrations across both the city and rural communities. In Perth, thousands gathered in the city centre, filling the streets with cheers and patriotic songs. The bells of St John's Kirk rang out in celebration, and bonfires blazed in the evening as residents marked the occasion with street parties. The North Inch became a hub for community festivities, with families gathering for picnics and games.

In Kinross, villagers decorated their homes with bunting, and local halls hosted dances that lasted well into the night. A resident of Kinross recalled,

"It was a night of great excitement, laughter, and a feeling of togetherness. We knew life would never be the same again, but for one night, we just celebrated."

At Dunblane, the cathedral was floodlit for the first time in its 700-year-old history to mark the German surrender.

"The Union Jack floating from its staff underneath the steeple was also illuminated, and the beauty of the ancient building

was strikingly revealed - a picture long to be remembered," report in the Stirling Observer said. At night in Stirling, a Victory Dance was held in Victory Hall, where streamers wrapped around the guests who "romped merrily till the early hours" to the rhythm of Tommy Cannon's Dance Band. At 10.30pm, a big crowd gathered in the old cricket ground on New Road where a huge bonfire, with an effigy of Hitler on top, was lit.

A Nation United in Celebration

Across Scotland, VE Day was a tapestry of emotions and events. From the grand parades in major cities to intimate gatherings in rural communities, Scots commemorated the end of a devastating war with a blend of exuberance and reflection. The collective celebrations underscored a shared relief and hope for a peaceful future, honouring both the sacrifices made and the resilience demonstrated throughout the years of conflict.

For VE Day 80 in London, there will be four days of events:

- **5 May:** A military procession from Whitehall, in central London, to Buckingham Palace will be followed by a flypast of current and historical military aircraft, including the Red Arrows; the Cenotaph, on Whitehall, will be draped in Union Jacks, remembering those who died during World War Two; there will be a party on the warship HMS Belfast, on the Thames, and street parties around the country
- **6 May:** An installation of ceramic poppies at the Tower of London will mark the anniversary, and historic landmarks across the UK will be lit up
- **7 May:** A concert will be held in Westminster Hall, at the Palace of Westminster, in central London
- **8 May:** A service will be held in Westminster Abbey and a concert, for 10,000 members of the public, at Horse Guards Parade, in central London

Later in the year, on 15 August, a service led by the Royal British Legion will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire, to commemorate VJ Day, or Victory in Japan Day, and the end of the war.

Andy Middlemiss BEM DL

AN EVACUEE REMEMBERS

'I WAS AT Eastbank school with my pals one morning without prior knowledge to myself, all the classes in the Primary were lined up and given a packet of sandwiches, a can of condensed milk and a bar of plain chocolate with the instructions that nothing was to be eaten till we were on a moving train. (Strange, I thought!).

Still wondering what was going on, we saw some mothers going up and down the line, bidding a last farewell to their children, then on to the non-corridor train we were herded, and lo and behold when the teacher gave permission to eat our sandwiches none of us had any left!

When we finally reached our destination, the country town of Kinross in Perthshire, we all gathered in the local school and were divided into small groups consisting of brothers

and sisters where possible. We then set off in the charge of two adults to be paraded round the town, the adults chapping on the locals' front doors and asking if anyone wanted to take in evacuees from Glasgow, trying not to separate brothers and sisters. This went on all afternoon and just as dusk was falling, my brother and I were the last two in our small group. I mentioned to my brother Ronnie that if we were not accepted we would be sent back to Shettleston — fat chance!

One of the adults knocked on the door of a cottage and an elderly woman appeared. 'Would she like to take these two small brothers, as we were the last of the bunch.' The woman replied 'Oh I suppose so,' and that was that.

The woman, whose name was Mrs Riddoch, a widow with an adult son in the Navy,

and an adult daughter living and working in Edinburgh, proved to be a second mother to us both. She looked after us very well, considering we were total strangers, two boys five and six years old. I'm not sure how long we were evacuated for, at least two years as far as I remember, and great times we had meeting up with our pals again at Kinross school, and where they were billeted. We all spent many happy days together as evacuees and were privileged to be in Kinross, situated in the country next to one of Scotland's beauty spots Loch Leven, and its historic castle. It seemed like no time at all 'til we were all home again in Shettleston after the air raids and threat of them were past. It was back to the usual school days and holiday fun and games.

Alexander Macpherson of Glasgow, speaking to the BBC in 1969.



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MARK TAKES UP THE REINS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK THOMSON on being elected as President of Kinross-shire Agricultural Society (KAS).

Can you tell us what this means to you? How does it feel?

I am honoured to be President of KAS. The Kinross Show has been part of my life for over 50 years. Even when I was farming in East Fife I always made an effort to attend the show annually, almost like a pilgrimage. My dad (John Thomson) was part of the show committee and a past President, I am proud to follow in his footsteps. As a community we all need to do our bit in order KAS continues to prosper and I like to think of myself as a team player.

How did you get involved with KAS?

When I was school age Dad would take me with him to the show set up and take down when the show was at Kinross House. I might not have been much use at a lot of the tasks but I could take string, rope or posts to the appropriate person. As the years wore on I would help when I could at set up and take down. I have been on and off the show committee since returning to Tillyrie in 1999 from farming in East Fife.

Have you ever exhibited or competed at the show yourself?

Yes. When we were young, mum (Dorothy Thomson) would take my sister Jean and myself to the show with our ponies, from lead reign to fancy dress to attempting to show the ponies and even a wee bit of working hunter classes. We used to show some Black-face sheep for a few years and cross cattle. We still take some cross sheep to the show, albeit they come out the field a day or two before the show. If we get a prize, great, if not, we'll try again next year. It's the taking part and supporting the local show that counts to us.

What is new for this year at the show?

We are privileged to host the Scottish National Show for the Hereford Cattle Society. Plus, some of the light horse classes are being revamped to allow more classes for dif-

fering types of ponies/horses. We are once again delighted that Sarah Rankin will be covering the cooking demonstrations; as we are to Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) for their assistance in the Education Marquee; and to the people involved in the Memories Marquee of Kinross Shows of the past.

What are you looking forward to most this year?

Three things. Seeing the hard work the committee, convenors and stewards have endured over the months in the lead up to the show coming together on the day; to hear the chat and see the smiles of exhibitors and the public enjoying their day at the show; and for good weather. As I mentioned earlier, it is a team effort that compliments the show and I am a cog within that team.

Can you tell us a bit about yourself, your interests and your farming operations?

When I left Elmwood College in 1986, I worked at Tillyrie milking Ayrshire cows. In 1988, I was fortunate to rent an arable farm near Lundin Links with my father. On 31 October 1991 Kathleen and I were married in Pencaitland Church. Thereafter Rebecca was born 1996 and Fiona 1998. In 1998, when grain prices were down to around £70 per tonne and we had a rent review, we gave our 12 month notice to end the rental agreement. We came back to Tillyrie in November 1999. I also worked for a land and estate agent (McCrae & McCrae) from 2003 to 2007; 2007 till June 2009 I worked alongside dad with a roller mill and fencing contractors. Whilst employed away from the farm, I still worked with the suckler cows and organised the arable cropping.

Since June 2009 I have been running the family farm at Tillyrie. Over the last three years my two daughters (Rebecca & Fiona)



Mark Thomson, President of the 195th Kinross Show

have been invaluable in working alongside myself. We have a herd of 90 Luining & Simmental cattle calving in April/May; 450 cross ewes lamb lambing March/early April; approximately 40 acres of spring barley; 35 acres rented out for vining peas; 70 acres in woodland; and the remaining lands are in grass for grazing and silage.

I was fortunate to play rugby for Kinross (1984-86, 2000-2014), Edinburgh Wanderers (1986-1992, 1993-1995), Dunfermline (1992-1993), Kirkcaldy (1995-2000), and District rugby for North & Midlands (1990-1995). I still enjoy watching games whenever I can, whether it being local or going to Murrayfield.

I had a lot of years in good (and bad) company with Kinross JAC, being in the winning tug of war team that won at the Highland Show 1990.

I am proud to have been chairman (2020-2022) of the Luining Cattle Society, and a board member for 9 years. I still enjoy promoting the breed, whether at the Royal Highland Show (where we have supplied pairs of Luining & Sim/Luining bulling heifers for the last 4 years) and travelling to the Royal Welsh Show with fellow breeders.

Anything else you wish to share?

For the Show, we are indebted to all the sponsors, exhibitors, stand & stall holders, the show committee, and members of the public that make the day of Kinross Show possible.

On a personal note, the camaraderie, straight talking and graft that the present and past show committees have given to the Kinross-shire Agricultural Society has been a delight to be part of. As we near the 195th Kinross Show on 9 August 2025, the planning goes on and the excitement grows.





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RAINGARDENS INNOVATIONS

THE MAN BEHIND THE idea of making the Kinross Raingardens Trail, Brian D'Arcy, has now introduced his latest invention to reduce pressure on Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW). And the first user of the invention is a Kinross business!

Much of the town's rainwater drains into a combined sewage network, so when there is a lot of rainfall, this can result in flooding and sewage overflows.

Just as the Kinross Raingardens Trail aims to reduce the occurrence of sewage overflows by reducing pressure on WWTW, so the SuDSPod creation seeks to further assist water management.

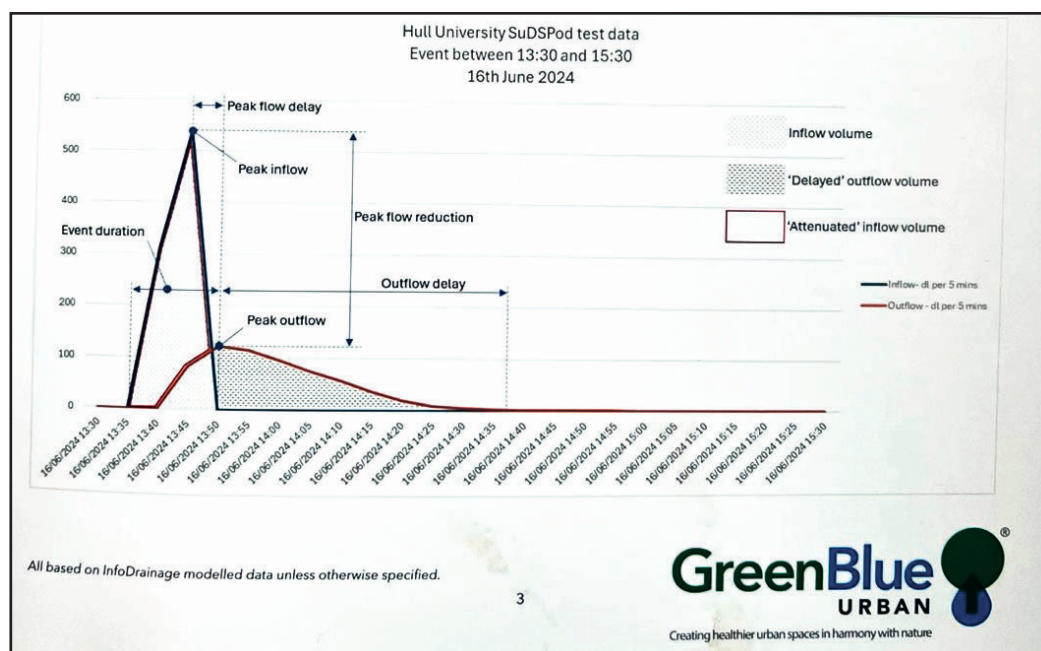
The SuDSPod works by taking rainfall from roofing and bypassing it through a planted trough and filtration bed before the water joins the waste water system. In this way, good use is made of the water by sustaining plants whilst at the same time slowing down the rate at which the reduced amount of water joins the waste water system.

With a grant from Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, Koronka Manufacturing is the first site of three of these attractive planters which can be used in both commercial and



Installation of SuDSPod with David Tollick of P&K Countryside Trust, Brian D'Arcy and James Dalrymple, GreenBlue Urban

domestic settings. Brian's idea has become a reality through development with GreenBlue Urban of Sussex.



Like the Raingardens Trail, anything that either stops or slows down surface water helps the environment. Since the work carried out at the Kinross Park & Ride, there has been no flooding, with most water now draining into the central grassy wildflower area of the Park & Ride rather than down the drains!

Similarly, the SuDSPod planter has been tested at Hull University with the chart (pictured) showing the very significant drop in Peak Outflow to the drains.

Whilst Kinross hosts these first three planters, as more arrive in Scotland this soft engineering form of water management will help

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Grow Wild: I have been contacted by many people asking what is proposed with the Council's Grow Wild scheme for amenity areas. You will have noticed signs advising of the changes in many of our open spaces. I have to say I have major reservations about leaving large uncut areas in places like parks where children play. I would be very wary about allowing children to play in these long uncut grass areas because of the risk of dog excrement and ticks. I asked what instructions have been given to Council staff who are implementing the scheme and was told the following;

1. Play areas, cut in and around play areas including a boundary (Minimum 5m, Where possible)
2. Sport areas, cut all pitches including a boundary (Minimum 5m, where possible)
3. Events area, cut any areas that are used for Galas, fairs, school sports and general events.
4. General Amenity areas, cut any general kick around areas, picnic areas and high use areas.
5. Cut all fence lines, path and road edges, boundaries. Cut around bins, seats and keep signs clear to read. Cut all

access paths and roads, private access paths and access to buildings (Pavillions, sheds, changing rooms etc) Make sure all sight lines around corners are cut.

6. Small areas of grass, cut path/road edges, boundaries etc. If one or two more bouts would finish area, cut it. Do not leave grass area with long narrow areas of uncut grass (Mohicans) or with small tufts of grass.
7. Leave uncut: Under trees and around groups/lines of



trees, out to the edge of the trees canopy. The remainder of the grass area would be left for Grow Wild with desire lines and dog walking paths through it as required.

Link Path, From Pier To High Street: The link path from The Pier to Bridgend is now very difficult for people on disability scooters or our Kinross Trishaws to use. The vegetation requires cutting back and the tree roots removed to make the path usable. I have asked the Criminal Justice Department to consider using people carrying out their Community Service Orders to improve the path so everyone can use it. They have promised to see what can be done.

Councillor Willie Robertson



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Councillor Neil Freshwater

Visit to CHAS at Rachel House

IT WAS A pleasure to meet with CHAS CEO Rami Okasha at Rachel House and hear more about plans to upgrade the hospice. I was also given a tour of the current facility, which continues to provide vital support to children and families during the most challenging of times. Opened in the early 1990s as Scotland's first children's hospice, Rachel House is now one of the largest employers in Kinross. While it has served the community exceptionally well, the building is now in need of modernisation. The proposed



redevelopment will bring major improvements, including a modest expansion of the existing footprint. These changes will be subject to planning consent, and Rami and his team are actively engaging with the wider community as part of that process.

Proposed Traffic Lights at Muirs/Loch Leven Campus

I RECENTLY MET with Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) officers on-site following concerns raised by local residents about the proposed installation of traffic lights at the junction beside the campus. Temporary lights in place recently have highlighted how busy this junction can become. There is a strong view locally that either a roundabout or maintaining the current layout would be preferable. However, the developer Persimmon Homes is subject to a long-standing planning condition, linked to nearby housing development consent, requiring them to install traffic lights at this location. The only way to amend this would be for Persimmon to formally apply to PKC to vary the condition. A roundabout, while popular in theory, would be considerably more expensive. Local ward councillors are in agreement that the preferred course of action would be to retain the current layout and explore whether the funds earmarked for the traffic lights could be redirected to a more pressing local upgrade. This option is being investigated further by council officers in discussion with Persimmon.

Kinross-shire Committee Development Workshop

MEMBERS OF THE Kinross-shire Committee — including ward councillors and representatives from local community councils — recently took part in a development workshop to review the committee's work over recent years and consider its future role. The committee is unique within Perth and Kinross Council as the only local ward committee currently operating (although others have been proposed, none have been established to date). I continue to support the committee, which has helped to strengthen collaboration between community councils and provided a valuable platform for local engagement with PKC officers. It also offers an opportunity to take a strategic approach to issues affecting the wider Kinross-shire area. One function the committee has not fully exercised is its ability to feed into other PKC committees on matters that affect Kinross-shire. Strengthening this role was agreed as a priority going forward.

Councillor Neil Freshwater

Councillor Richard Watters

South Kinross Flood Protection Scheme Update

THE SOUTH KINROSS Flood Protection Scheme (FPS) is a vital initiative aimed at enhancing our community's resilience to flood risks. Following recurring flooding events around the South Queich, most recently in February and August 2020, the flood scheme was officially published in March 2023. However, it encountered objections from two landowners. Despite multiple rounds of correspondence and meetings, the council has faced challenges in fully resolving these objections.

After preliminary confirmation of the scheme in December 2024, an independent reporter was appointed by the Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) to lead the Local Authority Hearing.

The reporter is currently in the information-gathering phase, during which required documentation and details about the objectors are being submitted to facilitate further deliberations. This process is expected to last approximately 12 weeks, with the hearing anticipated toward the end of May or early June 2025.

Should the reporter's decision be favorable, the scheme will proceed to final confirmation, with or without modification, at the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee meeting scheduled for 20 August 2025, or the nearest suitable decision-making committee. Following this, the council will transition into the Detailed Design phase, leading up to construction, which is expected to begin in early 2028.

The Local Authority Hearing will hopefully be available for public viewing online. An announcement on the confirmed date will be made closer to the time, allowing interested parties to observe the proceedings.

EV Charging Network Expansion Across Perth, Kinross, and Angus

PERTH AND KINROSS and Angus Councils have secured a £1.925 million grant for EV charging infrastructure funding from the Scottish Government's £30 million Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund. This fund aims to deliver a high-quality, accessible EV charging network across Scotland, with projects under it expected to attract at least £30 million in additional private investment. This marks a critical step in Scotland's transition to greener transport and enhances Perth and Kinross' journey towards sustainability.

The councils have unveiled plans for a significant upgrade to the electric vehicle (EV) charging network, aimed at improving access to reliable charging points for motorists, particularly those without off-street parking, in both urban and rural areas.

Perth and Kinross Council will oversee the procurement process and project delivery, ensuring a comprehensive rollout across both regions. The project will involve the installation and maintenance of new and existing EV chargers, supported by a 15-20 year contract. A dedicated back-office team will manage the network, covering tariff collection, usage data, payments, and maintenance.

The total funding for the project stands at £2.205 million, including £280,000 allocated for EV strategies and procurement. Contracts are set to go out to tender this summer, with project delivery expected to begin in Autumn 2025. This initiative aims to establish a comprehensive charging network throughout Kinross-Shire and Glenfarg.

Councillor Richard Watters

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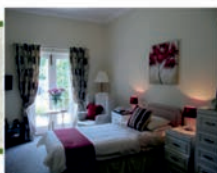


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Jim Fairlie, MSP

I AM ALWAYS in awe of my beautiful constituency, and I grabbed the opportunity during Easter recess to visit businesses and attractions in the Kinross area.



Todd and Duncan are world-renowned cashmere producers and are the biggest employer in Kinross, providing employment for over 200 people. The company bought the mills on the banks of Loch Leven in 1897 to utilise the vast supply of pure, soft Scottish water which is essential to the luxurious feel of cashmere. They are the only Scottish spinner offering cashmere yarn to major fashion houses and quality manufacturers globally and we should celebrate this unique product created right on our doorstep.

I was impressed by the fact that they use environmentally friendly dyes for their astonishing colour range. Equally impressive is their emphasis on animal welfare, sustainability and traceability. As a former hill sheep farmer, I was interested to learn that Cashmere goats are usually tended by nomadic farmers and a typical farmer will often have a flock of 2-300 using sustainable herding and grazing practices and working to protect this traditional way of life within nomadic communities.

I then visited the Kinross Activity Centre located at Heatherford Country Estate, Kinross. What a fantastic place for a great day out. The activities include Archery, Fishing, Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting and Axe Throwing. I enjoyed my first attempt with a crossbow followed by some axe-throwing. The activity centre is well worth a day out for all ages. Please

have a look at their website: <https://kinrossactivitycentre.co.uk/>

My next stop was Lochend Farm Shop and café outside Scotlandwell. The café is a hidden gem with a delicious menu of local, freshly made produce, and the staff are great. Lochend grows Maris Piper tatties and other vegetables on the farm and buys other seasonal produce from local suppliers.

Suitably fortified, I then paid a visit to the Scottish Gliding Centre near Scotlandwell. The Centre offers a trip in a two-seat glider with an experienced pilot, if you are willing to experience the thrill of unpowered flight. It also offers the chance to start your journey towards becoming a qualified glider pilot. The Scottish Gliding Centre is home to the Walking on Air Charity, which provides gliding experiences for those with disabilities.

I rounded my busy day off with a visit to Orwell Farm Business Centre. Formerly a series of dilapidated farm buildings, it has been transformed into a modern, energy-efficient rural business hub which has been shortlisted in both the Regeneration Project of the Year and the Net-zero Energy Development of the Year. The project was created through sustainable construction practices and prioritised local trades for solar panels, ground source heating, and underfloor heating. EV charging was also installed. It's great to see entrepreneurial people making innovative things happen and Orwell Farm is proof of that.

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Jim Fairlie, MSP



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Politicians

Liz Smith, MSP

AS YOU MIGHT expect, I was delighted that my outdoor education bill has passed stage one at Holyrood with cross-party support. This Bill is not about party politics, it is what is in the best interests of our young people. In this vein, I am grateful to all of the MSPs who backed the principles of the legislation from Labour, the Liberal Democrats, the Greens and the SNP backbenchers who bravely broke ranks.

For readers who aren't aware, I am currently progressing with a Private Members Bill through Holyrood which seeks to give every child in Scotland the right to one week of residential outdoor education. Far too many young people are missing out on this key learning opportunity at present, and this is especially the case in the most deprived areas. Over the last three years I have been appalled at the lack of data the Scottish Government holds on outdoor education, but our estimates are that only a third of children are attending residential during their time at school.

In the independent school sector this is built into the curriculum because the evidence shows how beneficial it is for developing key life skills such as confidence and resilience. The current model is not working and I don't believe it is fair, or acceptable, that the opportunity to attend a residential be reserved for a select minority in a postcode lottery. This is especially the case because it is often those from the most challenging backgrounds who gain the most from residential outdoor education.

The evidence for the benefits of residential outdoor education is compelling and exactly what is needed to begin addressing the considerable challenges in Scottish education such as attendance, behaviour, discipline, anxiety and mental health in the aftermath of Covid. Outdoor education will not solve this problem alone, but we know from qualitative evidence from pupils and teachers how beneficial, even life-changing, it can be. Often young people can be hesitant and a bit daunted prior to attending residential, but come away with a sense of achievement and revitalised self-esteem.

I would like to thank parliamentary colleagues again for proactively engaging with me throughout the process over the last three years, but most especially the outdoor education sector themselves. Not many Member's Bills make it this far in the process and it is a credit to the sector for persuasively putting forward the transformational impact residential experiences can have on youngsters.

The next months of Stage 2 will be crucial in addressing the concerns of members, shaping this legislation and ensuring inclusivity for all. Holyrood backing the Bill at Stage 1 is just the beginning, but the momentum is now with us, and I am absolutely determined to see it through for the sake of our young people.

Liz Smith, MSP



Pete Wishart MP

AT THE TIME of writing, Scotland has just enjoyed a lovely Spring heatwave; a welcome departure from what felt like a very long winter. I hope readers were able to make the most of the sunny spell, and that there is more to come by the time this reaches your doorstep.

The warmer weather will also mean less money having to be spent on heating costs. As energy bills and other essential living costs continue to rise, I have seen the immense strain this has been putting on many of my constituents.

Financial issues, particularly relating to energy bills and welfare support, are amongst the most common kind of cases that my office assists with, and I have been working to help everybody who gets in touch.

I am pleased that, in the past year or so, I have been able to secure a total of over £100,000 for constituents who have sought my assistance with such issues. For all that's involved with being an MP, casework is by far the most important – and having the ability to make life that bit easier for my constituents truly is a privilege, particularly in these difficult times.

Another very common enquiry I get is on immigration. With the summer holidays coming up, many readers will be planning a trip abroad or for a loved one visit them here in Bonnie Scotland. Again, if you have any issues relating to passport applications or visas, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

In other news, it was good to get and out and about in Kinross-shire since my last column, this time with a four-legged theme.

I first had the pleasure of being shown around Lucinda Russell OBE's stables in Milnathort, home to some of the finest horses in the country. I was heartened to see how well these magnificent animals are being looked after there.

It was clear that a love for horses is at the heart of everything Lucinda and her staff do; and, as one of the biggest employers in Kinross-shire, her work is also having a positive impact on the local area.

My next visit was to the Jimmy and Celia Fernie's greyhound rescue centre near Gairneybank. I was blown away by this incredible couple's lifelong dedication to providing sanctuary to greyhounds; and to helping them to find them permanent homes with suitable owners.

Jimmy and Celia have rescued hundreds of greyhounds over the years and, in the same way as Lucinda, it was evident that their love for these animals drives all the incredible work they are doing at the rescue centre.

Pete Wishart, MP



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SARAH RANKIN COOKS

WE ARE AT THE tail end of the wild garlic season, but if you know where to look you'll still find a few leaves knocking around. Scottish asparagus season is also upon us and as it's woefully short, I urge you to get involved and eat this absolutely delicious vegetable as often as possible until the season ends early next month.

The beautifully tender shoots are utterly delicious, grown just up the road near Coupar Angus and they are far superior in flavour to any of the weeks-old South American stuff you can get in the supermarket year-round. Seasonality matters, as does supporting British farming, so get asparagus on the menu as

much as you can over the next few short weeks and then look forward to its return next March.

The pesto will work with basil, or a mix of basil and spinach if you can't get hold of wild garlic, but if you come across some, the flavour is absolutely next level!



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1 clove garlic

300ml Scottish rapeseed oil

50g finely grated parmesan or grana padano

Sea salt

Black pepper

Pick your wild garlic using a knife, as pulling it by the roots means it won't grow back next year. Wash it thoroughly using a salad spinner, or under running cold water in a colander. Remove any of the flower buds and reserve those for later, as they make a great zingy pickle.

Chop finely and add to a mortar and pestle. Toast the hazelnuts in a dry pan until they just start to change colour then roughly chop and add to the chopped wild garlic. Add some salt and a little of the oil and grind to crush the nuts further and add in the crushed garlic clove. Add the rest of the oil, grind again then stir in the cheese.

Gently cook your asparagus for just 2 – 3 minutes just before you want to eat. Lay on a platter, scatter with sea salt and spoon over your wild garlic pesto.

To make the pickled wild garlic buds, simply warm up 100ml white wine vinegar with 25ml elderflower syrup, ½ tsp mustard seeds, 1 star anise, ½ tsp coriander seeds and a slice of lemon peel.

When just simmering, remove from the heat and set aside to infuse and cool a little. After 5 minutes, strain and add the wild garlic buds. Decant into a sterilised jar. Lovely to add crunch and a hit of acidity to your salads.



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Thu 22	10am–12noon 2pm – 4pm	PKC Trading Standards, SCAM AWARENESS Melanie will give advice & information on avoiding scams and dealing with cold callers. 07557 214420 PKC Housing Team for housing advice and signposting to their service. 07917 552231
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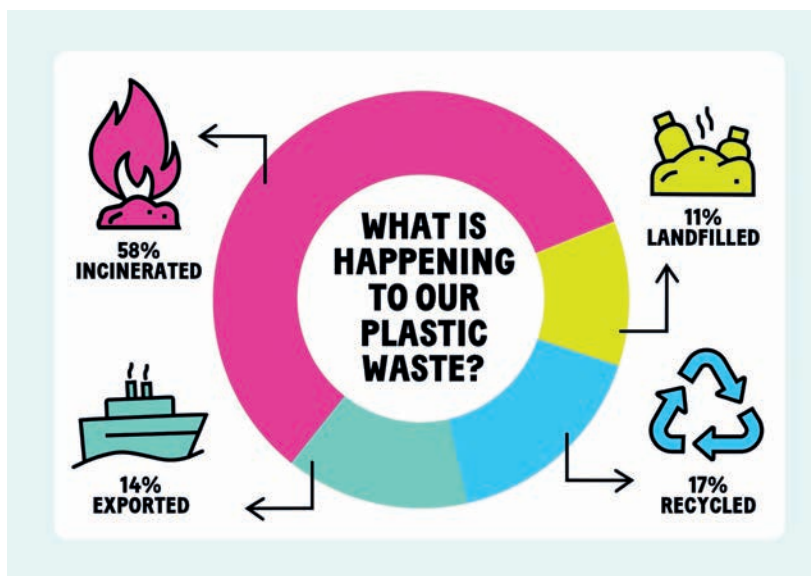
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PLASTIC: WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?

IN 1939, JOHN MCCONNELL was working in the research laboratory of a plastics factory in Los Angeles. He quickly realised that this wonderful new material, plastic, could also have the not-so-wonderful potential to pollute land and waterways. Thirty years later, he proposed an Earth Day – a day to honour our planet, to plant a tree or do a litter pick, some small thing to show our appreciation for what nature does for us. Never could he have foreseen, that today in the UK, we would be throwing away 1.7 billion pieces of plastic a week (four double decker buses full a minute).

Plastics have gone from simple Bakelite to an array of complex substances, the manufacture of which now involves thousands of chemicals. According to 'Chemicals in Plastics', the UN's environmental programme's technical report for 2023, 3,200 of these chemicals have one or more 'hazardous properties of concern'. Women are susceptible at certain periods of their life, as are the foetus and child with their vulnerable developing nervous systems. Men are not excluded, with particular chemicals affecting fertility. Plastics also release toxins as they degrade and so even at the end of their life, they are not inert materials.

So how can we retain the benefits of plastic but attenuate the more negative properties? Does recycling help? Possibly not hugely. Ultimately, recycling postpones the day plastics reach landfill. What I mean is, that for those plastics that can be recycled, there is a limited number of times they can be deconstructed and reconstituted and a limited percentage of impurities that can be tolerated without altering their visual appearance or plastic properties. Some plastics are downcycled, eg to make bin bags, so although a kind



Would decreasing our plastic consumption help? Definitely, and not just our personal consumption but that of the industries around us, about which we have very little say. However we can exert some influence. Activist groups such as Greenpeace, do frequently look for signatures for petitions to add weight to their arguments. A Global Plastics Treaty is being formulated at the moment. It is a drawn out process, but petitions give impetus to those negotiating on our behalf. Nationally we can also exert influence. As our green targets slip beyond their deadlines, or we spend time to reinvent the wheel rather than adopt tried and tested protocols from other countries, do let your MP or MSP know! It is informative for our policy makers to have a measure of the concern among their constituents about climate change issues.

That concern is real, for some an anxiety, for some an almost paralysing anxiety which sees no point in doing anything. But there are things we can do as individuals which can redirect this fatalism for a better local environment.

How would it look if we took along our own mug for a take-away coffee, or as a small token, declined the plastic lid to go on the disposable cup? Could we buy anything in bulk to reduce the plastic packaging? Could we buy unwrapped fruit and vegetables from the butchers or local farm shops? Could we use a refill shop? (And here I have to declare my interest as I own one!). Could we ditch our single use water bottle? And there could be many other suggestions.

So if you didn't manage to celebrate Earth Day on 22 April this year, choose another day, any day, to do something a little kind for our planet. Earth Day will be on 22 April next year and in the years to come. It feels good to be positive and give the Earth a helping hand. Every little helps!

Moira Hookham



of recycling, they are already just one stop from landfill. We know from The Big Plastic Count last year that 58% of our plastics are incinerated (up from 46% from previous Plastic Count in 2022), a process that releases more CO₂ per tonne than burning coal.

Only 17% of our plastics are recycled, partly because we don't have enough recycling facilities. It may be telling that the UK is planning more incinerators than recycling plants. A group, Everyday Plastics, in 2024, placed trackers in soft plastic collections from supermarkets. Disappointingly 70% were incinerated, not recycled. These collection schemes may actually encourage us to subconsciously increase our plastic waste as their existence reassures us that we are being planet- friendly. By focusing on the recycling problem, perhaps our eyes are being diverted from the real crux of the matter – too much plastic!

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WINNING WAYS by Jo Middlemiss

AS MY FAITHFUL READERS know, this column is called Winning Ways. Unfortunately the wins in the following article are there, but a bit thin on the ground! My last article ended with the words 'there are two weeks of surprises ahead of us'. Those turned out to be prophetic words.

My 15th month long trip to Bucamma Health Centre was as exciting, interesting and fulfilling as ever. I love our visits, and we are loved and appreciated in return.

Our laden suitcases, with all the gifts of socks, pants, bandages etc were well received, and we were able to see that the plans that we share with them and help fund, are being successfully put in place. We were even able to discuss our future and succession plans.

So far, so routine. One day, in the middle of the month, I noticed that the nail of my big toe was bothering me. Nothing serious at all, but I soaked it in hot salty water. One of the staff had a look and, shock horror, there was a worm in my toe. They kindly dug it out, I took a picture of the little wriggler, (very common apparently and only likes toes.) An antibiotic was decided upon, as the toe was a bit sore and angry looking. So far, so unremarkable. Toe healed and the work continued.

Leaving is always heartbreaking, and this year was no exception. I was very much looking forward to coming home, as we had great family plans ahead to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, and a big family reunion in SE Asia.

There is a saying 'God smiles while we make plans'. I wasn't feeling 100% on the flight home. I put it down to a head cold, and jet lag. But gradually over the next few days, I started to turn yellow, and develop an excruciating itch. A liver problem? Then followed blood tests for all the illnesses one might contract in Africa. Every test came back negative; what could it possibly be? A few days in hospital came up with no answers, until someone asked the name of the antibiotic I took for the rogue toe. Extraordinarily that antibiotic, augmenton, causes liver upset in 1 in 100,000 people. Sadly for me, it was decided that that was me, just unlucky. Go home, you'll get better, albeit



slowly. I went home to recuperate, and still very determined to go on our long arranged holiday to Thailand!

I did not get better, I got worse. It came in waves –one moment I was drenched in sweat, the next I was shivering uncontrollably under every blanket I could find. My joints ached, my stomach turned, and every muscle felt like it was fighting a war of its own. More yellow, terrible and very worrying night sweats and shakes. More blood tests showed the numbers going badly in the wrong direction – rushed to Ninewells again. Soaring temperature and alarm bells ringing. Malaria diagnosed and some other infection still to be identified. The worm and the augmenton were terrible 'red herrings'. I must have been bitten, although I never saw a mosquito.

Ninewells were magnificent once the malaria made itself known. Apparently, this type only shows up during times of high fever. Suffice to say, I was very seriously and worryingly ill. Drips, lines, catheter and oxygen. Scans and ultra sounds all came my way. Four different types of anti biotic were administered. That malaria didn't have a chance! I cannot say enough about the special nursing I received in Ward 42 and the High Dependency ward. I was loved and cared for in a way that was probably routine for them, but amazing for me.

Calm, caring, professional, delightful staff – all of them. One of the night nurses – just a young girl – sat up with me most of one night as I shivered and shook, feeling freezing, but was actually burning up, telling me I was going to be fine and she was there for me – very humbling. She liked one of my Ethiopia bracelets, and so I left it for her as I was discharged, to keep. Even the top nurse in High Dependency had never had a malaria patient before, so I became a medical celeb!

Recovery from malaria is not instant. Even as the parasite is killed off, your body has to deal with the damage left behind –especially if, like me, you got to treatment late. My liver function was impaired. My red blood cell count had plummeted. I was sleeping 18 to 20 hours a day, waking only to eat a few bites of bland food or to try and shuffle my way to the bathroom

My illness has obviously shocked and surprised friends and family. I have been inundated with cards, flowers, gallons of soup (thanks Broom Rd and Kinross team!), food supplies, and good wishes. I have experienced huge waves of sadness, gratitude and humility. I am home and have been told to rest. I must take my recovery seriously and slowly. I don't have much choice – I get weary after very little effort. Incidentally, we didn't go to Thailand!

Malaria is still one of the most devastating diseases in the world. Despite being preventable and treatable, it kills over 600,000 people every year – mostly children in sub-Saharan Africa. My case was serious, but survivable, thanks to access to excellent care back home.

I now understand how fragile that balance is. Not everyone has the resources or connections to make it out of their remote villages and into a decent hospital. Many don't have access to even the most basic anti malarial treatments. My experience was a reminder of how unequal the world remains in terms of healthcare.

Sunday is Easter Day and I am going to St Paul's to say a very big Thank You for life and love and good health.

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Portmoak Community Council News from the March Meeting

Present At The Meeting on 11 March were Cllrs W Robertson; Cllrs A Davidson, S McGregor, L Hatch, J Hornal, K Donaldson, A Clark

Apologies: Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater; Cllrs: A Miller, D Paterson. Police Liaison.

Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Committee Update: The Chair had sent an update in his absence which the Treasurer relayed. The Chair had been unable to attend the most recent meeting but Cllr L Hatch had agreed to attend as a regular attendee, with A Clark volunteering to attend as a sub. Cllr W Robertson to send contact details. Cllr W Robertson confirmed the 20/02/25 KLC meeting did go ahead and there were a number of items discussed: P&K wide Visitor Levy: to apply across all P&K hotels, campsites and BnB, and currently going out to consultation, come back for consultation in Autumn 2025 probably. There was also a transport update and some verbal reports on Road Safety from PKC Officers.

Road Safety Action Update: K Donaldson reported that the B9097 road surface is becoming increasingly badly potholed with road surface getting particularly bad from Vane Farm to Righead. Also the section of the C40 towards Ballingry. W Robertson wasn't able to give any info on a date for reparation but agreed with K Donaldson's comment and offered to raise this as an issue at the next PKC Road safety meeting in April. Cllr J Hornal questioned the latest police report referencing the absence of any "speeding reports" from Portmoak and should residents escalate complaints? Secretary to raise question to Police Liaison what is the definition of a "speeding report" and to clarify the process of what info. is required and how to report speeding complaints.

Scotlandwell To Portmoak Church Path: The Chair had reported an outreach from the landowner. Initial discussions had been made with PKC Officer D Stubbs. Further face to face meeting on 17/03/25. This is clearly a positive development and will be reported at PCC April meeting. Cllr W Robertson confirmed forthcoming meeting on Mon 17/03/25 between D Stubbs, A Miller and the Landowner.

Play Facilities At Scotlandwell Green: Chair had updated in advance work is now well advanced on the play facility renewal and upgrade. It is hoped that the facility will be opened and commissioned by the next PCC April meeting.

Portmoak Church – Future For The Church And Car Park: updates had been received from both the Chair and Kinnesswood Development Trust (KDC) on this item. Ongoing discussions were taking place regarding the possible purchase of the car park from Church of Scotland (CoS). This was being led by KDC. KDC have requested confirmation as to the extent of any PKC involvement prior to KDC expending what will be a lot of time completing Scottish Land Fund applications. There is a fairly tight timescale for their process over the next few months into beginning of Jun 25 and then a decision possibly in Sep 25, though there are still uncertainties that could mean a decision being delayed until Nov 25. If successful, funds would be released when missives are exchanged/agreed. There is no guarantee that SLF funding will continue after that due to forthcoming elections. KDC have not yet heard back from CoS regarding their valuation of the car park but note they will also have to amend all the land titles etc. Depending on the valuation there will likely be an initiative to raise some funds locally from the Community. Cllr W Robertson suggested that to avoid a burden on the Community, that once acquired the carpark maintenance be handed over to PKC.

PKC Query On Membership Status For K Donaldson: Secretary had clarified with PKC that it is not mandatory to have a Vice-Chair, PCC just need another Member to step up if Chair is absent. The issue with a non-elected member being Chair is that if there is a decision or vote then they are not officially allowed to preside. Secretary to have co-option nomination forms resubmitted to co-opt K Donaldson to PCC and then at next PCC AGM, K Donaldson can be elected as a full member of PCC.

Portmoak Gala Update: A Clark is on Gala Committee. Reported that the Committee are really active, and really motivated. A Clark is organising a Raffle, and prizes needed. Volunteers are still needed for set up before, and take down the following day. Raffle prizes are needed if any businesses or individuals would like to contribute. Raffle tickets are being printed available from Portmoak Primary School, Kinnesswood Village Shop, and via Committee Members to friends and neighbours.

Loch Leven Half Marathon: Reminder of the forthcoming event, Sun 11 May 2025, 0845 – 1200 approx. Road closure is official notification via PKC so residents are reminded that they should plan ahead around the race times. Secretary had met with President of Kinross Road Runners and was to send round updated info to Portmoak Community Facebook, and PCC subscriber list. PCC requests that drivers do respect the road closure for this long running and increasingly popular local event.

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Reports

Police Reports: The Secretary had circulated the local police report and the Commanders report. Low crime reported which was positive.

Planning

New Applications

25/00246/TW Tree works, Ashtrees Cottage, Wester Balgedie

No Comment

25/00296/TW Tree works, 8 The Crescent, Scotlandwell

No Comment

Westfield Site Update

Progress with Developments

Westfield Community Liaison Committee: K Donaldson updated. Still commissioning at site, with a lot of noise. There is a committee meeting in May25. Lorries trundling in with rubbish for incineration, mostly via B9097 which is causing the issues with the road surfacing.

Westfield Paths Feasibility Study: at present only landscaping and paths onsite, but also links to Pilgrims Way. No updates on any connections to the LLHT this will require engagement with local landowners.

Paths Group Update: The secretary had made contact with G Smith who is the new contact for the local Paths Group. The Paths Group recently met with the PKC Ranger to discuss plans for the coming year. As a group priorities were identified as:

1. Confirm ownership of the path above the school with a view to upgrading the surface. If owned by PKC as this is a school access path seek their support for upgrade.
2. Speak to the farmer regarding transfer of consolidate to support upgrade to MBW.
3. Upgrade path next to bench on MBW. Potentially on the 12/03/25.
4. Assess work/costs of improving steep eroded section of MBW.
5. Paths Group to improve drain at the top of eroded section of MBW.
6. Clear path between golf course and Whitecraigs with PKC Ranger.
7. Upgrade steps from Whitecraigs and Stephen's Field.
8. Routine clearing of gorse in Stephen's Field is underway.
9. Order of new equipment for group.
10. Confirm grants that are available to support major upgrade projects in 2025.

Group will next meet on the 12th of March to continue path maintenance.

Secretary offered to relay any Path issues onto the Paths Group if there were issues for consideration in other areas.

Treasurer CC Accounts

PCC Account: £ 643.34

MBW Account: £1270.20

funds available for equipment

Ward Councillors' Reports

Cllr W Robertson reported briefly on PKC budget including 9.5% increase on Council Tax: one problem PKC has had are council tax freezes which causes financial bottlenecks, rural libraries have been kept open, and music teaching in schools. Money in budget for extra road drainage, ditch clearing. Some money allocated to upgrade paths to the LLHT e.g. at Findatie improve surface. Community Investment Fund (CIF) – funding has been preserved. No funding for new swimming pool complex in Perth, report to Council in June, 2026 to get an idea of funds required for that.

Matters Notified To The Secretary:

Item 1: Climate Connect Perth and Kinross: initial meeting Fri 4th Apr, 12:30pm to 4:30pm at Civic Hall, Perth

Item 2: Renewable Energy & Energy Savings event, Thu 13th Mar, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, Crook of Devon

Item 3: Consultation: SEPA – Proposed Changes to the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Guidance on Public Participation and Fit and Proper Person Test - closes 30/03/25

AOB

Item 1: Chair met with reps of Scotlandwell in Bloom. SiB have commissioned an engineers' report for the Well in Scotlandwell. SiB are custodians of the building. Secretary to add to agenda for April PCC meeting.

Item 2: Path repair and upgrade has started on the Heritage Trail from LLL to Vane Farm, sections are currently closed during the day for work but accessible after hours.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be on Tuesday 13 May. at 1930hrs.

Fossoway Community Council

News from the April Meeting

<https://www.fossoway.org/community-council>

Present At The Meeting held on 1 April were CCllrs S Bruce-Jones, A Cheape, T Lamb, N Marchant, and K Williamson; Cllr W Robertson; 10 members of the public (MoP).

Apologies: CCllrs A Carter and G Pye; Associate CCllr C Farquhar, Cllrs N Freshwater, R Watters and D Cuthbert; PC Ben Samson.

Police Report:

From 4 March 2025 (last report) there have been approximately 30 calls to Police from the Fossoway area and 8 crimes recorded on Police systems (7 of these are traffic related incidents).



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There was one crime of note on the A977. On 8 March a vehicle failed to stop after an accident and was driving carelessly and dangerously. The driver was also over the drink driving limit. This has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Cllr Bruce-Jones reported that the car had smashed into a garden causing significant damage.

On 17/03/2025 Roads Policing officers were on mobile patrol on A977 in Crook of Devon when they observed a driver to be driving whilst using a mobile phone. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was issued with a conditional offer (ticket) for this. On 18/03/2025 Roads Policing officers were on mobile patrol on A977 in Crook of Devon when they observed a driver to be driving whilst using a mobile phone. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was issued with a conditional offer (ticket) for this.

Cllr Bruce-Jones noted that on the 1st March a 20yr old woman was reported doing 90mph on the A977.

MoP queried if residents could buy cardboard police person to put on roadside. Cllr Bruce-Jones stated that this had been discussed at previous CC meetings and that police had advised that this could be done and that volunteers should remove the cardboard police person at night. It was agreed that CC would ask PC Samson if he could put their cardboard police person around our district. This topic will be discussed at the next Kinross-shire committee meeting where CC will seek an update on the speedwatch initiative led by Milnathort CC. Cllr Robertson advised there were still issues with Police completing paperwork.

Matters Arising

Windfarms: The CC has been approached by Strachan CC regarding Galileo and our objection to windfarms. The CC has sent them a link to our website where our responses are.

LPP Review And Discussion: The LPP was submitted to PKC on Friday 28th March 2025. Once it has been checked by PKC for compliance with regulations and formally registered CC will post it on the Fossoway Trust website.

Community Development Trust (CDT): The Trust is in the process of finalising the design and printing of the Community Action Plan.

Road Safety in FDCC, including A977 mitigation measures: Cllr Robertson reported that PKC do not have any resources to carry out any road safety work until 2026 as they are fully occupied completing the implementation of the new 20mph speed limits and prohibition of parking on pavements. The CC wanted it noted that they were extremely disappointed with this position and feel it is totally unacceptable.

Corb Bridge Culvert (on the B934 in Dunning Glen): Will be closed for nine weeks from 2nd June 2025 for bridge strengthening works.

Fossoway Area Transport: The 23 bus route is doing extremely well and is up to 550 passenger journeys per week. Glenfarg Community Transport is run by 2 retired people which is a tremendous effort and we congratulate them. The Community Outings Bus funding applications and application to PKC for a bus has been submitted.

Seamab School Construction Work: MoP reported that Gillian, from PKC Safer Communities, has visited both local residents and the School. However, following this visit a MoP reported that the children were again playing on the road and bridge. This continues to pose difficulties and safety concerns for passing farm traffic. MoP noted that there is still animosity towards local residents who now feel that they cannot sit in their gardens during school hours. Cllr Marchant agreed to contact Gillian and seek an update and ask how residents can further escalate their concerns for the safety of the children and the anti-social behaviour.

Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro Fund: The committee have received notes of interest from three people as the Fund only requires two further members from Fossoway District names were drawn from a bag. The new panel members are Angela Seymour and Duncan Livingstone. Cllr Marchant has advised Foundation Scotland.

Fossoway Community Benefit Hydro Fund: Angela Seymour has volunteered to be a panel member for this fund.

British Science Association Award: The CC hosted the event on 13th March in partnership with the Heat Project. 20 MoPs attended and all provided positive feedback. A report of the event was sent to the British Science Association who have agreed that the remaining funds can be spent on continued engagement regarding energy saving options for residents. The CC will work with the Heat Project to consider best options.

Matters Arising With No Update Since Last Meeting: Community Noticeboards; Rubbish at Gartwhinzean Hotel site; Powmill and Crook Moss Travellers Site.

New Business

SEPA Flood Maps: The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) have published new surface water flood maps, which for the first time include small watercourses. This new level of detail provides Scotland with the most detailed and accurate picture of where flooding could occur from heavy rainfall. <https://map.sepa.org.uk/floodmaps>

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Consultations

PKC

The Learning & Families Committee of Perth and Kinross Council has agreed the requirement for a new Intensive Support Provisions (ISP) to be established at Kinross High School. The Council is now undertaking a statutory consultation on the following proposal:

To permanently establish a new ISP within the existing site at Kinross High School for pupils with Additional Support Needs with effect from January 2026. Should you wish to attend the public meetings, please book a place by completing the online form on the Council's School Estate – Transformation, Proposals and Consultations website page (as above) or by emailing FBSSStatconsultations@pkc.gov.uk to ensure attendee numbers can be managed at the venue. The consultation period will run from Monday 24 March 2025 until Friday 23 May 2025. Any views on the proposal, or any alternatives, must be submitted no later than Friday 23 May 2025 online at www.pkc.gov.uk, by email to FBSSStatConsultations@pkc.gov.uk or in writing to Kinross High School ISP Consultation, Education and Learning, 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH.

Scottish Government

Community Benefits Net Zero Energy Developments - Closes 11 April. The CC will be responding and also working with the Sustainability Group on a joint response.

<https://consult.gov.scot/offshore-wind-directorate/community-benefits-net-zero-energy-developments/>

Planning Matters:

Planning Decisions

25/00111/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse 1 St Serf's Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross KY13 0PQ. The application was approved, the CC had made no comment.

23/01313/FLL Erection of 7 dwellinghouses, formation of vehicular access, landscaping and associated works at Land 30 metres east of Honeysuckle Cottage, Carnbo. The application was approved, the CC had objected.

Planning Applications

25/00217/FL Extension to dwellinghouse at Ardoch House, Fossoway, no CC comment.

25/00300/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse, installation of air source heat pump, installation of flue and associated works (change of house type) at Land 50 metres south of Craigton Farm, no CC comment.

AOCB.

CClIr Bruce-Jones, who is a Trustee of the Kinross-shire Youth Pipes and Drums, reported that the Trust has received

funding from a number of sources including from PKC, to fund a programme through which all children in Kinross-shire schools have the opportunity to receive free pipes and drums tuition. The Kinross-shire Schools Pipe Band, of which several Fossoway resident children are members, won their class at the recent Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District CC will be on 6 May at 7.30pm at Carnbo Village Hall.

Milnathort and Orwell Community Council

The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell CC will be on 8 May at 7.30pm at Orwell Church Hall.

Glenfarg Community Council

The next meeting of Glenfarg Community Council will be held on Monday 5 May 2025.

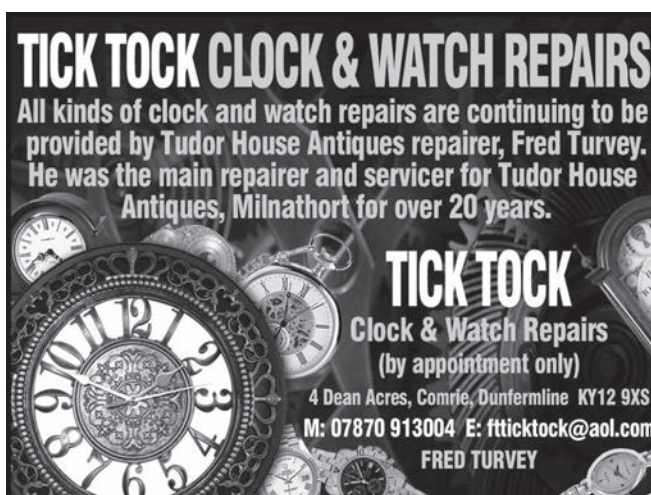
Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

The next meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 2 June at 7:30pm in Keltybridge Tabernacle Hall.

Kinross Community Council

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council is on Tuesday 27 May in the Millbridge Hall. All are welcome to attend.

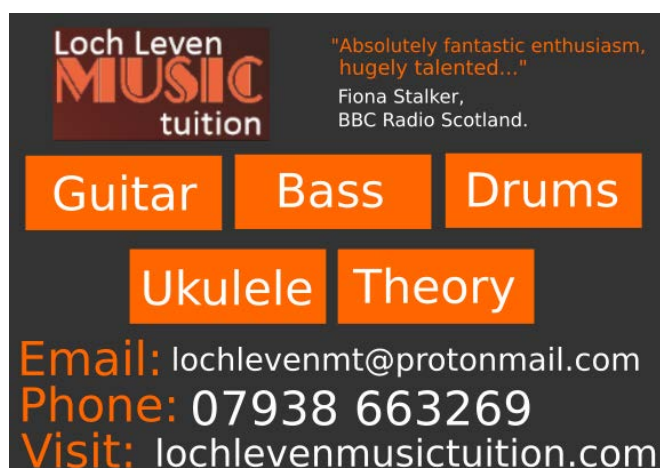
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A 23-year-old man has been charged in connection with allowing the sale of alcohol to a child. It follows an investigation after an incident on the High Street in Kinross was reported to police on Saturday, 15 March, 2025. The man has been charged with offences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Fire Setting

After a rise in instances of deliberate fire setting in the Perth area, SFRS are urging parents and carers to help prevent further events and the potential for more serious consequences.

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If you suspect a child or young person might be involved in setting fires, talk to them about the dangers. Look out for signs like the smell of smoke on clothes or in the home. Contact your local fire station or Community Action Team for advice. NPKADPerthshireCat@firescotland.gov.uk

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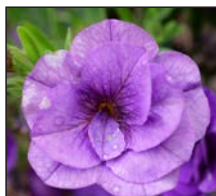
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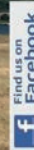
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The Kinross-shire Partnership

We are a small group of people who do incredible things in the community, including organising monthly networking meetings, maintaining a local website Kinross.cc, supplying mobility scooters, organising the Better Place to Live Fair, maintaining two Facebook groups as well as supporting other local business and volunteer groups. Call or text Richard on 07999 510500.

The Potager Garden

A small community garden in Bowton Road Kinross. Contact Amanda James on 07963 476803, or amandajames1577@gmail.com.

Broke not Broken

Broke not Broken is a voluntary organisation working for the prevention and relief of poverty. Contact admin@brokennotbroken.org.

Greyhound Rescue Fife

Greyhound Rescue Fife at Balfree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, needs volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. 01592 890583. www.greyhoundrescuefife.com.

KLEO

(Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation): If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events please join us! Contact Bouwien Bennet at info@kleo.org.uk or call 07979 064345.

RSPB Loch Leven

We are always out on the lookout for volunteers to help at our reserve, this could be from working in the café, shop or visitor centre. If you're interested, please get in touch on lochleven@rspb.org.uk.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

The Museum Trust is looking for volunteers. If you would like to know more contact the Museum on 01577 867153 or email: information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk.

Swansacre Playgroup

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

Kinross Heart Start

Campaign to secure funds for public access defibrillators. Contact Pamela Hunter on 01577 862419.

Common Grounds

A Charity Cafe staffed by volunteers on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10am-12.30pm in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Contact: Gaylor Hopkins 01337 860535 or Elaine Matthew 01592 840266.

Volunteering with Aberlour!

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to support Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. Visit www.aberlour.org.uk/volunteer.

Seamab

Seamab is a residential school that cares for some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland. For more information contact Melloney Flinn at mflinn@seamab.org.uk or call 01577 840307.

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

Milnathort Town Hall Committee

We are looking for volunteers. For more information please contact us at milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com.

SPARKS

SPARKS allows adults of all ages who have support needs or disabilities to meet together with their carers. For more information call 01577 867216/867218 or 07769 243282/07896 280843.

Duke of Edinburgh

The Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh Open Group has a wide range of adult volunteering opportunities available. Contact us at dofekinrossshire@gmail.com.

Interested in Guiding?

Volunteer with Girl Guiding and help make a difference to the lives of girls. If you would like to volunteer call Alison on 07764 750212.

Friends of CHAS Kinross

Do you enjoy meeting people? Making a difference? Planning fun and creative events? Then please think about Friends of CHAS – Kinross. Contact lyndsaystobie@chas.org.uk or 07557 370746.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers

Could you become a volunteer driver for the Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers? We deliver a vital service to help the elderly and disabled attend healthcare appointments. For further information please contact the administrator 01577 840196 or email administrator@kvd.org.uk

Guide Dogs Kinross

We would love new volunteers to join our fundraising group. Email she61@hotmail.co.uk.

1st Kinross Cubs

1st Kinross Cubs is a part of the 1st Kinross Scout Group and offers the young children of Kinross-shire the opportunity to gain new skills and experiences under the guidance of the Scout Association. Contact Daryl kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk.

Kinross in Bloom

Volunteer group which provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment in Kinross. Contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com.

Light Up Kinross

Light Up Kinross is a small local charity with responsibility for Kinross Christmas lights. Please contact davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk.

ORGANISATIONS: To add an appeal, email the Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.

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At our April meeting, held at the Kirklands Hotel, we welcomed Nick Leslie, a biochemist working at Heriot Watt University, as our speaker. He gave us a very informative and interesting talk on the use of ultrasound and biopsies in identifying different types of breast cancer. The intention is to replace chemotherapy and radiotherapy as much as possible as they increasingly have unpleasant side effects. The aim is to try to develop new drugs that can be used specifically to identify the different types of breast cancer.

Following the talk, the Kirklands Hotel provided us with tea and scones. Our Annual General Meeting followed. Thanks were expressed to our retiring president, Tricia Lucas, and members of the committee for next year were announced. Our next meeting in May will be at the Kirklands Hotel.

Kinross Garden Group



Our speaker for April was Morna Knottenblatt who gave us a lovely talk on the late summer borders at her house (the walled garden at Carbeth) and judging from the pictures it is well worth a visit. It is part of Scotland's Garden Scheme.

We will now shift into summer mode from May to September when we have a series of garden visits planned, starting off on 8 May going to gardens near Bridge of Allan.

We are visiting Milseybank in the morning and Kilbryde Castle garden in the afternoon. Can members who are going please remember to pay for the trip by 24 April to Caroline Anderson. Details are listed on the information sheet but contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589 if you are not sure. Please turn up promptly at the pick-up points on the day.

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.wordpress.com

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On Saturday 3 May our Annual Prize Giving Dinner will take place at Milnathort Golf Club. The evening will celebrate

a successful season and award club trophies to all of the talented competition winners.

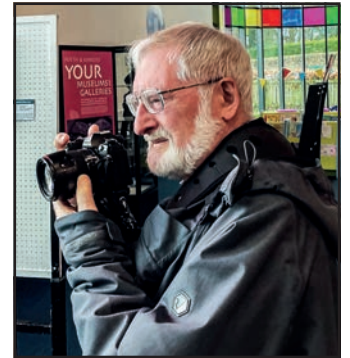
On 16 - 18 May members are heading south to Berwick-Upon-Tweed for the club weekend away. The KCC weekends away are always fun filled where members can relax, socialise and enjoy a little sight-seeing with our cameras and have a go at a few fun photography challenges. A slideshow of our weekend away photos will be shared with the club next season when our scheduled syllabus begins again in September.

On Friday 25 May we have another landscape photography workshop scheduled. We will be holding workshops each month during our summer break and they will cover landscape photography and portraiture. Keep checking our website and Facebook pages for reminders and updates.

The featured photograph this month is by new member Nigel King and was taken on a wildlife workshop held by the club last month.

Member Spotlight

This is a new feature each month during our summer break where we shine the spotlight on a few of our members. To get the ball rolling John St Clair agreed to share with us his highlights and memories of being a club member for almost 40 years. As you will discover John has certainly seen some changes in our club over the years. John said, 'I joined the KCC way back in 1987, if memory serves me right. Club photography back then was different. All done on film and in the dark room using smelly chemicals. Or, in my case and most others, getting my pictures developed by commercial companies. All very exciting. When you thought you had taken a great image only to find out when developed that it was out of focus or too dark or light. Och!



How things have changed with digital photography. So much



Short Eared Owl, by Nigel King

Clubs & Community Groups



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'As the years went by I progressed in the club. In 1995 I became treasurer. Then in 1997 syllabus secretary (very interesting), and eventually club president. As with most clubs, due to a lack of volunteers I ended up repeating all three posts twice! But great fun sharing my hobby with lots of other great enthusiasts.

'We have competitions, great speakers, outside visits, and club weekends to interesting places. Of the many great weekend visits, one outstanding trip was to the Isle of Arran. Lovely weather with great photo opportunities and a boat trip thrown in.

'Regarding visiting speakers, one that I remember, amongst many outstanding talks, was given in 1997 by Trevor and Faye Yerbury. Professional photographers (Edinburgh Studio established. 100 years). A totally inspiring talk on figure and portrait photography, far beyond normal club work and with lots of very amusing and interesting tales.

'Over the years I have used several cameras, but the Nikon F4S (superb!) was my best film camera. My current Olympus OMD EM1 mk111 is the most capable digital camera I have ever owned.'

Opposite are a couple of fabulous shots John has taken of which he is proud to share with us.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to join us, or if you would like to learn more about Kinross Camera Club and the planned activities and workshops throughout the summer, please contact us by email at secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk or visit our website and Facebook page.



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One of the benefits of joining us is the invitation to the weekend away. This is an opportunity to explore further afield and, this year, we are going to Bute. We share transport for all walks, or you can join us at the start of the walk.

Tuesday Short Walks

Unless otherwise stated, these walks are usually about two hours long and a fairly gentle four miles. We often follow the walk with a visit to a cafe, farm shop or pub for refreshments, but this is entirely optional.

Tuesday 6 May, Cramond Via River Almond Walkway

The walk starts at the Miller & Carter pub on the Edinburgh road, going over Cramond Brig and along the lovely River Almond walkway to Cramond beach to see the causeway and take a stroll along the coastal path, returning by a slightly different route.

Tuesday 20 May, St David's Harbour to Aberdour

A linear walk, starting by bus from Aberdour to the start in Dalgety Bay. The route follows the Fife Coastal Path along a wooded section of the coastline, passing some coastal defence positions with fine views across the Forth, finishing with lunch in Aberdour.

For further details of where to meet us for Tuesday walks, or for general enquiries, please contact Susan Tester on 01786 834535.

Weekend Longer Walks

Weekend walks are a degree more challenging and of varied longer lengths. We advise bringing along a packed lunch and drink and that you have appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear. Poles are recommended.

Sunday 25 May, Newburgh to Glenduckie Circular

The walk follows the Fife coastal path for 2 to 3 miles before heading up Glenduckie Hill, returning via Glenduckie village. Good tracks and paths. A moderate 9 miles.

For further details of how to book a place and where to meet us for weekend walks, or for general enquiries, please contact Carol Wilkinson on 07375 058542.

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Kinross-shire Climate Cafe



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6 May at 7pm in the library. Lesley Campbell from STAR Development Group is coming along to introduce the Community Action Plan, talk about the process of creating a plan and how other communities have benefited from having such a plan. After her talk there will be a discussion for her to seek input from the Climate Café about their views of Kinross now and in the future: hopes, concerns, ideas and projects. These will contribute to the plan. Everyone is welcome and the talk is free. Please bring along your own cup for teas and coffees.

Last month, Greener Glenfarg hosted a movie for us at Glenfarg Village Hall. We watched 'Rooted: Growing a Local Food Ecosystem'. It was great to watch how the farmers, producers and community came together to create a fair, healthy and sustainable food system. In addition to this, it was great to have Arngask Farm come along and talk to us about what their farm produces and how they are working with other local farmers to source and sell produce locally. We also had a quick talk from Karena Javie, explaining how buying Fairtrade goods helps to support farmers coping with the effects of climate change.

A big thank-you to the Glenfarg community for hosting our movie night. Also thank you to the Glenfarg Community Bus that drove us to and from Glenfarg.

For more information about Climate Café please contact Kara Mackay by email at kinrossshireclimatecafe@gmail.com. Details of upcoming events can be found on our Facebook page.

The Rotary Club of Kinross and District

www.ribi.org



It is a while since any members attended school, but we were in 'end of term' mode in March. On 24 March we held a 'Fun Night', enjoying – with partners and friends – a series of light-hearted games, including Indoor Curling, Putting, Dominoes, Connect 4 and the highly dangerous Giant Jenga which brings a new meaning to the idea of a 'sore loser'! Thanks to the Kirklands staff for providing a delicious finger buffet. Everyone had a good time.

On 31 March, a group of Rotarians and partners travelled to Edinburgh to enjoy lunch and a 'behind the scenes' trip to Murrayfield Stadium which is home, of course, to Scottish rugby. It was another thoroughly enjoyable social event.

We have also been busy working with our young people, providing more opportunities to display their talents with our Young Artist and Young Photographer competitions.

At a breakfast meeting on 18 March, President Bob Mitchell gave us a fascinating insight into the skill of woodturning. Having learned the skill from his father, Bob produces beautiful pieces from a variety of woods, including a bowl from a bowling ball!

We were hugely impressed by Bob's skills. We were also impressed by the stories told by our guest speaker, Joan Paton, at a meeting with dinner on 14 April. Joan is chair of the Anstruther Fisheries Museum Boats Club. She described the history and restoration of 'The Reaper', a Fife Herring Sailing Drifter, which is berthed in Anstruther harbour outside the Museum. She is now equipped as a floating museum of the herring industry. Crewed by the volunteer members of the Museum Boats Club she visits ports around Scotland and Northern England on cultural tours and as an outreach for the Museum at Harbour Events.

Joan also told the story of the role of women in the fishing industry. We were astonished by the immense hard work and resilience of these women. Joan's talk was richly illustrated by photos and artefacts and inspired members to visit the museum and find out more and maybe also to see Anstruther's new lifeboat. Visit www.scotfishmuseum.org for more details.

Games Night



We have had lots of celebration, fun and interest in recent meetings but we are ever mindful of serious events happening in the international community. We are sending £1000 of funds raised in recent months to ShelterBox and to WaterAid to make some attempt to alleviate the appalling suffering following the earthquake in Myanmar.

Thanks to those of you who have donated to any of our fundraising activities in recent months, making these donations possible. If you wish to make a further personal contribution, visit www.shelterbox.org and www.wateraid.org/uk.

We will be at the Spring Market and Food and Drinks Festival at the Market Park on 24 May, from 10am. We would love you to come and say hello, find out more about what we do and participate in some of our fun activities. This will also be an opportunity to see for yourselves exactly what a ShelterBox is and does. We will have one on display and we are keen to demonstrate it to you. Please come and see for yourselves how simple and effective this scheme is and why we support it so wholeheartedly.

It has been a busy and rewarding months for the Rotary Club of Kinross and District. Come and join us! Contact secretary, kdrc@gmail.com for further information.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



www.kleo.org.uk

Food & Drinks Festival/Kinross Spring Market

The market on Saturday 24 May from 10am-5pm at Market Park will be a bigger, special event. There will be an additional food and drinks festival and, throughout the day, there will be food and drinks demonstrations in the marquee of the beer garden by local masterchef finalists Jilly MCord and Sarah Rankin, Tyroshan Attidi Panagoda (Sri Lankan street food), Kenneth Campbell (Gin Laboratory), Angie Noble (Cairn O'Mohr), a member from Loch Leven Brewery and Yoon Mi Seong from Pinko's who will show how to make Kimchi. For the full programme see page 51 in this *Newsletter*.

If you would like to book a stall place at the bigger markets please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk. All stalls for the farmers markets are fully booked but there is still space for bringing your own gazebo stall. We can provide a trestle table if needed. The fee for a stall space is £40 or £20 for community groups and charities.

Acoustic Open Mic

These evenings are for anyone who would like to play a couple of songs in a live situation. Every third Wednesday of the month from 7.30-9.30pm in the lounge of the Green Hotel. Text Nigel on 07758 559 187.

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Kacophony Orchestra

This is an orchestra for adults who like to play their instruments in a group. With conductor Dougie Flower. All abilities are welcome but it is handy if you can read music. Please don't worry if you haven't played for a while as we are a very friendly and informal bunch. Sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at the campus. The fee is £5 per session.

Leven Voices

This is a fun, informal drop-in singing group which you can join at any time. No music reading or singing experience is necessary. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm-9.30pm at Kinross Parish Church. The fee is £4 per session.

For more information about KLEO events visit our website or email info@kleo.org.uk.

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC)

krmfc.bmfa.club

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The indoor events continued with another successful one held in early April. Our members are certainly starting to work out what flies well and what doesn't in that type of environment and are also starting to bring along more specialised planes as the image below shows. This plane is called Night Vapor and has a wingspan of a little under 400mm and weighs only 21 grams (which is less than an ounce in old money)!

A great deal of work has also been carried out on the new club website and almost all of the pages are populated now. You can check it out at the webpage listed at the top of the article. If you just want to have a quick look at what we are up to, the 'Waterplanes at Loch Leven' or 'Gallery pages' would be a good starting point!

The Scottish heat of the UK Rocketry Event was hosted on our flying site in mid March as well, and went very successfully on a extremely sunny day. The event was also supported by AeroSpace Kinross.

Members are starting to plan out possible travel to events and the ones in Weston Park (June) and Elvington (August) are looking like favourites at the moment. Elvington in particular is easy to travel to as it is just outside York. Both of these events feature very large models, the ones that are typically between 25kg up to 150kg. The Weston Park event also features full size aeroplane displays too, along with the Disco Dynamites providing evening entertainment!

If you just want to see what we are up to, the best way to see that is on our Facebook page (search for Kinross Radio Model Flying Club).

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Night Vapor plane

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Regular Sessions

Come along and join our fun storytelling sessions with your child every Tuesday at 4-4.30pm. Our storytelling sessions are suitable for primary school aged children. Booking is not required.

Bookbug sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons at 2-2.30pm and Saturday morning at 10-10.30am. They offer fun, friendly sessions of songs, rhymes, and stories. These sessions are suitable for babies, toddlers, and pre-school children to enjoy with their parents and carers. To book a spot at any session, please contact the library.

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A Knitting Group meets in the library every Thursday morning from 10am. (NB this is not an instruction group, just a group of people who enjoy coming together to knit and natter).

Victory in Europe 80 years on

Join retired soldier Andy Middlemiss between 7pm and 8pm on Thursday 1 May as he discusses how the Allies fought Germany to a surrender following the Rhine crossings, as well as what happened on VE Day 80 years ago. Tickets are £10. Income from the talk will be split between Culture Perth & Kinross and SSAFA. Book a place at the library.



Lothians Conservation Volunteers on Portmoak Moss

Writing the Wild

Join wildlife writer, naturalist, and photographer Polly Pullar at Loch Leven Community Library on Wednesday, 14 May at 5.30pm. You will select a beautiful, thought-provoking nature image and have a one-on-one discussion about your writing process with Polly. There will be an optional sharing session for constructive feedback on nature writing afterward. Please bring a laptop, tablet, or notebook and pen; a phone is also useful for photographing your chosen image. Book a free place.

Celebrating Fantasy and Storytelling through Nature

Dive into the magic of storytelling on Saturday 31 May. Join gifted Perthshire storyteller Andrew Woodward as he brings to life tales that connect us to nature and each other. Between 11am and 12pm, young adventurers aged 5-11 (with an accompanying adult) will explore the ecological wonders of 'Dancing With Trees' by Allison Galbraith and Alette J. Willis. Discover how these stories reveal our island's connection to the natural world.

Between 12.30pm and 2.30pm, adults (16+) can delve into mythic narratives that illuminate the complexities of our middle and older years. Following the stories, Andrew will lead a thought-provoking discussion on how these tales resonate with our lives and the world around us.

Book a free place at the library in person, by phoning 01577 867205, or by emailing lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk.

Portmoak Community Woodland Group



There has been intense restoration activity on the Portmoak Moss peat bog, with a number of volunteer days involving local people and helpers from further afield.

We have adopted a two pronged approach. On one of the days we covered a wide area, to ensure that any new saplings were pulled out. With six people about 6,000 square metres were cleared from a section of the Moss that had been cleared twice before; effectively a weeding job.

On the next occasion, we concentrated on a smaller area, where it was tough work to extricate longer-established trees from the peat. This event involved staff from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, who kindly chose to help us on one of their corporate volunteering days. This time nine people cleared 600 square metres of dense and tall trees.

Finally, we welcomed a dozen members of the Lothians Conservation Volunteers. They brought a diverse group of people from the other side of the Forth and continued the tough work on the re-profiled slopes, close to the main steps.

Anyone walking that way will see how effective the work has been. We hope that, by removing the trees, we have created the right conditions for the rare sphagnum moss to spread. Portmoak Community Woodland Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along.

Now it's time to relax a bit and enjoy the bird life. Watch out for meadow pipits nesting amongst the heather and green woodpeckers who often fly along the tree line.

If you would like to have an expert, guided tour please join us at 7am on Saturday 10 May at the entrance to Portmoak Moss, when Scott Paterson will take us round and help us to identify, by sight and sound, the many birds which sing at that time of day. No, it's not a dawn chorus, which would involve a much earlier start but judging by previous walks it will be brilliant. This is a free event but, so that we know who to expect, please book by contacting us at info@PortmoakCW.org.uk.

Kinross in Bloom



Susan (secretary) and Dave (chairperson) recently met with Gordon Graham, Environmental Initiatives Officer with Perth and Kinross Council. This was an opportunity to review and overview the work of Kinross in Bloom and discuss ideas around future planning. It was also a chance to hear about Gordon's wider work and remit. Discussion also touched on the 'Grow wild' initiative which has recently been rolled out to all areas of Perth and Kinross. It is hoped that there will



be an opportunity, as we move forward, to have dialogue around this initiative with other Kinross and Kinross-shire environmental groups.

Meanwhile, back at the polytunnel, the summer plants have arrived and have been transferred to individual cells for nurturing over the next few weeks prior to being transferred into tubs and hanging baskets. The group will also receive a donation of sustainable plants, which will be used to enhance existing perennial plant displays.

Watering rotas for the summer are being prepared and thanks must again be passed on to the volunteers who help with the watering activities.

The winter pansies are now coming into their own and add welcome splashes of colour around the town along with the daffodils and crocuses.

New volunteers are always welcome. For information contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com or daviddickson2@hotmail.co.uk.

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April certainly started sunny and warm although the weather over Easter was not quite as good. However, we held a very successful Easter Saturday coffee morning. This included an Easter Egg raffle featuring both small and large eggs. The main prize was a home coffee machine and was well received.

Our chosen charity for April was a project which helps to fund education and the means to meet basic self-welfare needs in Namibia.

This has allowed some of the poorest children to stay in education and fulfill their dreams. At the moment 1.4 million people are in danger of starvation due to the worst drought there in a century.

The charity has provided 85 children at school in Southern Namibia with food for over a decade although only a handful of maize is often the meal of the day at the moment.

We continue to enjoy meeting old and new friends and look forward to some sunny days ahead.

Milnathort Bridge Club



Monday 5 May sees the move to Orwell Church Hall for the period of the summer months. In the past we found that our numbers attending during this period dropped significantly with several members going on holiday or preferring to participate in sporting activities. However, since Covid, our numbers have maintained similar to that of the winter bridge. The space in the church hall is limited to a maximum of 10 tables. Thus it will be important to inform our secretary your intention to attend each week.

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Results: The Cook brothers, Ian and Pat have certainly been on good form for the past 5 weeks claiming a top place each night.

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7 April

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EAST / WEST

Sandy Scholes/
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Ian & Pat Cook

Elizabeth Harley/
Margo Campbell

Bob Robertson/
Maggie McMinn

Ian & Pat Cook

Kinross Bridge Club

Our winter/spring season has just come to an end with a fun afternoon in which we drew for partners. We had five tables so played 20 boards, followed by the prize-giving. The results on the day were as follows:



1st North/South

Beryl Harley and Allan Dearing

2nd North/South

Sandy Greenhill and
Kathryn Edgerton

1st East/West

Jean Bennet and Detlef Lorenz

2nd East/West

Elizabeth Harley and Ros Irving

The best couple over the year was Jim Marshall and the late John Boyd who sadly died on Sunday 30 March. The Peter Stirling trophy for the best individual over the year was won by Catriona Marshall. We will restart on Thursday 9 October. New members are very welcome. For information please contact Catriona Marshall on 07747 496763.

Kinross Centre

We have had another busy month at the centre with a few new people coming along to join in with all the fun.

We had Jonny from the Sabers in entertaining us one afternoon with songs from the decades which everyone really enjoyed. When we weren't up dancing our socks off, we were singing along to Neil Diamond and Elvis to name a few. Everyone had a great afternoon.

We continue to have all our usual activities including art group, craft group, curling and many more. Everyone enjoys the activities.

The trishaws have been back for a few weeks now and are

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in great demand. They are available on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and take our service users for a run round the town to enjoy all the beautiful weather we have been having. Thank you to all the pilots of the trishaws. We do enjoy all our trips out with you.

Here at the centre we offer a pickup service, followed by a hot drink and an activity for everyone to join in with. Then a lunch which is prepared daily on the premises. In the afternoon there are several activities on offer to all our service users, followed by another hot drink and cake and a lift home. If you wish you can go home after lunch. During your time here you will meet a lot of people; some you will already know and lots of new people too. Friendships are rekindled and new friends are made. If you are interested in coming along to join in, please call Nan on 01577 863869.

Milnathort in Bloom

25 Years of Growing Together

This year marks 25 years since Milnathort in Bloom began. What started with a few hanging baskets, filled with plants from the ironmongers and watered using a barrel in a wheelbarrow, has developed into a regular village-wide effort to maintain and enhance public planting. Volunteers continue to meet throughout the year to prepare, plant, and maintain displays. These include tubs, beds, baskets and planters that change with the seasons. Spring displays give way to summer planting, then are replaced ahead of the colder months. All the work is carried out by volunteers who give their time to keep the village looking well cared for.

Support from local funders has helped improve the group's ability to deliver. A contribution from Giacomazzi's and the Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust allowed the group to purchase a small vehicle to assist with watering and plant transport. A large polytunnel, provided with the permission of June and Rob at Hattonburn, is now used to grow plants and prepare baskets for the village displays. This has reduced costs and improved the group's capacity to plan ahead and grow to scale.

This year also brings a loss. Graeme Stewart, a long-serving volunteer, died earlier in 2025. Graeme was responsible for the heather garden on Old Perth Road, the bed at Whyte Place, and the flower border at the War Memorial. His work and commitment were valued by everyone in the group. His absence will be noticeable throughout the growing season.

To help continue the work Graeme undertook, Milnathort in Bloom is asking for volunteers to consider adopting a flower bed or patch. It does not need to be a large time commitment. Occasional weeding and tidying are often enough to maintain an area to a high standard. Anyone living near one of the beds or interested in gardening is encouraged to get in touch either via Facebook or by speaking with a volunteer. Full support is available, and all help is welcomed.

This spring, the group has planted hundreds of plug plants in

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preparation for the summer displays and baskets. Volunteers will meet in May to prepare the hanging baskets and again in June to replace the spring planting. Anyone interested in helping, either regularly or occasionally, is welcome to join in.

Separately, work has also been completed on the group's cart on Stirling Road. The cart was originally donated by Kay Trailers of Milnathort. After many years of use by Milnathort in Bloom, exposure to weather had caused it to deteriorate to the point of being unsafe. Attempts to maintain it had delayed the inevitable, but eventually it could no longer be used.

With no available funds for a replacement, the group contacted local businesses for help. Several expressed interest but were not in a position to commit. Later in the year, John Ross and his team at Kinross Wooden Products offered to take on the cart as a winter project. The offer was accepted, and work took place over the winter months. The cart is now fully restored and ready to return to service in the 2025 programme.



The group would like to thank Kinross Wooden Products for their time and contribution. This support from local businesses makes a tangible difference to what the group is able to deliver.

After 25 years, Milnathort in Bloom continues to rely on its community. New volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to get involved, whether for a regular gardening session or just an occasional bit of weeding, we would love to hear from you. Milnathort in Bloom is all about community, and after 25 years, it is clear that when people come together, great things can grow.

Kinnesswood In Bloom

This year PKC have allocated £350 to us. That is twice what we received last year but considerably less than in previous years. It is necessary to keep looking for funding for our regular activities as well as the special project at Michael Bruce Garden. Various places are to be approached.

It seems that we no longer have to apply for a license for the Kinnesswood in Bloom bins. Permits will be delivered automatically.

A request had been received from Beautiful Scotland for our group to host a visit from Jim Fairlie, the Minister for Agriculture. He wants to visit a community group to hear more about the benefits of horticulture and community gardening and understand how gardening benefits children and young people in the education environment. We agreed to liaise with the school to find a date that suits them and does not clash with the festival.



Flowering currant

There has been a lot of grass cutting going on. John and Rory have been doing the banking along the main road and the grass at Benarty View, the Cart and Back Dykes road has been cut. The new pollination bed has been weeded. All areas have been worked on at least once.

Gardening lessons took place during the last two weeks before the Easter holidays. Different groups of children have cleared the raised beds and done some planting for the coming season. They have been reminded about rotation of crops and why it is a good idea. Seeds have been sown in the polytunnel and, hopefully after the holiday, they will be sprouting well.

We are donating £25 to Beautiful Scotland which will be doubled to support their coordination of the Climate and Nature Friendly Communities network, of which we are a part.

We have decided to enter the Beautiful Scotland competition once again. We really could do with a few new members to help out, either for a session on Saturday morning, or at another time in the week.

Our next meeting is on 1 May at 7.30pm in the Well Country Inn. Anyone is welcome to come along, learn what we do and hopefully have a few laughs.

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Kinross High School

Headteacher Secondment

Congratulations to Sarah Brown (Headteacher and Campus Leader) who is being seconded as a Senior Advisor to the SQA. Sarah has been at Kinross High School since 2015.

The appointment of a Senior Advisor is part of work commissioned by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. Sarah will lead the development of a dedicated Schools Unit within a new Qualifications Scotland. This unit will improve support for schools, teachers and learners.

Sarah said 'It has been an incredible journey working as Headteacher and Campus Leader at Kinross. Our staff are truly talented, and it is a privilege to support the growth and development of young people. I will always cherish my memories of the experiences we have shared. I am sad to leave but I am excited about the new challenges that I am about to embrace.'

Sarah will leave towards the end of June and recruitment is currently underway for an Interim Headteacher and Campus Leader.

P&K Cross Country Championships

We are very proud that KHS won the overall High School title



at the Perth and Kinross Cross Country Championships. Our pupils demonstrated fantastic motivation, determination and teamwork.

In the team events, our S1 boys, S2 and S3 girls won 1st place, S1 girls and S3 boys took 2nd place and the S2 boys secured 3rd place. Individual medals were won by Lucy (S3) 1st, Harry (S2) 2nd and Arianna (S1), Lily (S2), Robbie (S3) and Alfie (S1) 3rd.

KHS Robotics Club

The club has reformed and meets in Mr McQuade's room on a Thursday lunchtime, with the aim of building a robot to take part in the Rampaging Chariots Competition.

Skiing

The KHS ski trip group have had an experience that they will look back on for years to come. Special thanks to Mrs Page, Mrs Macnamara, Miss Grehan, Mr McAdam and Mr Urquhart for giving up part of their holidays to give our young people a trip they'll remember.

A Night at the Opera

KHS pupils enjoyed a night at the opera on a visit to the Usher Hall, Edinburgh, to see the premiere performance of 'Uprising', written for the RSNO and the RSNO chorus. Organised by KHS music department, the trip was funded by a donation from the school's Pupil Parliament.

A Blueprint for the Future

Our S1s have been taking part in the Global Goals lesson. Learners are gearing up to creating and exhibiting their work - designing a country on the premise that the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals have been met. On 17-18 May, some of our pupil's projects will be popping up in the community. The library will host our 'A Blueprint for the Future' showcase with an open night on Tuesday 27 May from 6.30-7.30pm.

Rights Respecting School

Congratulations to Lily (S3), the winner of our competition to design a logo to promote KHS as a Rights Respecting School. Lily's logo was digitalised by Catalina (S6). We had many entries to the competition and some





Allan with his demonstration painting

fabulous ideas. The 15 runners-up will be displayed in the canteen, with the winning logo used for branding across the school.

RHET Visit

S3 Biologists enjoyed a visit from the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) who came to speak about food production. RHET works to bring farming and the working countryside and its practices to life.

Duke of Edinburgh

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh teams built their resilience as they battled the wind and rain to complete their training day in the hills of Glendevon! Well done to all and thanks to our amazing volunteers that make it possible to have such character building experiences.

KADAC

April turned out to be a busy month for members. The summer-like weather at the start of April brought members out in force with the regular painting sessions on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. They were extremely well attended.

On Thursday 3 April, six members became 'Artists in Residence' for a couple of hours at Kinross Primary School. Once again, this intergenerational learning experience was a delight for young and old alike. The artists were made to feel so welcome and appreciated in this joyful learning environment; the children were enthusiastic and interested in what the artists were doing.

The following day at the Friday painting session, Angela Walter, our Vice Chair, gave a short impromptu demonstration on Encaustic Art, which evolved into a workshop for those interested. Around ten members had a fun and informative hour and, by following Angela's clear instructions, each created a small, colourful piece using this wax technique. A big thanks to Angela for creating this cheery opportunity.

A week later, members enjoyed a demonstration by local Perthshire Artist Allan Perera-Liyanaage. This was his third visit to the club over a number of years and was as well appreciated as ever! Allan's experience in the art world, as well as his obvious personal talents, mean that he can pass on hints in technique which are useful to both experienced artists and beginners. On this occasion he chose to paint an oriental scene with water, plants and boat activity. An enthralled audience of around 20 club members watched with fascination as he applied the paint, first a light wash as a background and gradually as he built his painting towards a foreground and finally adding in the figures and other detail. Although he was totally focused on the task in hand, Allan was happy to take questions and to take time to explain the process of creating a painting without reliance on a model to copy. The result was a most impressive painting completed in just over an hour.

During the spring term, Millbridge Hall, where KADAC has met for many years, has been transferring to the new ownership of 1st St Serfs Kinross Scout Group. This has been a seamless transition for the club and members wish the Scout group well.

Our final sessions for the spring term are on Tuesday 27 May and Friday 30 May.

If you are interested in joining the club and developing your own creativity, you will find more information and contact details on our website. The Kinross and District Art Club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays (2-4pm) in Millbridge Hall.

Kinross Squirrels

As we approached the middle of March the squirrels were working on their All About Me Challenge badge. To help them complete the badge they attempted a variety of activities including drawing self-portraits of themselves and learning how to use a tape measure to measure body parts such as arms and legs. There was also time for games.



The following week the squirrels had a great time making feeders for our little feathered friends using sunflower oil, seeds and recycled loo rolls. They also did some colouring and learned about the different types of birds they might



Clubs & Community Groups

see in the area. Finally, we rounded off the session with a wonderful surprise in the form of the Aerospace Kinross Planetarium. The squirrels were enthralled learning about the different constellations, singing songs and watching the little videos about the sun and moon.

On 28 March the squirrels had a successful craft night as they made a heart wreath and bookmark presents for Mother's Day. They then burned off energy by playing some games. It was a great evening with good concentration from the squirrels.

We rounded off a great term by enjoying some tasty treats roasted over the bonfires. Starburst (Opal Fruits for those of a certain age!) and marshmallows were in plentiful supply and there were a lot of sticky faces and full tummies by the end!

At the end of the meeting we were delighted to invest our new squirrels. Congratulations to Lewis, Rory, Reeve, Aaron, Imogen and James who were all invested into the Drey!

Are you interested in helping at Squirrels? Volunteering gives you career-boosting skills, improves your wellbeing, and helps you make connections with friends, family and your local community. If you are interested in helping with the section, then please email us on kinrosssquirrels@outlook.com for more information.

Kinross Beavers

The middle of March saw the Beavers focus on their Disability Awareness badge. We had three bases focusing on different aspects of disability. The first base was a blind assault course. Working in pairs, one Beaver was blindfolded whilst the other communicated to help them navigate the course. They then swapped over. At the end they came together as a group to discuss how it felt to them. For the second base the beavers were looking at the accessibility of Millbridge Hall for disabled people. As a group they went round the hall to



consider what was good, what could be improved and why. The final base was a true and false quiz about disabilities. Everyone did brilliantly and had a great evening.

On 21 March the beavers had a great adventure as they headed off into space with Aerospace Kinross. A huge thanks to Steven for piloting the Lodge across the solar system and safely back home again. They all had a great time.

As we approached the end of March the Beavers completed their Communicator badge. The young leaders ran the evening, and they did a brilliant job planning and executing the night. They ran various bases which included teaching the beavers braille and communicating using a mobile phone, asking questions to understand where two beavers were hiding. A great night was had by all.



For our final meeting of the term the Beavers were learning about the mountains. We were delighted to welcome Ochil Mountain Rescue Team to speak to them about safety on the mountains. We also had a separate base looking at clothing and footwear to wear. It was a great way to end the term.

Please note that we are in need of adult leaders to help at Beavers so please come forward. Volunteering is easier than you think. The Scouts provide full support and training, and you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, but you will also learn some skills which are transferable to the workplace and further education. Please contact us by email at kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Kinross Cubs

On 12 March we had a hobbies themed night to give the cubs the chance to earn their Hobbies Activity badge. It was a fantastic evening as we heard about a variety of hobbies including reading, hockey, football programme collecting and comic book making. Well done to all the cubs for taking part. We also had a pack forum to discuss ideas for next term and we played plenty of games as well.

The following week the cubs were discovering how to make the world a more inclusive place for everyone as they worked





on their Disability Awareness badge. The cubs discussed different disabilities, learned what it is like to be blind by taking part in a blindfold obstacle course and were learning the BSL fingerspelling alphabet. At the end of the meeting, we said goodbye to Owen who was leaving us as his family heads on an amazing move to America. All the best for your next great adventure across the ocean.

The cubs had a brilliant time at our sleepover at Innoflate in Livingston. After enjoying a couple of hours bouncing on the inflatables, which included a disco as well, it was then time to settle down for some food before changing for bed. To round off the evening before bed the cubs got to watch the Minions movie. In the morning the cubs got packed up and then had breakfast. They enjoyed a final hour bouncing on the inflatables before heading home.

For our penultimate meeting of the term the cubs were celebrating the streets they call home as they worked on their Local Knowledge badge. We had a last minute change of plan as our guest speaker from CHAS was held up so, instead, the cubs were drawing maps of their local area and also created a poster to promote why tourists should visit Kinross and the surrounding area. The cubs also got to play 'Colditz' for one final time before the lighter evenings come in with the clocks going forward an hour at the weekend.

Our final meeting of the term saw the cubs take advantage of the lighter evenings as they headed outside to build campfires. They got to cook a variety of different food on the campfires including sausages, tomatoes, baked beans and, to finish off the evening, marshmallows!

Volunteering can make a huge difference to young people's lives, as well as your own. From having something to look forward to every week to learning in the great outdoors, being a volunteer is good for you, supporting your own confidence and skills, health and happiness, and community.



If you would like to get involved with 1st Kinross Cubs, then please email kinrosscubs@hotmail.com for more details.

Broke not Broken

Over the past few months we have been incredibly busy. Over the Easter holidays we ran two Tuesday trips with one coachload attending each trip. Previously we have been able to have two coachloads but a significant funding decrease for this project meant that we had a long waiting list for each day. The trips were very successful and everyone enjoyed the day. Each trip includes transport, food (breakfast and lunch) and entrance tickets.

We have also had a refresh of our approach to food support, suspending voucher-use for three months. Moving back to food parcels only has enabled us to increase contact with people accessing this support, and staff have been having more in depth contact, working with people to access other financial support or agencies. People have been living in crisis for longer and longer due to circumstances beyond their control. We have been struggling to maintain this long term level of support, as we were initially designed to meet short term crisis support. We hope to return to voucher support but with a different structure to enable us to sustain this.

We have also sent out a charity wide survey to everyone who has accessed any of our projects over the past year. For a reminder here is a list of all the projects that we ran:

Foodbank, school uniform bank, women's group, toddler group, advice hub, counselling support, energy payments, winter clothing payments, winter warmer parcels, Christmas hampers, Tuesday Trips.

Last year we ran two one-off projects as well, a summer uplift for all families using our projects and a swimming skills project in partnership with Live Active. After sending out over 270 texts with links to the survey, we have had around a 20% response, which is good, and will be working on the results over the next few months.

After an AGM in February we are excited to welcome some fantastic new trustees. Thanks to everyone who was interested and we will be welcoming the new faces over the next few months after they have shadowed a couple of trustee meetings and know what they are getting in to!

We held our first business lunch inviting local businesses to come



and find out more about what we do and ways we can work in partnership. We also held an awareness raising event with the fantastic Andy's Mans Club, and are working with Enable to run a get together to support local families with children with additional support needs.

Why these two things? Well we know that households with any disability will be more likely to be living in poverty as they face higher costs, and are more likely to have lower incomes. We also know that living on a low income, or in poverty, has a huge impact on mental health. So we wanted to work with these two partner organisations to link in and support people in Kinross-shire. Andy's Man Club meets every Monday at the campus.



Volunteer Amanda collecting donated books from Read and Relax.

Locally, we continue to attend the anti poverty taskforce led by the council and Third sector interface, PKAVS. We are also now involved with the local Community Action Plan for Kinross. Nationally over the past few months we have attended The Gathering in Glasgow, Scottish Parliament and an event with the first Minister. We also welcomed Jim

Fairlie MSP to our food bank and shared with him a list of asks and concerns that we had regarding the additional costs people be re-homed into housing associations and council owned tenancies, as we had seen an upsurge in referrals for people in these circumstances.

We continue to advocate for the structural changes that are needed to improve the lives of people experiencing poverty in our area, including changing eligibility criteria for accessing financial support, understanding the rural poverty premium, the importance and impact of a cash first approach.

We continue to do this with the support of funders, people donating food time and money, and our dedicated volunteers, trustees and staff. Thanks to them all and to The Gannochy Trust, Robertson Trust, who have recently re-committed to funding us over multiple years, and for recent funding from Virgin Unite,

SSEN and Westfield Community Fund. We were also delighted to visit Glenfarg Guild as well as Read and Relax who both gave us donations. It is great to be part of such a supportive community.

If you need any support, are finding things difficult or feel like you are facing financial crisis, please get in touch and we will try and help. Tel: 07518 913107 or email admin@brokennotbroken.org

Kinross-shire Partnership Networking Breakfast

Wednesday 7 May, 7.30am: Networking Breakfast with Libby Seath at the Green Hotel in Kinross. If you would like to join us for our penultimate meeting of the season please email kp-networkingbreakfast@gmail.com or text Richard on 07999 510 500.

SWI

Cleish SWI

President Anne Douglas welcomed members to Cleish Village Hall for our meeting on Monday 14 March. After business Anne introduced our speaker for the evening, Mary Wilson, who gave us a fabulous slide show and talk called 'Welcome to Maiden Wells Garden' and, wow, what a special garden it is. Our next meeting is on Monday 12 May in Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm and is our AGM.

Competitions

Pin Cushion (any craft): 1st Margot Moran, 2nd Dorothy Morris, 3rd Lynn Hewitt.

A slice of Victoria Sponge: 1st Fiona Campbell, 2nd Margaret Nelson.

Flower of the Month: 1st Fiona Barnfather, 2nd Marion Laird, 3rd Carol Herd.

Carnbo SWI

Sheila Reid welcomed members and guests to our April meeting. Alex and Drew from Alba Therapy Ponies gave a talk on the work they do with rescued ponies visiting care homes, schools and any groups where their visit will be beneficial.

Also the rescue and care for other animals, which hopefully leads to re homing. A true labour of love. Sheila gave a vote of thanks! After tea, raffle and business Sheila wished us all a safe journey home. Our next meeting is our AGM at Carnbo Hall on 19 May at 7.15pm.



Kinross Golf Club

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The season is well underway at the club following a highly successful opening Captain v Vice Captain opening event (pictured). The Vice Captain's team carried the victory this time, but all honours were shared at the social event that followed with live music and a flowing bar keeping us all entertained well into the evening.

Best dressed golfer!



The summer series of competitions and medals has begun for the men's golfers and there is an active programme for the seniors, ladies and junior sections ahead. Junior coaching is about to begin and we are keen to see any new young golfers come along and join in. All abilities are welcome whether you are a first time beginner or a more experienced player.

On the social front we have had a number of exciting events already with a busy Mother's Day lunch (thank you all mothers!) and a nerve wracking but thoroughly enjoyable weekend screening the US Masters tournament. Congratulations to Rory McIlroy, of course, but the stars of our show were the clubhouse team



and especially our kitchen crew, led by chef Connor Gordon, who put on a fabulous American style menu giving us all a taste of Uncle Sam! We enjoyed every bite and watched to the very last putt.

Please do come along and see what is going on at the club this summer. We are glad to welcome all new players and social members who are keen to enjoy the fabulous views and comfortable surroundings of the clubhouse and the fun and fellowship that is found in our fabulous game!

Volleyball

Kinross High School's Christine Mitchell (shirt number 11) made her international debut for the Scotland under 18 women's team in Malta last weekend. Christine started her volleyball with Kinross Volleyball Club and last season moved to play national league volleyball with the City of Edinburgh Club.

Christine and the under 18 Scotland Women's squad returned home following three challenging matches at the CEV Small Countries Association U18 Championships in Malta, held from 10–13 April. The young Scots faced San Marino and Northern Ireland in the group stage, followed by a 5th/6th playoff against Monaco. Despite showing promise and resilience, the squad finished 6th overall after the following results:- San Marino 3–0 Scotland, Northern Ireland 3–1 Scotland, Monaco 3–1 Scotland. While the results may not reflect the full story, the team demonstrated exceptional teamwork, energy, and flashes of technical brilliance throughout the tournament. Head Coach Fiona Welsh reflected on the experience. She said,

"This tournament was a fantastic learning experience for all of our young players, and they return inspired to work hard in order to improve. In spells, there were flashes of brilliance which we can take confidence from and hope to see more of in the future. I am honoured to have coached this young team and feel optimistic for the future of Scottish volleyball."

Head of Performance and Coaching, Ally Jack, praised the team's development:

'While the results didn't go our way, the experience gained by these young athletes is invaluable. They've shown great character, flashes of real quality, and a desire to grow. This tournament was a stepping stone, and I'm confident it will fuel their development and strengthen the pathway for future success. The coaching team and players should be proud of how they represented Scotland on the international stage.'

Scottish Volleyball is proud of this squad's efforts and looks forward to seeing how these athletes continue to grow and



develop as part of the national pathway. We will be launching the Junior Beach Pathway for 2025 very soon as well as information for the 2025-26 Tartan Talent Pathway during the summer.

Our outdoor summer season has commenced with free sessions taking place on the grass adjacent to the rear campus car park on both Sundays and Mondays (weather permitting) from 6.30-8 pm with new members welcome.

Kinross Rugby

Our 1XV side completed their season with three wins from their last four games, securing their place in Caledonia Midlands League 1. This reflects the effort put in by all over the winter months despite many breaks due to poor weather or unplayable pitches.

Our U14s and U16s have also had excellent seasons with many more wins than losses. Indeed our U16s reached the final of the Caledonia Bowl competition. Despite a close defeat to Orkney in the final, our young players and coaches remain positive about how much the team has developed this year. It is an excellent reflection on players, coaches and all the parent helpers that makes the whole organisation work.

Our Minis (Primary age) continue to train on Saturday mornings and there is always a warm welcome for new participants, even if they have no previous experience. It is all about game play and fun. The skills will be developed over time.

On the subject of fun, our spring and summer Tartan Touch sessions start on **2 May**. This is





fun, social rugby for all sizes, shapes and seniority. We will be running every Friday evening between 6pm-7.30pm, from **2 May to 4 July**. There will be opportunities for mums and daughters, dads and lads and a separate pitch for the more serious players. For those who just want to watch, the balcony will be open with tea and coffee available.

Orwell Bowling Club

The first jack has been thrown and a new season is upon us. On Saturday 12 April the sun was shining, the green was immaculate, the flowers were at their best and, as the flag was raised, the birds were singing. There really is no better place to be than on a bowling green playing bowls in conditions like that! Around 40 people were present on opening day and we had a great afternoon. The first jack of the new season was thrown by Mo Phillips after President Graeme Duncan said a few words to welcome old and new members. After a good hour on the green, everyone headed into the clubhouse for fizz and afternoon tea to finish off the day. A good amount of money was raised for the Blind Bowlers charity and it was a great start to kick off the new season.



Over the next few weeks, ties and matches will be drawn out in singles, pairs, triples and fours competitions. This will keep us going over the next six months. We will, of course, also have the Balfour, Scottish and County ties to be fulfilled. We do hope that the club can go where they have not been for a while and battle hard against other local clubs.

Playing bowls should always be a great experience and it has many benefits. It gets people out and about, it's a form of exercise, an opportunity to meet friends or catch up with old ones and it is a very skilful and challenging sport at time. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned pro if you are aged 8 or 88, bowling could be the sport for you. If you fancy it, come along to the club and try it out. We are confident that you will enjoy it!

A defibrillator has now been fitted at the back of the clubhouse. It is there for anyone in the area to use in an emergency. Of course, we hope that it is never used! Thanks go to the local Probus and Bridge clubs who funded the unit. Thanks also go to Ideal Electrical Solutions (Edinburgh) who installed the unit for us. Thanks to all for providing this to the club and wider community, it is appreciated.





Looking ahead, the club will host the Hamilton Trophy on **Saturday 31 May**. This is a Scotland-wide competition and the green will be full that day as Clackmannan and Kinross take on Stirlingshire in a head to head match! This will be an exciting time for the club during a busy period.

We also hope to invest in installing a Petanque playing surface on the grounds. This will offer the local community another attraction and, for those who maybe do not have the time or fitness to play bowls, an opportunity to enjoy a game of French boules as it is commonly known. There has been some interest from locals and we hope that this will be set up and ready for use in the next few months.

We would like to mention our club sponsors who, once again, have put their hands into the pockets to support the club and help us to attract more people to join. Our sponsors are as follows: Wintons Butcher Deli – located in the heart of Milnathort, their products are enjoyed at our barbecue day. ITCC, Fibre and Structured Cabling specialists who install and provide network solutions up and down the country. CD Architects – local architect Morag Phillips has many local customers and, although she is not a bowler herself yet, there is time for that to change. CCDP – Electrical and Mechanical Consultants who provide solutions across the UK. Compass Print who provide us with printing, signage and advertisement boards which are located around the green. We are always looking for more sponsors. If you are interested in showcasing your business at the club please do not hesitate to contact the us for more details.

As always we will be sharing our events on Facebook so please check us out. It would be great us to have as many people there as possible. We appreciate your feedback. If you are interested in any of the above then please do not hesitate to contact us. As the year progresses, we will update you on events both on and off the green!

Please note that we hire out our hall for functions and social events. Clubs and groups are welcome.

JKS Shojiki Karate

In recent weeks we have continued preparation for the upcoming grading. Over 20 of our students are eligible to grade and have been sent grading invitations to sit the examination on 3 May in Dunfermline at the JKS Scotland headquarters.

We are also opening another class in Milnathort. There will be an additional class from 8-9pm at the Milnathort Guiding Hall on Church Street every Friday. This class starts on 25 April.

Kinross Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KinrossTennisClub>

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Find us on Facebook @kinrosstennisclub and @siobhannacleodtennis

Open Day

Thanks to everyone who signed up for our annual Open Day at the end of March. It had to be cancelled due to some truly terrible rain, but not to worry as it was re-scheduled for 4 May which, at the time of writing, we are hoping will be much drier and brighter! All the details can be found on the news section of our website.

Big thanks to everyone who came along to our Easter holiday tennis camps run by coach Siobhan. As always, they were a great success.

The perfect time to join

Our new membership year started on 1 April so, if you have been thinking of joining, now is the perfect time. Sign up on our website.

New floodlights installed

We have had new LED floodlighting installed by the team at DC Lighting in Dundee who did a fantastic job. This means



energy efficient lighting and more chances to play, day or night.

League matches commence

Our Tennis Tayside league matches get underway at the start of May, with teams entered in the ladies, gents, doubles and junior leagues. The club will represent Kinross in places as far-afield as Montrose and St Andrews. Wish us luck!

Coaching

Our new term of coaching for tots, juniors and adults started on Saturday 26 of April. We still have a few spaces left so, if you would like to book, please get in touch. Classes run on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and new players are always welcome.

The full timetable is:-

Saturdays

9.15-10am Tots & parents (3-5 years – parent is on court and takes part in all the games)
10-10.45am Red Ball (5-7 years)
10.45-11.30am Orange Ball (7-9 years)
11.30-12.30pm Green/Yellow Ball (9-14 years)

Tuesdays

3.15-4pm Red/Orange ball (5-7 years – pick up from KPS is available for this class)
4-5pm Green Ball (8-11 years)
5-6pm Yellow Ball Boys (11-16 years)
6-7pm Yellow Ball Girls (11-16 years)
7-8pm Adult beginners (for those completely new to tennis or those coming back after a long break)

Wednesdays

9.30-10.30am Adult Improvers (for players who can serve and rally)
10.30-11.30am Adult beginners
3.45-4.30pm Red ball (6-8 years)
4.30-5.30pm Green/Yellow Ball (9-12 years)
6-7pm Adult Improvers

Classes can be booked by visiting the website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SiobhanMacLeodTennis>. If you are unsure which class to book or would like more information, please get in touch with Siobhan MacLeod, LTA Level 3 accredited coach by sending a message to 07443 223 408 or by email at kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Kinross-shire Cricket Club



2025 Season

Outdoor training starts on Wednesday 16 April at the Larder from 6.30pm until about 8pm. Our first match is an inter-club T20 on Sunday 4 May starting at 1pm.

Our first competitive fixture is away to Doune and Dunblane on Sunday 11 May. This is becoming an annual season starter for us. In the same fixture last year Doune set a competitive 153 all out in their 30 overs. KCC started well but simply could not get over the line falling 19 runs short on 124 all out.

We are at home to a Dundee University XI on 18 May. The visitors will be looking to avenge last season after KCC set a 94 total

to chase but excellent bowling and fielding restricted Dundee to 44 all out.

The 2025 season will see us travel to Glasgow again for the annual match against a Clydesdale Development XI, off to Broughty Ferry to play Forfarshire 4th XI, visits to Edinburgh South and then down to Haddington for a match against social side, Gifford Goblin Ha'. The highlight is the planned tour to Vienna in August.

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>



The road race season seemed to start in earnest during our first weekend out this month with KRR represented across three different events.

There was our club championship counter at Alloa half marathon on the Sunday with 10 KRR in the results. First male and female back for us were Barry Smith in 1:19:10 and Caroline Jones in 1:32:56. For the men we had Matt Newton in 1:20:54, Stephen Freeland in 1:27:47, Alex Reilly 1:26:33, Richard Aldred 1:32:57 and Andrew Bruce 1:35:37. For the women it was Brigid Wallen in 1:47:33, Christina Atkinson finishing in 2:20:06 and Michelle Murray 2:20:45.

Away from championship action, a day earlier at the fast out and back Cupar five there were four KRR with Harry MacLeod posting 33:19 at his first road race, Wendy Grieve in 42:14, Claire Gibson in 36:45 and Karen Ritchie in 38:52.

At the Callandar 10K on Sunday there were three KRR in the results. David Scott clocked a diamond standard 35:43, Leonard Zabek was 65:29 and Lynne Zabek posted 67:27.

The following weekend there were some long distance goals and final marathon preparation for club members on Sunday at the 20 Along the Forth with seven KRR in the results. Jillian Gordon and Angela Scott dipped under three hours with 2:57:25 and 2:58:34 respectively, followed in by Karen Ritchie 3:02:26, Jim Reilly 3:03:40 and Laura Reilly 3:14:54 with Hannah Lopez and Simone Young finishing together in 4:12:06/7.

Wendy Grieve had a bumper running weekend, completing her 200th parkrun on Saturday along at Loch Leven and then finishing 1st FV60 in 43:18 at the Balbirnie Nuts trail race on Sunday!

The second counter in the off-road champs was the Birnam Hill classic on the Saturday. There were seven KRR in the results with Matt Newton 2nd M50 in 38:15, Stephanie Jones 3rd FSen in 40:42, Hugh Johnson 40:47, Rashmi Shah 4th

Birnam Hill Race, left to right, Pauline, Stephanie, Hugh, Andy, Karen and Matt.



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M50 in 42:40, edging out Andy Laycock 5th M50 in 42:49, Karen Ritchie 4th F40 53:57 and Pauline McAdam 4th F60 in 65:05.

David Scott took himself off to the Tom Scott memorial 10 mile race at Strathclyde Park, posting 59:31 on the day, whilst on the trails Frazer Munro clocked 48:42 at the Gartmorn 6.

With another fantastic week of sunshine there were lots of spring marathoners clocking up their final 20 miler this weekend. On the race front Tamsin Kinnaird was in the big smoke on Sunday at the London Landmarks half marathon, and ran a brilliant time of 2:09:53. Six KRR ladies featured in the Kilomathon 13.1K results in Edinburgh. Lynn Beveridge was first of them back in 1:20:58 followed by Michelle Murray in 1:21:08, Hannah Lopez and Simone Young together in 1:27:00 and Sarah Eaton and Linda MacEachen together in 1:35:10.

The next update needs a bit of a disclaimer for us mere mortals; in no way, shape or form would this be considered 'normal', or even remotely achievable to most of us but let's just bask in the glow of her success! Fiona Horsfield absolutely crushed it at the Northern Traverse, 50+ hours with barely any sleep; 300km of hill and dale, a coast to coast traverse of England across three national parks. Our very own ultra runner extraordinaire won the female race outright and finished 4th overall in a quite staggering time of 54 hours 12 minutes and 21 secs! For context, the 2nd placed female finished almost 6 hours later! Incredible stuff, congratulations Fiona!

In the final weekend of our update this month KRR were represented at three different races. Michelle Murray was in action at the Charm Bracelet Marathon Redcar on Sunday (a coastal route from Redcar to Whitby on the coastal edge of the North York Moors National Park) and finished in 6 hours 36 mins 22 secs. Linsey Neilson was 3rd F40 at Perth's Toughest 10K in 1:13:17, while Jamie Cargill was in one of the first spring road marathons of the year at the Newport marathon in Wales, finishing in 4hr 17 mins 2 seconds.



First drives of the season taken by from left to right Findlay Rush, Sonia Graham, Ricky Ward and Douglas Brown.

Milnathort Golf Club

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The opening day of the season was held on 29 March. Vice-Captain Ricky Ward wished our members a successful golf season followed by the flag being raised by Donald Stirling and Douglas Brown, our oldest and youngest players. 78 players brave the rain and wind to play in the Texas scramble. The winning team was Bob Lond, Jimmy Reid, Scot Gilmore and Helen Wilson with a net score of 25.

A beautiful spring day greeted the 32 Ladies who celebrated the Ladies opening competition of the 2025 golf season with a 9 hole greensomes on 31 March. The winning team were Elma McCulloch and Elizabeth Hughes with Carolyn Hamilton and Catriona Marshall one stroke behind.

On 5 April the 'Get Into Golf' and new members scramble was played in the sun. The eventual winners were Elaine Barclay, Jennifer Sneddon and Andrew Liddle who won after a count back and a better inward 3 holes.

Congratulations to Eileen Lumbsden who managed to conquer mats, winter greens and the weather to win both the Autumn and Winter Ladies Leagues.

Autumn League: 1st Eileen Lumbsden, 2nd Christeen Dick, Tied 3rd Caroline Marshall and Gillian Pemberton. Autumn Matchplay, Joint 1st Barbara Malcolm and Catriona Marshall.

Winter League: 1st Eileen Lumbsden, 2nd Barbara Malcolm, 3rd Barbara Dowie. Winter Matchplay, 1st Catriona Marshall.

Congratulations to club member Lucy Moran who travelled to St Andrews to play in the St



Fiona and her win!



Leonards School National Golf Championships on behalf of Morrisons Academy. With nearly 300 participants, this is the biggest competition in the country and is played over four of the St Andrews links courses. The sun was shining but the strong winds made the conditions very challenging. Lucy played fantastically well to win the inaugural Lady Bonallack Championship.

We offer a two year 'Get into Golf' programme which includes membership of the club at a reduced cost along with eight group coaching sessions per year with our PGA golf professional. Year 1 membership is aimed at adults who have never played golf before. Year 2 membership follows on from year 1 or you can join directly into year 2 if you have not played for a number of years and need a refresher. Prices are £250 for year 1 and £299 for year 2.

There are two coaching programmes available in April and July. Contact the club by email at office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk to get on the list for 2025.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Interclub Match MGC v Kinross

Friday 9 May

Senior Mixed Greensomes

Friday 16 May

Milnathort Gents Open

Sat 24 May

Ladies Invitational

Friday 30 May

Contact and bookings

Bookings can be made online at <https://visitors.brsgolf.com/milnathortgolfclub#/open-competitions>

For more information, please call 01577 864069 or email office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk.



Kinross Otters

We've had a busy season so far in 2025, which lead to 2 Kinross Swimmers achieving qualifying times for the Scottish National Age Group (SNAGs) Championships in Aberdeen at the beginning of April.

We're delighted to announce that Anna was a Silver Medallist in 100m Breast Stroke. It was a sensational swim! Anna went out strong then held it together down the last 25m to touch for the Silver medal.

It's was a tough meet, with Anna swimming in nine events and then qualifying for four finals. She achieved successive PBs and the determination to the finish earned her, her first SNAGs medal!

Our Swimmer Charlotte swam 200m freestyle on the day five of the meet. Charlotte put in a solid swim and improved on her starting position of 29th to finish 23rd. Well

done to Charlotte – this was her final SNAGs, after qualifying for 4 consecutive years.

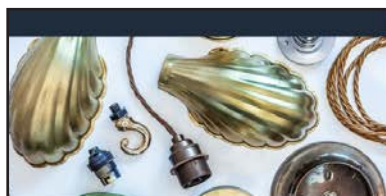
As always, a huge thank you to all of the Coaches who give up their time to coach our swimmers.



Dodgeball Kinross

Dodgeball runs on Fridays 7-8pm at the Campus. All welcome!





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A bit about me...

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



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May Displays And Lapwing Babies



Spring has brought with it a flurry of activity here at RSPB Loch Leven. New spring arrivals include swallows and willow warblers, and ospreys stopping off to fish. We've had great views of lots of ducks, including shoveler, from the Carden hide, and butterflies such as peacock, green-veined white and orange tip have been spotted too. Our lapwing have been busy, and their display flights are a wonderful thing to watch. As I write this, we have had 12 lapwing nest site locations confirmed, with the Waterston Hide being the best place to spot them. Spring is certainly a good time to visit us!

Thank you all for your patience while we've had to temporarily change the shop and cafe opening days. We're working hard to get back to being open 7-days a week. Please do check our social media pages for up to date opening times, or get in touch with us on lochleven@rspb.org.uk or 01577 862355. When our Café and Shop are closed, our Visitor Centre Welcome area is still open between 11am-3pm (for information, activities and binocular and mobility scooter hire), and our trails, toilets and car park are open all the time.

We have got some great events coming up too! We are delighted to announce that we will once again be joined by the Festival Players for an outdoor theatre performance. This year it will be *As You Like It*, which will take place on Friday 18 July. This romantic comedy has all the ingredients for another engaging Shakespeare performance from Festival Players, the UK's prime all-male touring company.

We also have added dates for our popular Brilliant Bats: Guided Walks, which will take place on various dates between July and September. On August 21 and 24 we have our Osprey Watch events, where we'll head out to look out for Ospreys in action as they hunt in the shallow waters of the Loch. We're looking forward to a busy events programme! If you would like to find out more about our events, or would like to book a place, please visit our website <https://events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven> or drop us an email on lochleven@rspb.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the reserve soon!

Sarah Allen



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Robin's Nest



WE ARE WELL AND truly into spring here at Loch Leven, with more and more plants coming into flower by the day, and more insects seen out and about. Our fantastic insect volunteers continue to survey Burleigh and the old railway line. In April we saw lots of buff-tailed bumble bees, as well as an early bumble bee and a carder bee. In May we'll start to see damselflies and a great place to spot them is at Burleigh ponds.

In April we completed our first duck count on St Serf's Island. We counted nesting mallards, as well as recording any goose nests on the island. This was a great effort by fellow NatureScot staff and our volunteers, as they'll know from experience transecting St Serf's isn't easy! We also saw our first broods of young on the loch as well. We have been finding more and more birds nests around the reserve while working and even found a robin's nest in an old BBQ.

Ducks and geese here nest on the ground on islands and on the shores of the loch, and once hatched the sheltered shorelines provide excellent habitat and protection from predators.

This is a great reminder for those visiting the reserve to please follow local guidance and SOAC. We ask for water users to stay 200m from the shoreline and islands, and that there are no

fires/fire bowls or BBQs used on the nature reserve. SOAC recommends using a small gas camping stove.

We would also ask people to stay on the footpaths and not go over fences, especially with dogs, as these areas are fenced off purely to protect the wildlife here.

In April we welcomed back previous seasonal reserve officer Stuart, and this month we have two more starting, Bella and Chris. They will be working all through the week including week-ends, so if you ever see them around please don't hesitate to stop for a chat. They will also be hosting pop up events throughout the summer so keep an eye on our socials for updates.

NatureScot will be hosting our annual Discovery Day on 14 June in Kirkgate Park, with a range of stalls and activities for everyone to enjoy. We will be inviting other organisations that we work with, so there will be plenty to learn about the Loch. The event is completely free so please don't hesitate to come along!

To keep updated with whats going on the reserve have a look at our social media (Facebook, Instagram - @LochLevenNNR), and feel free to get in touch.

Sally Reay

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OPENING TIMES

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Historic Scotland members travel free.



The Pier: Hannah Phillips

Keep The Light Burning



I'M ON MY USUAL lambing duties up the road. The lambing shed is about five miles from where I live, and over the last 14 years, I've done many shifts which start or finish in the early hours. During those commutes, I've often taken quiet comfort from a light, the one which used to shine from John's lambing shed at Wester Coldrain.

John ran a tidy farm and had built a lovely flock of sheep. I admired his smart, healthy fast-growing, and shapely lambs on my daylight drive-by's. He and his family worked the farm for over 50 years, they were devoted to the land and like me, brought the ewes inside to lamb, so pretty much any time I passed at night, the light was on. I didn't see John very often, but over the years, looking out for that golden glow on my journeys gave me a silent signal I wasn't alone. Knowing he too would be helping a ewe deliver or topping up a hungry lamb meant, although we never exchanged a word, we were somehow in it together, doing the same work, keeping the wheels of Scottish farming turning.

The reason I'm thinking about John's light is because this year, it's gone off. After a lifetime of farming, John has retired. And every time I pass now, I notice its absence. I hadn't expected such a small change to have such a big impact. The farm has been purchased by another neighbour and will be in very good hands, but they have a different system, so the light is not likely to be on again in quite the same way. What I'm really missing is the sense of solidarity, the invisible thread between those of us who choose to lamb inside. John's light always made me feel, 'You're not on your own.'

Of course, it's not just livestock farmers who need to stick together. At home, my husband and his brother made the most of the dry sunny spell and drilled all the barley, so they are currently spreading fertiliser and spraying to finish the job before the rain comes. They're good at supporting each other, but their patience is tested by breakdowns.

Yesterday, the sprayer needed a new solenoid, so the pre-emergence spraying came to a standstill for 24 hours until it could be sorted. And today, the fertiliser spreader has been causing issues. It's not a mechanical problem, which is usually fixable, but an unreliable electronic control box. One minute it's delivering the blend of Nitrogen, Potassium and Phosphate accurately; the next, it's too little or even too much. This sporadic spreading means some parts of the field get overloaded, while others miss out entirely. The risk with this is the barley could grow and ripen unevenly, resulting in a poor-quality grain sample.

So, this morning, when it was all getting a bit desperate, a quote for a new box was requested. An email arrived: £4500, the same price as the whole machine cost. Andrew nearly fell off his tractor seat. But he too knows the power of solidarity and made a few phone calls to his friends. Andy from Kirkness knew exactly the right things to say. In between the unprintables, I heard mutterings of 'ridiculous, far-fetched, out-of-control prices that don't match the value of the crop.' None of which makes the price any less painful, but after a while spent swapping breakdown stories, both of them felt a bit better. And that really helps.

I'm sending all the best to John in his next chapter, and to the new owners of Wester Coldrain. Maybe they'll leave a light on for me occasionally.

Fiona

Weather

Recent Weather Reports From Kinross March 2025

Total Rainfall	65.1mm/2.60in	
Heaviest Fall	25.8mm/1.20in	<i>(27 Mar)</i>
Total Sunshine	135.3 hrs	
Sunniest Day	9.2 hrs	<i>(24 Mar)</i>
Max Temp Average	10.73°C	
Highest Temp	15.90°C	<i>(25 Mar)</i>
Min Temp Average	-1.61°C	
Lowest Temp	-10.50°C	<i>(19 Mar)</i>

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By Arrangement 1 Feb - 31 Dec

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Nominated charity: CHAS: 60%.

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Kirklands - Saline KY12 9TS

Peter and Gill Hart

T: 07787 115477 E: peter@kirklandsgarden.co.uk

By Arrangement 1 April - 30 September

Admission £6, children free.

Nominated charity: Saline & District Heritage Society 60%.

Kirklands, built in 1832, has been the Hart family home for 48 years. Over the red or blue bridge there are 20 acres of naturally regenerating woodland with a pathway by the stream.

Harthill, Reediehill Farm, Auchtermuchty KY14 7HS

Nichola and John Fletcher

T:01337 828369 E:info@nichola-fletcher.com.

By Arrangement 6 January - 31 October

Admission by donation.

Nominated charity: TST: The Tim Stead Trust 60%.

Harthill enjoys a tranquil setting in the hills just above Auchtermuchty with beautiful views and, if you are lucky, sightings of the stunning herd of white deer who also live there. A large varied flower garden with vegetable, fruit and nursery areas; two separate wild gardens, a lochan and a small woodland.



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WHAT A MONTH APRIL turned out to be. The first two weeks were glorious. I made the most of the sunshine and managed to tick off far more than expected. That early warmth gave everything a push. It made a real difference to my motivation too, being able to get outside without layers of waterproofs. The latter part of the month returned to more typical April conditions – wet and chilly – but by then I had already got a lot done.

The begonias are now well on their way. Those that were tucked up in the back bedroom have been planted into trays of damp compost and are happily growing in the heated propagator. The batch for Milnathort in Bloom is also progressing. The heated

bed in the polytunnel seems to be doing its job. I'm checking daily for signs of mildew or rot, but so far, all looking good.

The peppers and chillis have now moved from the kitchen counter into the greenhouse. They're still in small pots and will stay there until the night temperatures settle. It's tempting to move things out early when we get a sunny day, but I've learned not to trust a single warm spell. I've lost too many tender plants to a cold snap. I'm trying to stick to the plan this year.

March and April's seed sowing spree has filled the propagator and greenhouse shelves. The lisianthus, gazania and zinnia are all up. Germination was patchy in some trays, but overall better than expected. I had read that lisianthus can be tricky, so even a half tray of seedlings feels like a win. The usual suspects – cosmos, marigolds, dahlias – are coming along more predictably. Everything gets the same start: compost-filled trays, appropriate vermiculite cover, time in the propagator until germination, then into the greenhouse to grow on.

Now we're coming into May, I've started pricking out the stronger seedlings and potting them on. It's a fiddly job, but it's one of my favourites. There's something satisfying about seeing a flat tray turn into rows of tiny plants in individual pots. It's also a good chance to take stock of what's doing well and what might need a re-sow.

Outside, the tidy-up has properly begun. I made a start in April during the good weather and, drum roll please... I even power-washed the patio!! The perennials are pushing through, and it's clear which ones have survived the winter. I've started lifting and dividing some clumps that had outgrown their space. The compost bin is filling fast.

Later in the month, I'll start to harden off the summer plants. I have a plastic greenhouse thingy that I use – open during the day and closed at night. After a couple of weeks, they'll be moved onto benches outside ready for the arduous planting session(s).

It's a busy time, but a good one. Each job builds on the last, and every day outside makes a difference. If you haven't already started, it's not too late. Even just clearing a space or sowing a few seeds in a pot can be a good beginning. The garden doesn't need to be perfect. It just needs a bit of time and attention.

Here's to a productive May – and hopefully more of that good weather. See you next month.

Happy gardening!

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This was formed from the previous congregations of Arngask, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, and Orwell & Portmoak. The new congregation holds worship and events across the parish, but primarily at its three worship centres of Fossoway Church (Crook of Devon), Kinross Church and Orwell Church (Milnathort).

Ministry Team

Charge A, based in Kinross: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD
Tel: (01577) 862952

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir

Charge B, currently vacant, to be based in Crook of Devon.
Interim Moderator for the Charge B vacancy: Rev. Marc Prowse

Associate Minister (Orwell): Rev Dr Robert Calvert
Locum Minister (Cleish and Fossoway): Rev Christine Sime;
Ordained Local Minister: Rev Margaret Michie

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Kinross Church

Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church

Kinross Church: 10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG

Kinross Church Centre, 64 High St, Kinross, KY13 8AJ

Website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org

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E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Office Tel: (01577) 862570

The Kinross Church Office is open 10am-12noon, Mon & Fri.

Otherwise operating remotely. Leave a phone message or email.

Contact the Kinross Church Office for the weekly email of Kinross Church events and Zoom details.

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS IN KINROSS

Events are in Kinross Church unless otherwise indicated.

Sundays

9.15am Choir Practice

10.30am: **Morning Service:** There is often a gathering song about 10.25.

For Young People: Junior Church (age 4 -11) meets in the Upper Room from 10.30 then joins in at the end of the service. Within the church there is a corner for parents with babies and toddlers.

Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall after most services.

Sunday morning services are also available online:

live on YouTube and Facebook; thereafter on YouTube, Facebook and the church website. Listen by phone on 01577 528270, or request a CD.

STEPPING STONES



**Kinross Parish Church
Tuesdays, 10-11.30am.**

**Stepping Stones is for
parents, carers,
babies and toddlers.**

ALL WELCOME

6.00pm: **Sunday Evening Prayer**, on Zoom

6.00pm: **Crossfire**, church centre. Age P7 & up.

Mondays

10am-12pm: **Kinross Church Office** open to visitors.

2pm-4.00pm: **Bridge and Board Games Afternoon**

7.30pm: **House Group** – Bible study and fellowship

Tuesdays

10am-11.30am: **Stepping Stones** for babies, toddlers and carers.

2.30pm: **House Group**

7.00pm: **Guild** fortnightly (now finished for the summer)

Wednesdays

11.15am **Midweek Service**, at the church centre.

1.30pm: **Craft Group**

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

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

Thursdays

10.30am: **House Group**

11am-12pm: **Table Talk** – chat on Zoom. (Easter: no meetings 27 March to 17 April. Resumes 24 April)

8.00pm: **Young Mum's House Group** – on Zoom.

Fridays

10am-12pm: **Kinross Church Office** open to visitors.

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, (Church Centre)

6pm-7.15pm Anchor Section (P1-P3)

7pm-9.00pm Junior Section (P4-P6)

7pm-9.30pm Company Section (P7-S3)

7pm-9.30pm Senior Section (S4-S6)

5.30pm: **Dungeons and Dragons (Youth)** certain Fridays

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS

In Kinross Church unless otherwise indicated.

MAY

Fri 2 5.30pm: **Youth Dungeons and Dragons**

Sun 4 10.30am: **Morning Service** followed by informal Communion.

Mon 5 8.00am: **Guided Silent Meditation**

Sun 11 2.30pm: **Let's Sing** in Church Centre. Tea and sing song. All welcome, but particularly for those living with dementia.

7.00pm: **Sunday @ 7:** Informal service of contemporary worship.

Mon 12 7.30pm: **Adult Dungeons and Dragons**

Thu 15 9.00pm: Evening service of **Compline**

Fri 16 5.30pm: **Youth Dungeons and Dragons**

Sat 17 11.00am: **All Friends Together** for adults with learning disabilities

Sun 25 7.00pm: **Sunday @ 7:** Informal service of contemporary worship.

Mon 26 7.30pm: **Adult Dungeons and Dragons**

Thu 29 7.00pm: **The Year Of Listening**

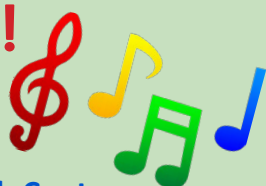
Fri 30 5.30pm: **Youth Dungeons and Dragons**

LET'S SING!

Sunday 11 May

2.30-4pm, Kinross Church Centre

Please come along to an afternoon of singing and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome, including anyone who has dementia and their carers.



Cleish and Fossoway

Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church

Cleish Church: Cleish, Kinross-shire, KY13 0LR
Fossoway Church: Church Road, Crook of Devon,
Kinross-shire, KY13 0PQ

Our churches are very warm and welcoming places. Fossoway Church is situated in Crook of Devon and services are held here weekly. Cleish Church is situated in Cleish, services are held monthly. Come and join us – we would love to meet you. All are welcome at any of our meetings and services.

If you would like any more information, please contact:

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Anne McKay: 07766 418016, annemckay90@gmail.com

Christine Maclure: 07704 884584, maclure19@gmail.com

Updates and changes to the dates below can be found on our church website: <https://cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk>, or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fossowaychurch>

The following services will take place at Fossoway Church, unless otherwise stated.

MAY

4 May: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship at Fossoway followed by 11.15am, Sunday Morning Worship at Cleish Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall after both services

11 May: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship Refreshments will be available after the service

18 May: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship Refreshments will be available after the service

25 May: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship & Celebration of Holy Communion Refreshments will be available after the service

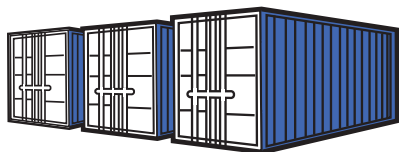
JUNE

1 Jun: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship at Fossoway followed by 11.15am, Sunday Morning Worship at Cleish Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall after both services

BIBLE STUDY

Rev Christine Sime will be leading a block of six Bible Study session

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REFRESH THURSDAY

Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm in Fossoway Church Hall

Join us for a friendly blether with delicious home baking, tea and coffee. All are welcome.

CLEISH AND FOSSOWAY CHURCH CHOIR

Our church choir meets every Sunday morning before morning worship and our wonderful organists run through the hymns that we will be singing during worship. There is no need to read music as the organist helps us to learn what we need to know. We also meet from time to time to practice for special projects e.g. Easter, Christmas. We are a friendly group of people and would love to welcome new members with open arms.

FILM NIGHT

Fri 2 May 7.30pm: SAVING GRACE (15)

Left with a manor house on the Cornish coast and a mountain of debt as well as dozens of creditors on her heels, Grace knows she is about to lose everything! However, with Matthew, the manor's caretaker, Grace hatches an outrageous plan!!!!

Brenda Blethyn and Craig Ferguson star in this addictive comedy. Donations of £5 appreciated, which include tea/coffee and biscuits.

Please join us for the film, some refreshments and a blether. All are welcome.

FOSSOWAY BABIES AND TODDLERS

Every Friday 9.30 – 11.30am, in Fossoway Church Hall. Join us for snacks, play and blether.

CROOK YOUTH CLUB

Term-Time Weekly Drop In: Every Thursday 6pm-8pm (Fossoway)

Come along – it's a space to be, play games, pool table, football table, snacks and good chats! For all young people aged 11-19yrs old.

COMPLETELY FREE!

Check the KYTHE Facebook page and Instagram account for more details and up-to-date information.

FOSSOWAY HOUSE GROUP

Our House Group usually meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm. For more details, please contact Debbie Hill 01577 842268

HALL BOOKINGS

If you wish to book our hall or meeting rooms, please contact Mrs E Black 01259 742046

Orwell and Portmoak Churches

Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church

Sunday Worship, and Junior Church:

Sunday morning services in Orwell Church at 10.30am. All children welcome.

Family services with the Praise Band will be held on the first Sunday of each month, except January.

No morning services will be held in Portmoak Church, but there will be a service on the last Sunday of each month until the building is sold, as detailed in the diary dates.

Messy Church will meet at Orwell Church on Sat 31 May from 4-6pm, with all the usual crafts, activities, fun, and food.

MAY

1 May Ashley House Service at 2pm.

4 May Family Service with the Praise Band

16 May Tea and a Blether in Orwell 2pm-3.30pm.

25 May Praise Service in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm with Lorna Ferguson.

30 May Oasis Ladies Group in Portmoak New Room 10.15am-12pm. Speaker: Maria Bartlett.

The Church Office and Shop is open 10am-12pm, Mon-Fri.

Office email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Website: orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk



Churches

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

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Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY



Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

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Rector: We are currently without a Rector

During the vacancy, **Contacts** for church business and pastoral care including baptisms, weddings and funerals are:

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Associate Priest: Rev Fliss Shaw
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Our Sunday morning services begin at 10am, unless otherwise advertised. These are usually Sung Eucharists (worship with Communion). Our church bell rings from 9.45am.

We will provide regular updates on the website concerning our schedule of worship. Please do refer to it regularly.

Services are broadcast from the church as livestreams via Zoom (please email us for links). The Liturgy can be followed on the website via the seasonal Sung Eucharist e-booklets and the weekly pewsheets.

We look forward to seeing you in person or online. All are Welcome!

Our Meeting Room is available for hire at competitive rates.

MAY

NB: There are no midweek Communion services for the present time.

Sun 4 3rd Sunday of Easter

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 11 4th Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 18 5th Sunday of Easter

10am: Sung Eucharist.

Sun 25 6th Sunday of Easter

10am: Sung Eucharist.

JUNE

Sun 1 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

10am: Sung Eucharist.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May 3/4 10-3pm Veterans Art with Pride. Exhibition and Sale of artwork by Perthshire Veteran prisoners from HMP Perth.

Sun 18 11.15-12.00 There will be a small **Fairtrade** stall in the Hall

Art @ St Paul's is starting up again this month.

23/24th May 10-4pm Taster art exhibition.

7/8 June 10-4pm Art and Craft exhibition

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050)

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Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven

Community Campus, at 10:30am each Sunday. Our sermon series from April to May is *Partners in Kingdom Growth* followed by a series from 2 Timothy, *Famous Last Words*, from mid-May.

We'll be hosting the following services in May:

4 May: Scottish Bible Society (Fiona McDonald)

11 May: Open Doors (Tim Hayward)

18 May: 2 Timothy 1: The Timeless Legacy (David Wylie)

25 May: 2 Timothy 2: The Unashamed Workman (David Wylie)

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome to join any of these. To know more about us, please visit our Facebook page 'We Love Loch Leven', our website www.lochlevenchurch.com, or email us at info@lochlevenchurch.com

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Gospel Meeting: Sundays 4pm

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Explorers (Primary School): Thurs 6-7pm

We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones. All are welcome.

Obituary

GIBSON

May (Maysie) Gibson (nee Kemp), died peacefully on 29 March at P. R. I. after a short illness.

Maysie was born at 18 Swansacre on 14 of August 1937 To Margaret and Alan Kemp. Brian and Alma were born a few years later. She was well known in the town with all that she did and of course working at the Kirklands Garage most of her working life.

Maysie married Sam on 17 September 1960 and became a Mum to Jim, Dorothy and the late Susan. Sam and Maysie would then go on to have Jacqueline and Caroline and the family was complete. They were to be together for 40 years until Sam died on the 1st January 2001. Maysie carried on with the support of family and friends. She was always there for her family, until her death in March. She leaves behind memories of a long and wonderful life as a Daughter, Sister, Mother, Gran and Great Grandmother to many, who will sorely miss her. R. I. P. Mum

Acknowledgements

GIBSON

The family of the late **May (Maysie) Gibson** would like to thank everyone that attended her funeral at Perth Crematorium and Kinross Parish Church on 11 April. Also those who sent cards, flowers and for their kind words at this sad time. We raised £500 from donations for Kinross Day Centre, where Mum went over the last few years. We would also like to thank her neighbours of many years for being there for her after Dad died.

Thanks to the staff of Ward 4 and Ward 1 at P. R. I. for all the care and time they gave to Mum. A special thanks goes to Dr. Jones for his care and kindness shown to Mum over the years. The paramedics and doctors who came out to Mum before being admitted to hospital.

Thanks also to Stewart Funeral Directors, Kinross for their help and support in helping us arrange the funeral.



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	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble, Dominoes	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Vision PK (6 & 20 May ONLY)	10-11.45am
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Trishaws (weather permitting)	1.30pm
	Singing Group (13 May ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: Curling, Quizzes etc	1.30pm
Wednesday	Barge Trip (14 May ONLY)	10am-4pm
	Church Service	11.15am
	Chiropody Service (7 May ONLY – appts only)	12-2pm
	Reminiscence Group (7 May ONLY)	1.30pm
	Fun Quiz	1.30pm
	Craft Group (7 & 21 May ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes	1.30pm
Thursday	Chiropody Service (15 May ONLY – appts only)	10am-1pm
	Interactive Games	11.30am
	Exercise Class with Kenny from Live Active	11.30am
	Indoor Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble	1.15pm
	Art Group	1.30pm
Friday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Trishaws (weather permitting, NOT 9 May)	1.30pm
	Bingo (NOT 9 May)	1.30pm
	Life Story Books (NOT 9 May)	1.30pm
	Board Games (NOT 9 May)	1.30pm
	A VE Day Celebration (9 May)	1.30pm
	Party with David, Evelyn and Friends	



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We would like to thank all our service users, Committee, volunteers and the whole community of Kinross and surrounding areas, for your continued support of Kinross Centre.

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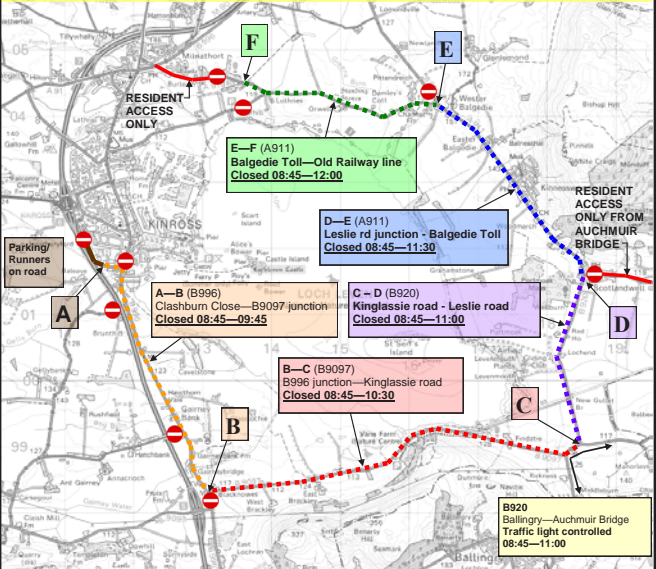
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B996 [A-B] FROM CLASHBURN CLOSE TO B9097 JUNCTION 08:45—09:45
B9097 [B-C] FROM B996 JUNCTION TO KINGLASSIE ROAD 08:45—10:30
B920 [C-D] FROM KINGLASSIE ROAD TO LESLIE ROAD 08:45—11:00
A911 [D-E] FROM LESLIE ROAD TO BALGEDIE TOLL 08:45—11:30
A911 [E-F] FROM BALGEDIE TOLL TO OLD RAILWAY LINE 08:45—12:00

RESIDENT ACCESS ONLY

BURLEIGH ROAD, MILNATHORT 08:45—12:00
AUCHMUIR BRIDGE TO LESLIE ROAD SCOTLANDWELL 08:45—11:30

Cleish Kirk - Sat 10 May 2025

ORGAN RECITAL (3pm)

&
Choral
Evensong
(4.15pm)

@ Cleish Kirk, with the Choir of St John's, Edinburgh and organist Giles Longstaff.

Choral Evensong is a beautiful and reflective service rooted in the ancient monastic tradition. Join us for choral music & liturgy, following an organ recital and short break.

Music details to follow. More info from the organisers by email: neil@cleishvillagetrust.org.

Venue: Cleish Church, Cleish, Kinross-shire, KY13 0LR (Near M90 Exit 5)

Part of the
Cleish Village Fete
& Classic Car Show



TIMINGS

Fete & Car Show
1300 - 1530

Organ Recital
1500 - 1545

Evensong
1615 - 1700

Bar Open
1600-2000

with Rootin n' Roamin BBQ for sale.




Support your local growers and producers! Stalls include fresh bread, local vegetables, locally produced meat and crafts.

The Farmers' Market takes place 10am-2pm, Kinross High Street on the fourth Saturday of each month (apart from July). The High Street is closed from the entrance of Burns Begg Street to the entrance of Montgomery Street on market days. The bigger markets take place at the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel).

2025 Market dates
at Kinross High Street
(10am to 2pm)

26 April
28 June
27 September
25 October



Spring & Summer Markets
at the Market Park

24 May (10am to 5pm)
with Food & Drinks Festival

23 August (10am to 5pm)
with a special music act

Bigger markets with a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls and additional entertainment.

Festive Market
at Loch Leven Community Campus
22 November (10am to 3pm)

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Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation SCO44056



COME ALONG & JOIN THE FUN AT THE 2025 PORTMOAK GALA DAY!

GALA RAFFLE
BOUNCY CASTLES
KIDS DISCO
LOCAL STALLS
FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE MUSIC
BAR TENT

31ST MAY 2025 - 2PM START
KINNESSWOOD FARM,
MAIN ST, KINNESSWOOD
(what 3 words: "entitle.overcomes.about")

Scotlandwell in Bloom

Annual Plant & Bake sale

Saturday 3 May 2025

at the Well Country Inn,
Scotlandwell,

10am until 12 noon.



- Plants, flowers and vegetables
- Delicious home baking
- Locally produced jams and chutneys
- Hanging baskets and other garden bits 'n' bobs.
- Tombola stall
- Craft table
- Coffee, cake and a chat – we'd love to see you there.

All proceeds towards the upkeep of planters, tubs, floral displays and generally helping to 'keep our village patch up to scratch'.



COME & TRY BOCCIA

 **Crieff - Monday 28 April, 5pm-6pm**
Perth - Wednesday 30 April, 5pm-6pm
 **Aberfeldy - Wed 30 April, 6.15pm-7.15pm**
Kinross - Saturday 10 May, 11am-12pm

Suitable for people of all ages with physical, sensory or learning disabilities.

No cost to participate



Contact graeme@pkds.org.uk
to register

Scan here for more info and to register



Commemorative service and military vehicle display

11 May 2025

St John's Kirk, Perth 11am

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VE DAY

80TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

11 MAY 2025

Visit www.pk.gov.uk for more information

Faculty of SOCIAL SUBJECTS and RMPS
KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL


A Blueprint for the Future - The Exhibition

Join us to see how our S1 learners have used Craftivism to share their learning of the Global Goals


Loch Leven Community Campus Library

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May
Drop-In during Library hours

Tues 27th May
Evening Showcase
6.30-7.30pm

 **Kinross-shire Civic Trust Annual General Meeting**
Thursday 8 May at 7.30pm

in ICT Room 1, Loch Leven Community Campus followed by



12 Major Bridges in Scotland
an illustrated talk by
Trust Chairman Alistair Smith CEng, BSc, MICE

All welcome, whether Trust members or not

100th BIRTHDAY AND DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?
Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

Online forms for presentation requests are via the Lieutenancy website <https://perthandkinrosslieutenancy.org.uk/>

PKC can arrange for delivery of a basket of flowers, or for a local Councillor to present the flowers. **For more information:** Please contact lordlieutenancy@pk.gov.uk, or call 01738 475009.

 **The Cleish Village Fete & Classic Car Show** 

10th May 2025
1pm - 3.30pm



Classic Car Show, Hog Roast & Ice Cream
Teas & Cakes in the Village Hall
Produce, Plants and Various Stalls
Organ & Choral Recital in Cleish Church
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Pre-2005 cars welcome - Please be in field by 12.00pm (no exit till 3.30pm)
Entry to Classic Car Show free (donations to Cleish Village Hall Association please)

CONTACT - David Leslie on 07778 772349 or cleishcarshow@cleish.org to confirm car details and entry.

All proceeds to the Cleish Village Hall Association

P & K SCHOOL TERM DATES

MAY DAY HOLIDAY: Monday 5 May 2025

TERM ENDS: Thursday 26 June 2025

IN-SERVICE DAY: Monday 18 August 2025

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 19 August 2025

CARNBO HALL

AGM: CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TUESDAY 21 MAY, 7PM

Join us for the Annual General Meeting, followed by cheese and wine. We are urgently seeking new committee members. With several key roles stepping down, the future of Carnbo Hall is uncertain. If you value this vital community space, please come along to the AGM. Whether you're ready to join the committee or simply curious about what's involved, we'd love to hear from you.

AFTERNOON TEA

SATURDAY 24 MAY 2, 4PM. TICKETS £5.

During the afternoon, Carnbo Bowling Club are offering a 'Give It a Try' bowling taster session for those who are interested. We kindly ask that you book by Friday 10 May. To reserve a spot, simply email carnbohall@gmail.com for ticket information.

SOCIAL SUNDAY BBQ AND DUCK RACE

SUNDAY 1 JUNE, 4PM. ALL WELCOME.

Duck Race in the field at East end of the village at 4pm, BBQ at Carnbo Hall at 5pm. BBQ facilities provided, bring your own food & refreshments. Contact: carnbohall@gmail.com



Mondays 7pm – 8.30pm
Family Room, Orwell Church, Milnathort

*To find out more, please contact Margaret West
(COTNCommittee@gmail.com)*

MOBILE LIBRARY

7 & 28 MAY

www.culturepk.org.uk/library/mobile-library

Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)	09.30 – 10:00
Portmoak Hall	10:05 – 10:20
Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 – 10:50
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20
Causeway Court	11:40 – 12:00
Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 – 14:30
Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	14:45 – 15:15
Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:30 – 16:00

*Contact us by phone on 01577 867205
or by email at lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk.*

VE DAY SERVICE

Stephen Leckie
Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross

invites you to a Service of Thanksgiving
on the occasion of

**The Eightieth Anniversary of
Victory in Europe**

on **Sunday 11 May 2025 at 11am**
in St John's Kirk, Perth

followed by a display of WWII vehicles, street
entertainment and music from Perth & District Pipe
Band and Perthshire Brass

arranged by Perth and Kinross Council

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
June	Friday 16 May	Saturday 31 May

GRANTS FOR GOOD CAUSES

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All profits from the *Kinross Newsletter* are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are:

31 March and 30 September

More information at kinrosscommunitycouncil.com

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Perth CAB can help you. Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Advice line: 01738 450580

Appointment line: 01738 450581

Clients can access advice in the following ways:

- **By calling us** on 01738 450580 between 10am and 3pm any weekday. If the query is quick for us to deal with, we will do so and if it requires more time or research then we will arrange for an adviser to get back to them either via e-mail or with a telephone appointment.
- **Webchat** from our Perth CAB website www.perthcab.org.uk/ this is available from 10am each weekday, currently until 1pm but we hope to expand these hours soon
- **<https://www.perthcab.org.uk/contact-us>**

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.



**MOBILE POST VAN AT
BUCHAN AVENUE,
KINNESSWOOD**

**MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45
WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45**

Homes For Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



**KINROSS DELIVERY OFFICE
ROYAL MAIL**

87 High St, Kinross KY13 8AR

MONDAY	8-10am
TUESDAY	8-10am
WEDNESDAY	8-10am
THURSDAY	8-10am
FRIDAY	8-10am
SATURDAY	8-12pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Baby & Toddler Groups

MONDAY

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers
Orwell Church Hall 9.30 -11am

TUESDAY

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers
Portmoak Church Hall
9.45-11.30am

Stepping Stones

Kinross Parish Church 10-11.30am

WEDNESDAY

Breast Buddies
Health Centre 10-12pm

Glenfarg Babies and Toddlers
Village Hall 9.30am

Muckhart Babies and Toddlers
Church Hall 9.30-11am

THURSDAY

Montgomery Toddlers
Kinross Gospel Hall 9.30 -11am

FRIDAY

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers
Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers
Crook of Devon Church Hall
9.30-11.30am

*Please let us know
if you have any
info to add to this list.*



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252
NHS 24	111
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111
Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

Police, non-emergency 101

Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emergencies 999

Gas (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

Water (loss of supply, foul water emergency) 0800 0778 778

Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages 0345 988 1188

Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)

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

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

PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

Adult care services	0345 301 11 20
Anti-social behaviour helpline (voicemail)	01738 476173
Child protection	01738 476768
Council housing emergency repairs	01738 476000
Dangerous buildings	01738 476476
Environmental Health	01738 476476
Flooding	01738 476476
Homelessness	0800 917 0708
Mental health services	0345 301 11 20
Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

Traveline Scotland 0141 465 1878

Loch Leven Community Campus 01577 867200

Kinross High School 01577 867100

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Have a look at our website www.portmoak.org

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KINROSS RECYCLING CENTRE

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Monday, Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm
(last entry 3.45pm)

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm
(last entry 3.45pm)

THE RECYCLING CENTRE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS

Bicycles	Engine Oil	Rigid Plastic Packaging
Books	Fluorescent, LED & Long Life Light Bulbs	Rubble
Bras		Scrap Metal
Bulky Goods	Fridges & Freezers	Soil
Car Batteries	Garden Waste	Stone
Cardboard	Glass	Telephone Directories
Cartons and Paper containers with metal ends	Household Batteries	Textiles (Clothes & Shoes)
Cooking Oil	Large Domestic Appliances	Timber
Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE - remove & recycle batteries separately)	Non-Recyclable Waste (General Waste)	Car Tyres (maximum two per day, strictly household only)
	Paper	

Free compost available (subject to availability).

Diary

May

Fri	2&16&30	Dungeons and Dragons (youth) at KPC
Sat	3	Scotlandwell in Bloom Annual Plant Sale
Sat&Sun	3&4	Inside Out Exhibition –With Pride (Arts@St Paul’s)
Mon	5	Glenfarg Community Council meets
Tues	6	Fossoway Community Council meets
Tues	6	Climate Cafe Meets, 7pm library
Wed	7	Networking Breakfast, Green Hotel 7.30am
Wed	7&21	Balado Bridge Poultry Farm Consultation Events, Millbridge Hall 1-6pm
Thurs	8	Garden Group Meets
Thurs	8	Milnathort and Orwell Community Council meets
Thurs	8	VE Day – Beacons Lit 9pm
Sat	10	Cleish Village Fete and Classic Car Show
Sat	10	Portmoak Moss Guided Walk. See Clubs entry from PCWG.
Sun	11	Loch Leven Half Marathon
Mon	12 & 26	Dungeons and Dragons (adults) at KPC
Tues	13	Portmoak Community Council meets
Wed	14	Writing the Wild Workshop, library
Mon	19	Deadline for Kinross-shire Volunteer Awards nominations
Wed	21	Carnbo Hall AGM
Wed	21	Carnbo Hall Afternoon Tea
Sat&Sun	24&25	Taster Art Exhibition (Arts@St Paul’s)
Sat	24	Spring Market and Food and Drinks Festival
Sun	25	Kinross and Ochil Walking Group Meet - see clubs entry
Tues	27	Kinross Community Folk Group - inaugural meeting 1pm St Paul’s Church
Tues	27	A Blueprint for the Future’ showcase from KHS S1 pupils - Open Evening, library
Tues	27	Kinross Community Council meets
Sat	31/1	Muckhart Open Gardens weekend
Sat	31	Portmoak Gala Day
Sat	31	Storytelling at the library 11am

June

Sun-Sat	1-7	Portmoak Festival
Sun	1	Carnbo Hall Social Sunday and Duck Race
Mon	2	Cleish and Blairadam Community Council meets
Sun	6-8	Wildhood Festival, Tullibole Castle
Sat	14	Discovery Day, Kirkgate Park

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Premier Stores	High Street, Kinross
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Keystore More	Green Road, Kinross
Giacopazzi’s	New Road, Milnathort
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort

Heaven Scent	South Street, Milnathort
Lochend Farm Shop	Scotlandwell
Kinnesswood Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Fossoway Store	Crook of Devon
Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Mona’s Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Powmill Stores	Powmill
Loch Leven’s Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg