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Letter From The Editor

I THINK EVERYONE was actually a little bit pleased to see some rain after the long dry spell of weather we have just had; an unusual state of affairs for Scotland!

By the time this *Newsletter* prints I expect we will all be sick to the back teeth of wet weather again and looking forward to the next sunny spell. Part of the fun in living in this part of the world is the unpredictability of the weather, and I reckon if that's all we have to worry about on a day-to-day basis, we are pretty lucky.

June is an action-packed month and whatever the weather has in store, there is plenty to see and do across Kinross-shire. Don't miss Portmoak Gala and the Portmoak Festival which takes place in the first week of June. I may already have mentioned it once or twice, but Pudding Club is, in my humble opinion, one of the best events in the annual Kinross-shire calendar and if you have never partaken, you need to go along and see for yourself. If you

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

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grew up being told that there was 'fruit and yogurt' in the fridge, you will probably have the same child-like reaction that I have to just the thought of being allowed to eat three (real) puddings in one sitting.

What do you like best about Kinross? Don't forget to fill in the CAP survey – see page 17.

Thankfully we have schemes like the new Bike Bus to encourage our youngsters to stay fit and active as they travel to school in the morning. It is always wonderful to see kids out and about on their bikes and I hope the scheme is taken up by other primary schools in the area.

If you haven't been out on a bike for a while and fancy joining some others who want to do just that, focusing on mental wellbeing, there's a free 12-week course on offer called Positive Spin. For further details on the course see www.ktacc.org.uk.

Finally, don't miss your chance to get involved in a community conversation about Loch Leven at three events locally on 11-13 June. See p9 for all the details of the events, which are free and open to everyone.

Hannah Collins, Editor



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Punishment For Loch Foulers?

I FIND MYSELF increasingly incensed by the amount of litter – and worse! – left behind by those who camp at the Burleigh Sands car park. This is a public facility with no running water or toilet facilities and should not be used for overnight stays. NatureScot cannot possibly be expected to constantly oversee the site, given their relatively small staff and wide area of responsibility.

There are measures that can be taken that do not involve the use of excessive and expensive manpower to enforce. A height-restrictive gate on the entrance would prevent access for larger vehicles. Charging for overnight camping is a good idea, but can surely only work if it is properly monitored. Perhaps it's time to install hidden cameras on this site, if only to be able to pinpoint the culprits who make no effort to remove their disgusting detritus of litter, food scraps and – the most disgusting of all – human waste. Surely the latter alone is a more serious crime in itself, given the hygiene risks?

Such people should not be allowed to spoil the appearance of the car park for those who understand the meaning of public decency. CCTV can easily assist in tracing the owners of vehicles who create such despicable scenes – shouldn't those who made the mess should be forced to return to Burleigh to clean it up, if they refuse to voluntarily do so?

Sadly, the threat of fines seems to be of little deterrent to these ignoramuses – perhaps it's time to consider punishments that have real effectiveness. These people would think twice if they stood a real risk of having their vehicles confiscated, for instance.

*Angry Loch Lover
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I READ THE letter from Mr Bill Cooper in the May edition where he bemoans the changing environmental policies of PKC.

Now will this reduce PKC costs? Of course, but the PKC income is finite and restricted especially after years of moratorium on council tax!

But the point beyond savings, is if the policy of going wild is the right one. It most definitely is and I applaud the council for at last adopting biodiversity principles which are widespread in Europe. PKC are impressive in that they are doing what they can, on very restricted budgets to improve the environment. With significant drops in biodiversity, both flora and fauna, throughout Scotland anything that can be done to counter this is very important. Constant mowing simply delivers a monoculture that does nothing to increase biodiversity.

The photograph is this May in Sardinia. In Scotland it may be an area mowed every two weeks. Which is better – an area mowed constantly or that in the photograph?

Putting the cost savings to one side, PKC are displaying environmental policies that have resulted in higher levels of biodiversity across Europe and they are to be commended.

Andrew Flinn, Kinross

Thanks



SCOTLANDWELL IN BLOOM had a very successful Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday 3 May – grateful thanks to Lynne (proprietor of the Well Country Inn) for allowing us to host the event which was a tremendous success.

Thanks too go to Gavin the Chef who very kindly did all the washing up!

Many thanks to those who baked, preserved, pickled, nurtured seedlings, devised the quiz, crafted, and/or donated to the tombola – the donations were fantastic and very much appreciated. The sun shone and we had a great turnout which helped make the event so successful; thank you to everyone who came along and spent their hard earned cash!

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OUTRAGE AT BURLEIGH SANDS ARSON ATTACK

NEWS OF A DELIBERATE attempt at fire-raising at Burleigh Sands car park has been greeted with shock and dismay across Kinross. Emergency services attended to extinguish the fire which was set near a footpath early on a Sunday morning.

A statement, issued by Police Scotland, read: 'Around 9am on Sunday, 18 May, 2025 an area of bushes beside a footpath near the Burleigh Sands car park was deliberately set alight.'

'Emergency services attended, the fire was extinguished and there were no reports of injuries.'

'The incident is being treated as wilful and officers are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.'

The suspect is described as a white man, aged 17-18, 5ft 10in inches height. He was wearing all black clothing and carrying a black rucksack.

All local elected representatives expressed their concern at the events.

In his monthly *Newsletter* column (p34), Cllr N Freshwater commented, 'It's deeply disappointing to hear of recent antisocial behaviour around Loch Leven, including a troubling fire near the Burleigh Sands car park.'

'While it's not feasible to monitor every part of the loch at all times, I urge anyone witnessing unacceptable behaviour to report it. Community vigilance plays a key role in protecting this special place.'

MSP Liz Smith said, 'I utterly condemn the deplorable and dangerous incident of fire-raising by an individual at the Burleigh Sands car park on Sunday. I have frequently raised the issue of the appalling increase in youth anti-social behaviour in Kinross over the last few years and I can fully understand the frustration of local people who are subject to it. I would urge anyone who has information that may be valuable to the police to report it so we can bring this individual to justice.'

Thank you to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for their exemplary response in extinguishing this fire which could have easily spread further.'

Cllr W Robertson said: 'I am in the process of setting up a meeting amongst the various agencies and my ward councillor colleagues to address the ongoing issues. There are clearly numerous serious anti-social activities taking place. We need to find a workable solution that protects both the environs of the loch and allows the many local people and visitors to continue enjoying visiting our beautiful Loch Leven.'

Police Scotland are asking anyone who saw anything to come forward and speak to them.

'The fire was set alight in an area of bushes and could easily have spread,' said Constable Jamie Arthur. 'I would urge anyone with information about what happened to speak to officers.'

'If you were in the area at the time and saw anything suspicious or have dashcam footage which may have captured something of significance then please contact us.'

'Anyone with information should contact 101 quoting reference 1047 of 18 May, 2025. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.'

Cllr R Watters said: 'It is really concerning to hear about the attempted fire-raising at Burleigh Sands. With the extremely dry



Burleigh Sands car park

weather and dry conditions this could have had disastrous consequences for Loch Leven Nature Reserve.

'I would encourage anyone with any information regarding this to pass it onto Police Scotland.'

NatureScot said, 'We have been seeing a high number of people having fires and disposable BBQs, as well as large groups camping and creating noise disturbances. One of the worst incidents included someone using petrol to start a fire. We have signs up on the reserve asking people not to have fires, as this often takes place in or near wooded areas, and meadows, which is not allowed under SOAC, but especially during the past few months when wildfire warnings have been issued by the Scottish Fire Service. If you know anyone who likes to come down to the reserve to have fires, please make sure they are aware of the dangers and the damage they cause.'

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A NEW INITIATIVE, AIMED at teaching safe cycling, is proving a big hit with the children at Milnathort Primary School.

Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling have been working with the school over recent months to develop a bike bus. The children in

P5 have incorporated this into their learning and have designed posters and worked with the charity to develop a survey for community consultation.

A bike bus is a fantastic way to support and encourage primary school children to

cycle to school, giving them the experience of cycling on roads with the safety of being supported by adults. Similar to an ordinary bus, there is a timetable and bus stops, and as they travel through the village, the numbers on the bike bus get bigger as they roll towards the school.

The benefits of the bike bus are recognised as significant. On an environmental level alone, bike buses obviously mean no

emissions. There are also the knock-on benefits of its contribution to community health through increased physical activity – children arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn, increased community spirit, and safety in numbers.

Charity Chair, Kirsteen Ross said 'We are absolutely thrilled with the uptake and superb support from families. We had an amazing 40 children and adults cycling last week. The enthusiasm is fantastic.'

'Children tell us it's the most fun they've ever had on a bike and after just a few weeks since we started on 25 April, we've seen children grow in confidence and ability.'

She added, 'The children are raring to go when they get to school – that lovely fresh air in the morning fills them with energy and sharpens their minds ready for learning.'

'I'd like to thank Mrs Hughes and her P5 class at Milnathort PS for being such wonderful ambassadors for the bike bus and active travel and helping us to make it happen.'

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We also run a growing calendar of wellness events and retreats designed with locals in mind. Our weekly Soulful Sundays are a two-hour mini retreat running throughout the summer 11am – 1pm, combining gentle yoga, breathwork, sauna and contrast therapy, guided journaling, and optional Gaia Wild Rasul Ritual add-on. They're the perfect Sunday reset—and at just £35 per session, an affordable way to invest in your wellbeing. Limited availability, so please book in advance.

On Saturday 21 June, we're celebrating the Summer Solstice with a full-day retreat: Gaia Summer Awakening. This immersive experience includes yoga, guided meditation, breathwork, a Gaia Gua Sha ritual, cold plunge, sauna time, journaling, a cacao ceremony, vegetarian lunch, and more. Led by expert therapists and facilitators, it's a rare opportunity to reflect, recharge and set new intentions for the season ahead—all within a short drive from home.

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LOCH LEVEN MATTERS

**FREE community events
and science activities**



Date	Time	Event	Location
11 June	18:30 – 20:30	Community conversations	Green Hotel, 2 The Muirs, KY13 8AS
12 June	18:30 – 20:30	Community conversations	Grouse & Claret Restaurant, Heatheryford, KY13 0NQ
13 June	18:00 – 20:00	Science activities evening	Loch Levens Larder, Channel Farm, KY13 9HD

11 - 13 June 2025 – SIGN UP TODAY!



Loch Leven is experiencing an increase in harmful algal blooms; these are caused by high nutrient levels and climate change.

Blooms can produce toxins that harm wildlife, affect human and animal health, and disrupt people's use and enjoyment of the loch.

While scientists can propose theoretical solutions to the problem, we often lack local insight. At the same time, public awareness remains low, with dogs and swimmers still seen entering the water during algal blooms.

Scientists from the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, James Hutton Institute, Scotland's Rural College and SAC Consulting want to work with you to develop research and management strategies to improve water quality at Loch Leven.

What's happening?

They're running two community conversations (with free food and refreshments) and a science activities event, co-hosted with the Forth Rivers Trust. The goal is to build a shared understanding of the loch, explore practical solutions to water quality problems and demonstrate tools like

the Bloomin' Algae app. They will also show you examples of what lives in the loch – from fish to creepy crawlies!

Aims of the event:

- **Share views** on water quality issues.
- **Identify practical and sustainable interventions** to help improve water quality.
- **Propose demonstration projects** to evaluate, jointly, the effectiveness of those interventions.
- **Raise awareness and promote the use of citizen science apps like Bloomin' Algae** to keep people and animals safe.

Who should come along?

Everyone who interacts with, or is affected by, the loch – residents, dog walkers, schools, councillors, farmers, landowners, swimmers, anglers, conservationists, artists and more.

The events are **FREE** and **OPEN to everyone!**

How to sign up?

Places are limited, so please sign up early. Choose your preferred dates by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.ticket-tailor.com/events/ukcentreforecology-andhydrology/1696663

Who are the scientists?

They are scientists from the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, James Hutton Institute, Scotland's Rural College and SAC Consulting. The event is being run by UK-CEH and its partners; it is funded by the UK Natural Environment Research Council and EU FutureLakes project. They look forward to seeing you!

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Loch Leven Matters

Kinross, 11th - 13th June 2025

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GREENER KINROSS-SHIRE

'SUSTAINABLE' IS A BIT of a buzzword, meaning many things to many people, from a cynical ploy to sell products or services to a philosophy that permeates everything a person does. We are only beginning to understand what sustainability actually means.

UK World Overshoot day was on 20 May. Overshoot Day marks the point in the year when humanity's consumption of natural resources surpasses what the planet can regenerate in that same year. This year, for the UK, it fell on 20 May, compared to 3 June of last year.

Biocapacity is the term used to describe the capacity of the planet's ecosystem to regenerate biological materials used by humans and the capacity to absorb waste generated by them. Sustainable living takes this into account: trying to not waste biological materials (food waste, textile waste, minimising water use, etc.).

Sometimes it feels quite hopeless. Many individuals would like to make steps to more sustainable living, but don't know what they can contribute. Or think that their contribution is so small, it won't make any difference. What can you do, to live a little bit more sustainably?

Since Covid, the Climate Café in Kinross (every first Tuesday of the month) has invited interesting speakers, touching on everything from textile waste to local heating systems. From the Climate Café grew the Repair Café. From kettles to trousers, things are repaired and mended so they can stay a little longer out of landfill. Now the same group of people have formed 'Greener Kinross-shire', an organisation which will become a charity, bringing these activities and much more under one umbrella.

Greener Kinross-shire will be the natural landing place for individuals and groups who would like to do something. Even something very small. They have ideas for the future:

- Pollinator projects
- Biodiversity projects
- Renewable energy advice
- Recycling/ Upcycling
- Campaigning such as the 'The Right to Repair'

Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something; and this can be as little as planting pollinator-friendly plants in a window box. Greener Kinross-shire can give you advice and they welcome other ideas and initiatives. Look out for their activities.



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POSITIVE SPIN



POSITIVE SPIN IS A free 12-week course aimed at people looking to boost their mental wellbeing by learning more about mental health, how to implement different tools and techniques which can help improve self-confidence and build resilience against the stresses of everyday life. It also offers people the chance to connect with others through fun, social cycling.

Each week there will be a short cycle to Loch Leven Community Campus along different routes. This will be at a gentle and social pace and is suitable for all abilities.



After the cycle, Mindspace will deliver a session which aims to inform and inspire. Every session will feature a different aspect of mental wellbeing and encourage participants to turn knowledge into action. A light lunch will be provided every week with participants sitting down to eat together. For further details see www.ktacc.org.uk or scan the QR code to register.

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DOLLAR MUSEUM'S NEW EXHIBITION this year is Dollar Water Mills. It features a watercolour by Hugh 'Grecian' Williams of the meal mill in the Mill Green as it looked in 1796.

There is also a map of Dollar in 1807 and photos of excavation of the mill by school pupils in 1980. Other mills featured are the Rackmill and the Bleachworks at Dollarfield and the woollen mill, which is now Dollar Museum.



The museum is open at weekends until Christmas: from 11-1 and 2-4.30 pm on Saturdays and 2-4.30 pm on Sundays. Entry is free and all are welcome.

More information can be found at the museum website which is dollarmuseum.org.uk.



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ROBERT IS BUZZING WITH SUCCESS!

11-YEAR-OLD ROBERT Tulloch is a passionate beekeeper. After discovering beekeeping with his dad, he became an active member of his school's gardening group and a rising star in Scotland's beekeeping

community. He is now a Young Scot Awards 2025 Finalist, one of an inspiring group of young people who are making a real difference in their communities.

Robert's award nomination is in the Environment category, which celebrates young environmental champions who take action for a greener, more sustainable future.

Robert won a national competition to design a cover for *The Beekeeper* magazine, using his £150 prize to buy tools, and he's also making beeswax candles, donating profits to the community. His enthusiasm shines through in his work, including a PowerPoint on the invasive Asian Hornet, which he presented to beginner beekeepers. In 2025, he'll take his first beekeeping exams and is connecting with beekeepers in South Africa and Kenya. His passion helped Kinnesswood earn recognition in the Beautiful Scotland Awards.

Beekeeper and mentor Enid Brown told us, 'I have been keeping honeybees for 31 years and organise the beginners course held each year in Portmoak Hall. We occasionally have had youngsters interested and doing the course,

but Robert has expressed real interest, dedication and has a lot of potential in making a very good beekeeper. He already handles the bees with confidence and speaks out well when

chatting to other beekeepers and also the public. His candle making hobby/business is a sideline to beekeeping but the progress Robert has made is amazing and to give the proceeds to Kinnesswood in Bloom is a very generous gesture. He is an excellent candidate to be put forward for consideration for this award.'

All the nominees will be celebrated at a special awards ceremony held at Plat-form in Glasgow in June. This event will bring together young changemakers from all over Scotland, where the winners will be announced live! Good luck Robert.

Robert would like to thank everyone involved for their support, mentoring and encouragement.



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AFTERNOON	Music In The Orchard 2-3pm Exhibition, Crafts & Cream Teas 2-4pm	Exhibition, Crafts & Cream Teas 2-4pm	Exhibition, Crafts & Cream Teas 2-4pm Gaelic Conversation 2-4pm				EXPLORING THE ORCHARD: A Woodland Group walk for families 2pm
EVENING			Festival Quiz at The Well Inn 8pm	Pudding Club 6-8pm	Pudding Club 6-8pm	PTA Family Games Night 5-8pm	JAZZ NIGHT Dave Batchelor and Friends 8-10pm

WE ARE HAPPY TO share the up to date programme for the Portmoak Festival, which follows the Gala on 31 May.

After the hectic Gala day you might like to sit down with a cup of tea, a scone and some short-bread on Sunday afternoon and admire the brilliant art work of the Portmoak Primary children. We will also have Vicky and friends playing some music in the Orchard from 2-3pm.

Tuesday night is Quiz Night at 8pm at the Well and Lynn has kindly allowed us to have an extra festival quiz. Gather up your teams and enjoy the friendly rivalry to be crowned Festival Quiz Team.

Each afternoon of the teas there will be an opportunity to try out a craft for yourself. No previous skill is required. You will be able to take home a hand made item.

On Tuesday afternoon we have an informal Gaelic conversation session. This was well attended last year. If we are lucky



we will have a visit from our local Gaelic Development Officer, and possibly a wee talk of local interest. This part will be in English.

Norma and friends will be running a three-hour craft session on Wednesday morning, from 10-1pm.

Try your hand at some exhibition crafts, zentangle, a fabric butterfly or an embroidered bug. You can try one or all. Message our Facebook page if you are interested. There will be a minimum cost to cover

materials and we promise lots of fun, coffee and cake.

The teas finish on Tuesday and are followed by two evenings of the famous Pudding Club. Make sure you don't miss out. Friday is a Family Quiz and Games Night. This is something new and promises to be a fun evening for the family.

Dave Batchelor once again gets together with all his talented friends to produce a great night of music for all the local jazz fans. The raffle, with the usual great prizes will be drawn and we can say goodbye to another Portmoak Festival.

A bheil Gàidhlig agaibh?

TWO FREE GAELIC language courses are set to be launched for complete beginners. An eight-week gentle introduction to Gaelic will be offered on a rolling basis, with plans to rotate locations around P&K.

Both courses will be open to any Perth and Kinross resident. A P&K Gaelic network is being established to link together people involved in, or with an interest in Gaelic.

It is hoped to recruit Gaelic 'ambassadors', who will help to share information about Gaelic events and potentially act as a Gaelic focal point in their communities.

Learning and Families Convener Councillor John Rebbeck said: "Gaelic is an enormously important part of Scotland's culture. We have some fantastic initiatives underway to support those who speak the language and encourage more people to start learning it... This will be an ideal way for those who've fancied learning Gaelic to get a grounding in the basics'.

PKC Gaelic Ambassador Councillor John Duff said: 'It is fantastic to see such support for the Gaelic language and I encourage every-

one with an interest in learning the language to sign up to one of the courses.'

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A MAJOR COMMUNITY-LED consultation is underway, to develop a five year Community Action Plan for the future of Kinross.

A Community Views Survey is being delivered and collected by volunteers to find out what people think of Kinross now, what it could be like in the future, and what they think needs to happen to make it better. If anyone hasn't received a form yet, you can pick one up at Sains-

bury's, the Kinross Centre and the Library. The survey is also available online by scanning the QR code.

The consultation is being organised by a Steering group that brings together groups and organisations in Kinross, including KLEO, CHAS, Kinross Centre, Kinross Community Council, Kinross-shire Partnership, Kinross Climate Café and many others. 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. Please, whatever your age or interests, make the most of this opportunity to shape the future of Kinross. The more sur-

vey replies that are returned, the stronger voice we will have in making things happen for our community.

Funding has been provided by PKC CLLD fund, and community development consultants STAR Development Group have been appointed to guide and support the process. Contact: Lesley Campbell, T: 07709 959760 or Bill Freeman, T: 07446 942665. Email: lesley@stardevelopmentgroup.org or kinrosscap@gmail.com.

Left: Survey volunteer Bouwien Bennet collecting a completed survey form

Below: Nan Cook with a service user at the Kinross Centre, completing their survey form



CAN YOU DIG IT?

YET MORE WORK IS due to take place in the south of Kinross at the end of June, as outlined below. It involves the closure of the cycle route and footpath from Junction Road northwards to Levenbridge Place and some restrictions on parking and loading on Smith Street, the High Street and Myers Terrace.

The road restrictions are for 'trial hole works' and 'trial pit works'. We did ask PKC for an explanation but as yet have had no response. Could this be for work on the South Kinross flood defences?

CYCLE ROUTE/FOOTPATH FROM JUNCTION ROAD NORTHWARDS TO LEVENBRIDGE PLACE – KINROSS (KY13 8FD)

In order to permit Trial hole works on the above section of footpath a temporary traffic regulation order will be effective from **23 June** for a period of one day. The order will temporarily prohibit all pedestrian traffic on Cycle route/Footpath from Junction Road northwards to Levenbridge Place, Kinross from its junction with Junction Road (311545, 701770) to its junction with Levenbridge Place (311331, 702243), a distance of 523.53 metres or thereby. The alternative route for pedestrians is via –Junction Road - Levenbridge Place

SMITH STREET - KINROSS (KY13 8DD)

Trial hole works. Traffic regulation effective from **26 June** for one day. The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading on Smith Street, Kinross from its junction with the B996 High Street (311881, 701888) to its junction with Myers Terrace (311788, 701893), a distance of 94 metres or thereby.

B996 HIGH STREET/SMITH STREET – KINROSS (PH13 9DG)

Trial pit works temporary traffic regulation effective from **27 June** for one day. The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading on both sides of the following length of carriageways:

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Smith Street, Kinross from its junction with the B996 High Street (311881, 701888) to its junction with private access to property known as Number 16, Smith Street (311814, 701889), a distance of 67.94 metres or thereby.

Pedestrian & emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.



LOCH LEVEN HALF MARATHON

THE 40TH LOCH LEVEN Half Marathon took place on a blisteringly hot morning yet all 789 runners who started, finished the course. Well done to them all.

The race was started by local Olympian and previous winner athlete Eilidh Doyle. As always the community showed out in force to support the runners, with shouts of encouragement, sweets for energy and very welcome hoses spraying water and children with super soakers to keep them cool.

Kinross Road Runners said, 'A huge thank you to the local businesses and community who support the event and of course to the army of volunteers, without whom we couldn't run it.

'This year the runners were able to give a donation when entering to local charity TRACKS, a fantastic total of £500 was raised!

Cllr Willie Robertson, who chairs the TRACKS committee said, 'We are delighted by the ongoing support from the Kinross Road Runners. This further generous contribution by the Loch Leven Half Marathon participants will be put to very good use locally. TRACKS are looking to improve many of the access paths which link into the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. This donation will go towards the funding we will require to carry out these path improvements works.'

The first runner home was no 702 Stuart Paterson from the Ochil Hill Runners with an amazing time of 01:10:59.

See the KRR report in our Sports section for a list of race times.

Top: Richard Watters being presented with the TRACKS cheque

Right: KRR president Ann Malcolm with Olympian Eilidh Doyle

Below: David Scott, the first KRR back

Left: A selection of photos from the day

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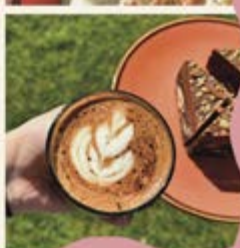
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SAINSBURY'S REFIT COMPLETE!

THE SAINSBURY'S REFIT PROJECT is now complete and the official grand re-opening took place on Friday 23 May at 9am. The new-look store has had a complete facelift and it is looking great.

Primary School pupil Eilidh from Kinross Primary school cut the ribbon with some gigantic scissors! She designed the win-

ning jute bag in a cluster primary schools competition and Sainsbury's had 500 to give away for free as well as some other colleague celebrations on the opening of the store. Sarah Rankin said, 'I was delighted be asked along to celebrate their grand reopening after consulting on de-veoping some of the fruit and veg choices

available in store.'

'An incredible job by Fraser and his team. A stunning cake from store colleague Justina and a beautifully designed bag by Eilidh of Kinross Primary School.'

If you haven't popped in for a while, go and have a look at all that's on offer.



Above: Store Manager Fraser Caldwell with Sainsbury's colleagues and competition winner Eilidh cutting the ribbon, and below cutting the cake on Launch Day.



Above: Eilidh from KPS with her winning bag design and store colleague Justina



REPAIR CAFE GEARS UP FOR SUMMER!



THE KINROSS-SHIRE REPAIR Café is back, just in time to help you prepare for summer!

On 28 June, join them at Orwell Church in Milnathort between 10 am and 1 pm for a morning of repairs, sustainability, and community spirit.

Bring along your broken household items, small electrical equipment, bikes, and textiles, and let the dedicated team of volunteers do their best to breathe new life into them.

If you've got summer clothes, camping gear, or a bike that needs a

tune-up before the holidays, don't miss out on this opportunity to make the most of your local circular economy initiative.

At the last event, volunteers successfully repaired 10 items, including three bikes, preventing 65 kg of waste from heading to landfill and saving 126 kg of carbon emissions!

However, seven items—mostly sealed electrical devices—could not be fixed, so please make sure your item is repairable before bringing it along.

We're also looking for new volunteers:

- Jewellery Repairer
- Repairer with carpentry skills
- Knife Sharpener Volunteer.

Dairsie Repair Café has generously offered a demonstration session on knife sharpening to help train a volunteer in this essential skill, and the Repair Café will provide all the necessary equipment.

A spokesperson said, 'Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.'

Contact Gosia or Trudy at kinrossrepaircafe@gmail.com

M90 CONTRAFLOW

THE NEXT PHASE of a £1.25 million refurbishment of Glenhead Bridge on the M90 near Glenfarg will begin under a contraflow from Monday 2 June.

Phase 2 runs from Monday 2 June to Tuesday 29 July and involves a full bridge deck refurbishment of the M90 northbound. A contraflow will be in place 24/7 on the M90 southbound between junctions 8 and 9. The northbound carriageway will be totally closed within the contraflow extents.

On Thursday 29 May the M90 southbound will be closed overnight between Junction 9 and 8 from 8pm to 5.30am. The 24/7 lane closures will be in place on the M90 southbound from 5.30am on Friday 30 May through to 8pm on Monday 2 June.

On Sunday 1 June the M90 northbound will be closed between Junctions 8 and 9 from 8pm. The contraflow arrangement on the M90 southbound will be in place on the M90 between junctions 8 and 9 from 8pm on Monday 2 June.

Phase 3 runs from Tuesday 29 July to Tuesday 30 September and involves the M90 southbound carriageway. A contraflow will be in place 24/7 on the M90 northbound carriageway between Junction 8 and 9. The southbound carriageway will be totally closed within the contraflow extents. Further road closures will be required to facilitate phase 3.

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The Fayre runs from 12pm until 2.30pm with stalls and activities for all interests, and all money raised goes directly towards funding activities for children at Kinross Primary, so your pennies and pounds really do make a difference in providing a huge range of opportunities for all year groups across the school.

To make it a fun and welcoming event for all, organisers try to make the fayre as affordable as possible whilst also raising funds to provide a huge range of opportunities for all the children. Many of the games and activities will be free and they are hugely grateful for the generosity of parents, carers, and local businesses. These include:

BBQ food items kindly supplied and cooked by the amazing team at **Allans of Auchterarder**, and BBQ kindly donated by the fantastic folk at **Gutters 2 Glory**.

A delicious cake for the 'guess the weight of the cake' supplied by the brilliant baking talents of **Mr Chris Wilson**.

The home baking stall will be gratefully accepting any donations on the day of the Fayre: drop off at school anytime from 10am.

A visit from local community heroes (unless otherwise occupied!): our fantastic **fire and police teams**.

Dance performances from **Dance Connect** and **Matthew Dance Academy Studios**, and musical performances from **KYTHER**.

A spokesperson said, 'We hugely appreciate all the donations of toys, chocolates, books,



bric-a-brac and wine that people have generously donated so far; if there are any more items you'd like to give in, please pop them into School Reception or get in touch via kinrossprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com to drop off with any of the team, donations gratefully received until 12 June, thank you.

'We simply can't run the Fayre without help on the day, and hugely appreciate any time volunteers can spare to help run stalls; there is a Google form to sign up on the Kinross Primary Parent Council Facebook page, and we'd love as many volunteers as possible to help

out for short stints so everyone can have a chance to enjoy the event. A selection of our stalls includes: a variety of free games to play, home baking goodies to sample, cuddly toy stall, chocolate tombola, toys, games, books, bouncy castles, snacks, drinks, face painting and our raffle with a wide variety of prizes. Please do come along and help us raise funds to enrich the educational experiences of the children throughout our community, we hope to see you there!'



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Above: Beacon at Ba' Hill. Photo by Ed Link.
Left: Deputy Lieutenant - Jeffy Erskine with High Constables at Kinross War Memorial



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to pay their respects to the fallen and to watch the ceremonial lighting of the beacon.

Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Perth and Kinross Jeffy Erskine had the honour of lighting the beacon and laying the wreath.

Helen Renton was the Piper from Perth & District Pipe Band. After a minute's silence we heard the plaintive song of the bugle, thanks to Rachel Whiteman of Perthshire Brass.

To the sound of Orwell Church bells ringing out and the VE flag flying at Orwell Church, to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, on a sun-kissed 8 May 2025, the Rev Duncan Stenhouse conducted a short service at the war memorial in Milnathort, where on behalf of the Community of Milnathort and Orwell, Ms Evlyn Low (a long time resident of Milnathort) placed a wreath in memorial of the

80TH ANNIVERSARY V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS

THERE WAS A great turnout to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day at the celebrations held at the War Memorial in Kinross on Saturday 8 May, as crowds gathered at 9pm

20 service personnel and two civilians from the parish of Milnathort and Orwell who lost their lives during WW2.

Later in the evening a beacon lighting ceremony was held at Ba' Hill.

The lighting of a beacon at this particular place in Milnathort was very poignant as it was there on 8 May 1945 that a bonfire was lit celebrating the cessation of gun fire across Europe.

Cantie Choir provided the accompaniment to the beacon lighting, with last Post being sounded by Mark Maylin and the pipers lament played by Nigel Kellet, all against the back drop of poppies projected onto the church building.

Before the event around 50 local people were treated to 'victory tea and cake' within the church hall, with thanks to Heaven Scent, Wintons Butchers, Giacomazzi and the ladies of Orwell Church.



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DO YOU LET YOUR DOG SWIM IN LOCH LEVEN?



LARGE BODIES OF COOL water are always appealing to both humans and dogs, especially given the spell of hot and dry weather we have recently had, and Loch Leven is no different.

In the summer months however, as temperatures rise, the loch is often prone to blooms of cyanobacteria. These, as we have seen in the past, can be harmful to both humans and animals alike. Better known as blue-green algae, these blooms are common in freshwater ecosystems.

Hot weather (from about 20°C to 30°C) encourages the growth of these algae. They are also caused by other environmental factors including high light intensity, turbidity and high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus (due to contamination with fertiliser run-off.)

Climate change brings with it an increase in temperature and higher levels of carbon dioxides which also helps promote the growth of harmful cyanobacteria blooms.

While algae may not always be either present or visible in the loch, please do be aware that Loch Leven has been prone to these blooms in the summer months over the last few years, and so it is important to be aware of their increase. It is especially important for those pet owners who allow their dogs to cool off in the loch.

In general, the frequency and severity of these toxic blooms in fresh water is thought to be increasing. Not all types of algae are deadly, but only specific analysis can tell which ones are poisonous. It is always safest to avoid them altogether.

An article in the April issue of *VetTimes* reports that in August 2022 a flat-coated retriever died from poisoning by Anatoxin-a, a potent neurotoxin. Another neurotoxin is known as Anatoxin-a(s). The letter (s) corresponds to the characteristic symptom of salivation which is observed in toxicosis.

The deceased dog is thought to have licked a dead fish at the water's edge of Wimbleball Lake in Exmoor. The article states that dogs in particular are attracted to the algae and only need

to ingest a small amount to suffer ill effects: 60g of bloom algae containing Anatoxin-a can kill a 25kg dog.

Dogs can accidentally ingest the algae by drinking the water or by licking their fur after swimming. After exposure, you should wash your dog in fresh water immediately to prevent them from licking their coat.

The article states that even small exposures, such as a few mouthfuls of algae-contaminated water can result in fatal poisoning. Clinical signs to be aware of following oral exposure are (within 30 minutes of exposure)

- Weakness
- Vomiting
- Tremors
- Muscle rigidity
- Paralysis
- Seizures
- Difficulty breathing
- Sudden death due to paralysis of respiratory muscles

Clinical signs may also include excessive secretions (salivation, lachrymation, urination or defecation) and irregular breathing.

Sadly there is no antidote for the toxins produced by blue-green algae. Treatment involves intensive supported care from your vet. Recovery can take weeks or months and dogs that do survive this type of poisoning will usually have chronic liver and kidney disease as well as other possible complications. Treatment will depend upon the type of toxin involved.

Please keep your dog on a lead near the shoreline where algal scums are most likely to be concentrated, and **do not let your dog drink the water**. If you see algal blooms, please remember to report them using the Bloomin' Algae App.

Hannah Collins

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ST VALERY – 85 YEARS ON

12 JUNE 2025, MARKS 85 years since the Battle of St Valéry-en-Caux, sometimes known as ‘the other Dunkirk’.

As the British Expeditionary Force was withdrawing from France, the 51st Highland Division were tasked by Prime Minister Winston Churchill to work with the French forces, with Churchill assuring France that: ‘Britain would never abandon her ally in her hour of need.’

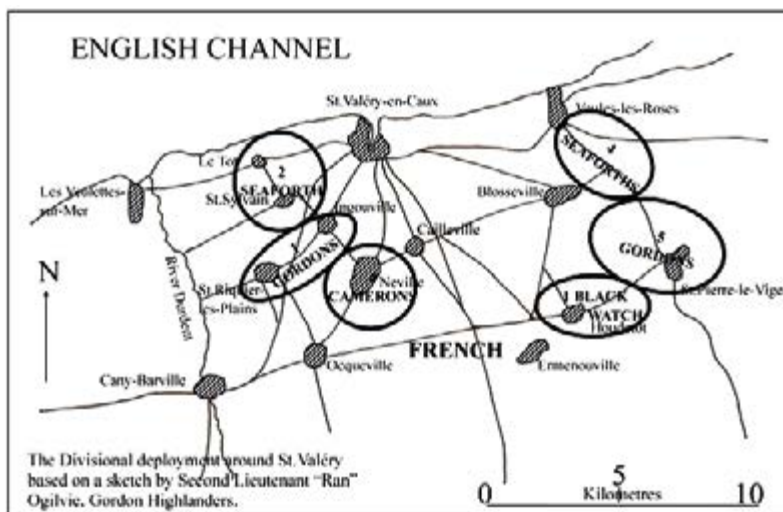
In the sweeping saga of the Second World War, the fall of France in June 1940 is often overshadowed by the dramatic evacuation at Dunkirk. Yet, less than two weeks after the last Allied troops were rescued from Dunkirk’s beaches, another, lesser-known but equally tragic event unfolded: the surrender of Allied forces at Saint-Valéry-en-Caux. This small coastal town in Normandy became the site of a significant, but often overlooked, surrender involving the British 51st (Highland) Division and French forces under General Béthouart.

The 51st (Highland) Division, commanded by Major-General Victor Fortune, had been detached from the main British Expeditionary Force (BEF) and placed under French command in May 1940. Their mission was to reinforce French troops on the Somme and delay the German advance. As German forces launched their final push to crush the remnants of Allied resistance, the 51st Division found itself encircled along the northern French coast.

By 10 June, 1940, the Highlanders and their French allies had retreated to the fishing port of Saint-Valéry-en-Caux. Hopes for a second evacuation, similar to Operation Dynamo at Dunkirk, were dashed by several factors. The British Royal Navy was unable to establish a firm evacuation plan due to poor weather, the rapid German advance, and the town’s unsuitability for large-scale naval rescue. German forces, including elements of General Erwin Rommel’s 7th Panzer Division, quickly surrounded the area, cutting off all land-based escape routes.

The 51st Highland Division drew up a perimeter around the town of St Valéry, on the coast of France, to help defend it from the German forces; 2nd Seaforths, 1st Gordons and 4th Camerons were on the West, and 4th Seaforths, 5th Gordons and 1st Black Watch on the East. Until the French forces arrived, the Lothians, Norfolks and 6th Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers covered the gap.

An attack took place on 4 June. However, it was poorly co-ordinated and so ended in heavy casualties. The German counter-attack



gave the 51st Highland Division, and some of the French 9th Army Cop, no choice but to withdraw. The Germans had pushed through on the east, which meant the 2nd Seaforths were cut off from their fellow soldiers.

Major General VM Fortune put the request in to be evacuated on 11 June. Meanwhile, the 51st Highland Division continued their defence against the Germans. On 11 June, 1940, Major General Fortune wrote: ‘The Navy will probably make an effort to take us off by boat, perhaps to-night, perhaps in two nights....’

After arriving in the harbour on the 10th and finding no one there, the Navy had withdrawn on the 11th, and after coming under air attack, pulled further out to sea. When the order came to carry out the evacuation it was too late. A combination of fog obscuring the coast, the loss of several boats and the fact that the enemy occupied the cliffs overlooking the town made evacuation impossible.

On the morning of June 12, 1940, after fierce fighting and with no viable options remaining, General Fortune made the painful decision to surrender. Around 10,000 British troops and a similar number of French soldiers laid down their arms. The surrender at Saint-Valéry-en-Caux was a demoralising blow to Allied morale and resulted in thousands of soldiers becoming prisoners of war, many of whom would spend the next five years in captivity.

The event was particularly traumatic for Scotland, as the 51st Division was composed primarily of Scottish troops. It marked one of the largest mass surrenders of British troops in the entire war. Despite their bravery and tenacity, these soldiers were victims of a collapsing front, strategic miscalculations, and miscommunication between Allied commands.

In the post-war years, the story of Saint-Valéry was largely eclipsed by the triumphal narratives of Dunkirk and the later D-Day invasion. However, in Scotland and in military history circles, the legacy of the 51st Highland Division remains a poignant reminder of courage in the face of overwhelming odds. In recent decades, commemorations and memorials in





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both France and the United Kingdom have helped preserve the memory of those who fought and fell at Saint-Valery-en-Caux.

The 51st Highland Division at Saint-Valery-en-Caux was composed mainly of Scottish soldiers, whose units represented the martial pride of Scotland and played a heroic role in delaying the German advance, even though their stand ended in captivity. Their sacrifice is remembered as a symbol of Scottish resilience and honour.

The surrender at Saint-Valery is a crucial reminder that the road to Allied victory in 1945 was neither swift nor without sacrifice. It highlights the complexity of wartime decision-making, and the high price paid by those who stood their ground, when retreat or rescue was no longer possible.

Relatives did not get news for years, some not until the War end-

'Reel of the 51st Division' and 'The Heroes of St Valery', written by Pipe Major Donal MacLean (who died in 1964 aged only 56). Every year since 1940 much attention is rightly given to the courage of those involved in the Dunkirk rescue, including many who perished on the 'little' boats. Such commemoration should also be paid, every year, perhaps by playing 'their tune', to the men who fought on, to guaranteed disaster, with no rescue, in order that so many could be saved at Dunkirk: the 51st Highland Division – The Heroes of St Valery-en-Caux.

Andy Middlemiss BEM DL

(Compiled with the help of Susan Forde and the Black Watch Regimental secretary- Tim Carmichael.)

Photos: https://51hd.co.uk/history/valery_1940

THE IMPORTANCE OF VE DAY 80

8 MAY, 2025, MARKED the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day—an event of profound historical significance. On this day in 1945, Nazi Germany officially surrendered to the Allied forces, ending World War II in Europe. After nearly six years of brutal conflict, VE Day represented a moment of relief, celebration, and reflection for millions around the world. The 80th anniversary offers a chance to honour those who fought, died, and lived through the war, while also reaffirming the values of peace, democracy, and international cooperation.

VE Day is important because it symbolizes the triumph of freedom over tyranny. It reminds us of the sacrifices made by soldiers and civilians alike, and of the global unity that was necessary to overcome fascism. As the number of surviving veterans dwindles, this anniversary ensures their stories are preserved and passed on to younger generations.

The 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day is not only a moment of global and national remembrance—it holds deep meaning for Scotland and its people.

On 8 May, 1945, when the Second World War ended in Europe, communities across Scotland joined in celebration, mourning, and reflection. The anniversary gives Scots today an opportunity to hon-

our the contributions and sacrifices made during that time.

Scotland played a vital role in the Allied victory. Tens of thousands of Scots served in the armed forces – on land, at sea, and in the air. Scottish regiments were involved in every major campaign of the war, and many gave their lives in the fight against fascism. On the home front, Scottish shipyards, factories, and farms were essential in producing the materials and food needed for the war effort. Cities like Glasgow and Edinburgh experienced bombing raids and the anxiety of war firsthand.

VE Day 80 is also important because it strengthens Scotland's collective memory and identity. War memorials in every town and village serve as a reminder of local lives lost. The anniversary encourages younger generations in Scotland to learn about their family histories and the shared legacy of resilience, sacrifice, and community spirit.

By marking this occasion, Scotland not only pays tribute to its past, but also reaffirms its commitment to peace and unity – values that remain as relevant today as they were in 1945.

In today's world, where conflict and division still persist, commemorating VE Day 80 underscores the importance of learning from history. It encourages reflection on the cost of war and the responsibility of

nations to work toward peace. By remembering the past, we reinforce our collective commitment to building a better future.

The wonderful, packed Thanksgiving service at St John's Kirk on Sunday 11 May was full of young people – school children (Mr Baxby Deputy HT at Kinross High brought the two School Captains – marvellous) Cadets, Boys Brigade, Scouts, Sea Cadets etc. It was fantastic of their leaders to bring them along. The collection was shared with my own SSAFA (The Armed Forces Charity) as we celebrate our 140th anniversary this year – what more appropriate charity. The First Minister, The Provost, The Lord Lieutenant, the bands, the readings. It was all very inspiring. Well done to the organisers and PKC for supporting it.

The Beacon lighting ceremonies on the actual day were poignant, nicely done with dignity and suitable wordage, and music. Deputy Lieutenant Mrs Jeffy Erskine conducted the Kinross one with great charm and style.

So well done all of us in Scotland and UK more widely. It now remains for us to finish the war, and look forward to VJ Day – but that's not until August – hundreds of servicemen and women are still in the Far East expecting – with much trepidation – to fight Japan to a close. They don't know about any Atomic Bomb yet!

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Kinross High School Head Teacher Appointment

I spent an afternoon interviewing potential Headteachers for the High School. The quality of applications was very good, and it took the selection panel a while to select the successful candidate. We appointed Jillian Shaw who will start in August. Welcome Jillian.

Kinross High School Inspection

Kinross High School has just had a short model inspection where two of four quality indicators were inspected, and the school was assessed as "Good" for "Learning, Teaching and Assessment" and "Very Good" for "Raising Attainment and Achievement". Well done to all the staff for this positive achievement.

Road Safety

I had a meeting with PKC's Chief Executive on 22 April, where I expressed my concerns over the lack of progress in road safety improvement delivery, particularly in Kinross-shire. As a result of this meeting, the Council is carrying out a review of the service.

Road Safety Backlog

The Road Safety team maintain a list of outstanding jobs for the whole of Perth and Kinross, this currently consists of 200 priority jobs, 712 active jobs (sorted by assessment criteria) and 153 completed jobs (2024-25), with new jobs being added faster than the active jobs are getting completed, which means the list is getting longer.

Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

Of the outstanding jobs, 40% relate to traffic regulation orders or TROs (speed limits, yellow lines etc). Currently, TROs are written by hand which takes a long time. I was made aware of software which cuts this time down and have been pushing for it to be implemented. Happily, I can report that my efforts have been rewarded, and the software is now being implemented.

Collision Reporting

As I have said, jobs are assessed using set criteria and one of these is the number of collisions. Recently, it became clear that Police Scotland no longer have the resources to report collisions where there are not casualties, which means that the assessment criteria are not accurate. At the May meeting of the Kinross-shire Committee, it was agreed that Kinross-shire Community Councils would trial logging and reporting accidents, which would then be incorporated into the assessments.

Kinross Primary school (KPS)

I am hugely concerned about the management of traffic in and around Kinross primary school, especially at pupil drop-off and pick up times. The school has 448 pupils with 42 reserved places making it the largest primary school in Perth and Kinross.

This has put pressure on parking in the area, with cars now parking in the drop off zone in the school car park and on Station Road immediately outside the school. The volume of traffic around these parked cars creates a very real danger that a child will run between the parked cars and into this traffic. Road markings are planned for the drop off zone and outside the primary school, however this is one of the delayed jobs. Can I please ask that parents do NOT park in the drop off zone in the car park and do NOT park on Station Road.

Milnathort Primary School (MPS)

Given the delays in getting road safety jobs completed, I managed to get two light-controlled crossings in this year's Council Budget, to make it safer for children to walk to the school, one on South Street and one on Stirling Road. With the new housing developments in and around Milnathort, the school now has 230



pupils with 28 reserved places, meaning that it has now reached full capacity!

Muir/Lethangie Road Junction

The four local Councillors met with the council's road planning officer at a meeting I organised. We asked that the money for the planned traffic lights at this junction be put into a pot for use on other safety projects required because of the big increase in traffic caused by the houses being built by Persimmon at Lathro Farm. Currently, this is in deadlock. I continue to work on this.

20mph speed limits

The Scottish Government have introduced a new national speed strategy, whereby by the end of 2025, all unrestricted roads in urban areas around Scotland will have a default 20mph speed limit flanked by new 30mph and 40mph speed limits. Councillors have been consulted, but in essence the default position is to introduce new 20mph limits. Please don't shoot the messenger!

Overgrown Vegetation

Spring has sprung, vegetation is growing, which is lovely, unless you are in a wheelchair or pushing a buggy and you can't get safely along the footpath. When this happens, I get messages asking me to get the vegetation cut back. I then ask the local roads engineer to call on the owners of the property to tell them that they should cut back the vegetation. Should this not happen then the Council will do it and charge the owners of the property. Please keep vegetation in check!

BCA site

No news on this one to date, which is very frustrating, as it needs to move forward in a positive way for Kinross-shire.

Gully cleaning

A new interactive map showing when gullies in Perth and Kinross have been cleansed is now available on the PKC website. This map is being updated as gullies are cleaned and eventually all 40,000 gullies in the area will be mapped. It can be found at <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/24487/Map-of-gully-maintenance-schedule>.

Grow Wild

The Council cut its budget for grass cutting in 2024 and "Grow Wild" started in other parts of PKC. This cut was one of many forced on the council by its financial situation. In this year's budget additional money was found to lessen the impact, however, you will see signs in and around the area where the grass cutting regime is changing. The impact of these changes will be assessed and changes made where necessary.

Verge Cutting

Verge Cutting was also reduced in previous years. However, in this year's budget we managed to increase the budget which means that where overgrown verges are causing visibility problems, they will be inspected, and further cuts will be made where necessary.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

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Councillor Willie Robertson



Bridgend Recycling Centre: I have had complaints from Kinross-shire residents about the lack of capacity at the Bridgend Recycling Centre. People are being turned away as the skips are often full. Kinross-shire has a growing population and yet the Council has reduced the amount of days the centre is open. This means the skips fill up quicker than they can be replaced. This is also happening with many of our bottle banks. I have asked the Council to address these issues ASAP.

Am I Wrong? At the April meeting of the Climate and Sustainability Committee it was decided to convert the Council's refuse collection vehicles to use recycled vegetable oil rather than diesel to reduce the Council's carbon footprint. This sounds like a good idea. However vegetable oil is 15p per litre more expensive than diesel. This will add up to an extra £100,000 per year. Measures like this are not funded by the Scottish government. The Council has to find this money at a time when many of the services people depend on are struggling due to budget cutbacks. And remember people are having to cope with huge rises in their Council Tax. If this is a government priority it should be paid for by the Scottish government and not the local taxpayer. Am I wrong in my thinking?

Montgomery Street/High Street Corners: There is an issue with cars driving up onto the pavements here blocking them so that mobility scooters and prams find it very difficult to get past. Traffic wardens have tried to monitor the situation and have booked a number of offenders. However I have asked for bollards to be installed on each corner to prevent this happening.

Loch Leven: There are growing problems with wild camping around Loch Leven. You will all recall the issues faced by other Scottish beauty spots like Loch Earn, Lomond and Clunie Loch in Perthshire. The Right to Roam legislation allows for 'responsible' access.

However, many of the incidents I have had reported to me show that the access takers are taking no responsibility for their actions leaving waste both human and other, and damage in their wake. I have written to the Council to see what measures can be put in place to protect the shores of our lovely loch and those who live, exercise and work there.

Councillor Willie Robertson

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VE Day 80th Commemorations

Congratulations to the Kinross-shire communities for organising thoughtful and moving VE Day 80th anniversary events. One such commemoration took place at the war memorial in Kinross, while I attended a particularly memorable gathering at Orwell Church, coordinated by Neill Bingham and the M&O community council. With a piper, the Cantie Choir, a beacon, and poppy projections onto the church, it was a poignant and dignified occasion. Let's not forget.

Vandalism at Loch Leven

It's deeply disappointing to hear of recent antisocial behaviour around Loch Leven, including a troubling fire near the Burleigh Sands car park. While the recent spell of good weather has brought more visitors to the area—many of whom are respectful—there continue to be incidents of irresponsible behaviour. PKC rangers have been increasing patrols, and Police Scotland are aware of the situation. Various departments are also in discussion about how to improve things going forward. While it's not feasible to monitor every part of the loch at all times, I urge anyone witnessing unacceptable behaviour to report it. Community vigilance plays a key role in protecting this special place.

A91 Road Resurfacing Works at Mawhill

PKC I will be carrying out carriageway resurfacing works on the A91, from the Mawhill crossroads to Thomanean, starting on Tuesday 17 June 2025 for approximately two weeks. Due to the narrow width of the road, a daytime road closure (9am–3pm) will be in place to allow the works to be completed safely and efficiently. This schedule has been designed to minimise disruption, ensuring school transport and



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commuter traffic can continue using the route outside of these hours. Access to properties within the affected area will be maintained where possible, although there may be short periods where access is restricted due to excavation or hot surfacing. Emergency services access will be maintained throughout.

Intensive Support Provision (ISP) at Kinross High School

I recently joined many local residents at a public meeting to discuss the proposed establishment of an Intensive Support Provision (ISP) at Kinross High School. Currently, many pupils requiring this support must travel by taxi to other parts of Perth & Kinross. Having this service delivered locally will be a significant improvement, allowing young people to access the support they need much closer to home. Understandably, there were a number of questions raised at the meeting, including concerns about the location of the provision—situated in a dedicated, specialist area within the main school building. However, I believe this is a very positive and inclusive step forward for the community. The service will initially be introduced on an interim basis while the necessary approvals are secured to make it a permanent feature in the longer term.

Councillor Neil Freshwater

Jim Fairlie, MSP

I TRUST THAT Kinross-shire residents have been enjoying the recent period of good weather.

As a former farmer myself, I know the pressures our agricultural community is under, from climate change to supply chain disruption and global competition, it's more important than ever that we protect and promote Scottish produce. That's why I'm pressing for procurement policies that favour local sourcing and ensure more of what we eat in our schools and hospitals is grown right here in Scotland – the closer to home the better.

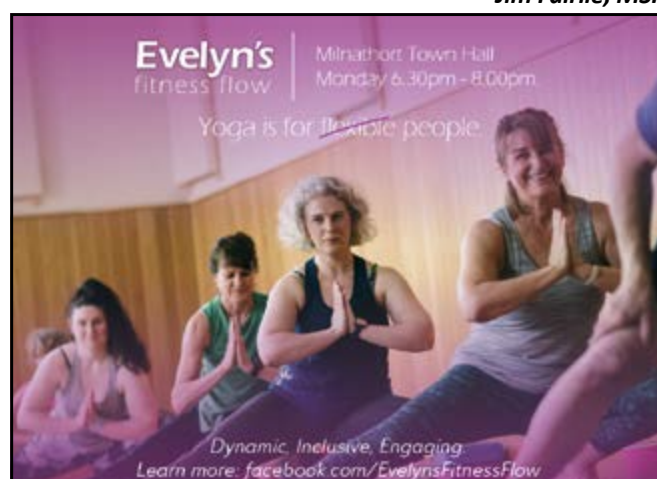
The recent spell of sunny and dry weather in Scotland is having significant impacts on farmers and food growers, and it underscores the broader challenges posed by climate change. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has issued water scarcity alerts for a large number of the country's river catchments. These conditions stress crops and livestock, and the dry conditions also create a higher risk of wildfire. A report by the WWF highlighted that extreme weather events in 2017 and 2018 alone cost Scottish farmers £161 million due to livestock losses and lower crop yields. The biggest impact was on the sheep sector which lost £45 million, followed by wheat (£34 million), beef (£28 million), and barley (£26 million). This is something that I will continue to work with the industry to tackle, as this has an impact on us all, from our Kinross-shire food producers, to local residents paying more for goods due to rising producer costs.

In light of the recent results in the English local elections, I took some time out to knock some doors in my constituency to get a measure of how people are feeling. Very few people could see themselves voting for Nigel Farage's party, but it was clear that people are definitely scunnered by politics and politicians in general. What is not helpful, is that when people feel that scunner factor, they are often accused of racism and bigotry.

As politicians, we have to listen to when to people feel scunnered and work out how we fix it. It is very easy to make promises in opposition. It is an awful lot harder when you are actually in a position to govern. Under the leadership of John Swinney and Kate Forbes, there is a clear recognition that we must take these views very seriously and grow the economy, which will help us achieve the First Minister's aim of eradicating child poverty. This is not only the right thing to do for those children most in need, it also helps relieve the pressure for families and society in general. He has made it very clear that the next year is about delivering for the people of Scotland. In my role as an MSP and Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, I will be focused on doing just that.

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Liz Smith, MSP

AS ALL READERS know, a very important debate is taking place about the future of energy policy in Scotland – and rightly so.

Listening to the most recent debates in Parliament, most especially the one about hydrogen on 1 May, there is actually a surprising amount of consensus about what has to happen – with the notable exception of nuclear energy about which there remain deep divisions.

When it comes to local issues however, it is much harder to find that consensus especially when it comes to the construction of wind turbines, solar farms and battery farms. On the one hand, they can be seen as an important aspect of our renewable energy strategy to achieve our climate goals, but, on the other, they can be a glaring blight on our rural landscapes.

I approach the energy debate – as I hope I do with all debates – examining the facts, closely considering both sides of the debate and attempting to find a considered and pragmatic response. For example, when I am lobbied to support a wind turbine application or a solar farm or battery farm, I want to look in detail at all points of view and how these articulate with the facts. As such, my support for any project is always conditional based on the economic and business case but also, most importantly, on the consent of the local community.

When I was first elected to the Scottish Parliament two decades ago, one of my very first constituency engagements was to attend a public meeting in Crieff when the proposal for some local wind turbines, just east of the town, was causing very considerable concern amongst local residents. The public meeting was standing room only and the developer, plus an expert from Denmark on wind turbines, both made impressive presentations. Unfortunately for them however, the facts did not stack up and it was very obvious that the vast majority of the public was opposed to the proposal.

Many years later, most of the communications I receive now are not just about wind turbines (and with which Kinross-shire has certainly had its fair share of controversial sites) but about proposed solar farms and battery farms – the Methven area being an example.

The public well understands the requirement for renewable energy, but they also want to see applications that provide an objective analysis and which keep to a minimum any intrusion on the local environment.

What I find wholly unacceptable is the recurrent pressure by which applications, which have already been overwhelmingly rejected by a local authority, are subsequently overturned by the Scottish Government. A rush to meet preconceived ‘national targets’ should never override the clear will of local communities.

Of course, what is an important and related issue is the much needed reform of the planning process and that is, no doubt, a topic for a future column...

Liz Smith, MSP



Pete Wishart MP

At the time of writing, Scotland has been enjoying a fantastic run of sunny weather, which I hope readers have been able to make the most of.

Of course, the better weather means a lot more campers and holidaymakers escaping to Perth and Kinross’ beautiful countryside. This is great for the tourism industry and brings a welcome boost to trade for local businesses.

But unfortunately, it also results in an increase in littering and waste. Littering is undoubtedly a huge problem facing Scotland. In fact, the Scottish Government estimates that 250 million easily visible items are dropped as litter each year in Scotland. Additionally, 26,000 tonnes of material are fly-tipped annually, costing local authorities £60.7 million.

Whilst the vast majority of people value and respect Scotland’s natural beauty, the selfish actions of a small minority can have a huge impact. Not only does littering cause a blight on our landscape, but it also creates environmental and ecological problems too.

In particular, items such as disposable barbeques or glass bottles creates a huge risk of wildfires during dry spells. This obviously poses a real danger to life, but also thwarts conservation efforts, destroys habitats and puts a strain on our fire services.

This is why I have been delighted to support the Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign, who have been doing incredible environmental work, particularly by tackling littering and waste through their ‘Spring Clean’ initiative. This year alone, they saw an estimated 50,000 participants across the country, in partnership with local authorities including Perth and Kinross Council.

PKC has information on how to report a litter or fly-tipping problem; the funding that is available to finance clearance of private land and introduce preventative actions to resolve the localised problem long-term; and the provision of litter bins and their maintenance.

You can find out more at: www.pkc.gov.uk/article/14826/Litter-and-flytipping or by calling 01738 476476.

Since my last column, and as people prepare for their summer holiday travels, my office has received a number of enquiries from constituents experiencing issues with passport applications. The Home Office typically takes around three weeks to process new passport applications. However, this can sometimes take longer during peak seasons. It is strongly advised that you don’t book travel until you have a valid passport. If required, you can pay extra to get a passport urgently, either by the 1-day premium service or the 1-week fast-track service. More information can be found at: www.gov.uk/get-a-passport-urgently.

If you are experiencing any issues relating to passports, or anything else within my remit as your local MP, please don’t hesitate to get in touch on 01738 639598/pete.wishart.mp@parliament.uk

Pete Wishart, MP



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Kinross Hub June Calendar



ADVICE HUB AT LOCH LEVEN COMMUNITY CAMPUS The sessions are drop-in but if you prefer an appointment, please phone the number detailed for the agency you wish to connect with, or contact admin@brokennotbroken.org 07518 913107.

IN CASE OF LAST-MINUTE CHANGES IT IS BENEFICIAL TO PHONE THE AGENCY FIRST OR CONTACT admin@brokennotbroken.org 07518 913107,

Thu 5	10am–12noon	Broke not Broken – to offer advice, connections for support and also for foodbank referrals. 07518 913107
	2pm–4pm	Change Mental Health – to offer advice, support and guidance around any mental health issues or queries
Wed 11	1pm–3.30pm	CATH will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955 333163 or 07739 858987
Thu 12	10am to 12.30pm	PKC Skills & Employment offers support & advice re CVs, Job search, support after redundancy etc. 07867 351268
	1.30–3.30pm	PKC Employment Support Team – Job advice and help for those who have learning disability, acquired brain injury, mental health issues, autistic spectrum, sensory loss and physical disabilities 07788 389659
Thu 19	10am–12noon	HEAT PROJECT Craig will be here providing free energy advice to households, helping them become more energy efficient and reducing energy bills. 07868 864418
	2pm–4pm	Camille Vickers, Social Prescriber – Community Connecting / Signposting 07775 701630
Wed 25	1pm–3.30pm	CATH will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955 333163 or 07739 858987
Thu 26	10am–12noon	PKC Trading Standards, SCAM AWARENESS Melanie will give advice & information on avoiding scams and dealing with cold callers. 07557 214420
	2pm – 4pm	PKC Housing Team for housing advice and signposting to their service. 07917 552231

LOCAL ADVICE HUB at LLHC

THE ADVICE HUB IS a partnership between Broke not Broken, P&K Health and Social Care Partnership and Loch Leven HC. It provides a much-needed local drop-in facility to support people with community connections, signposting to benefits services, foodbank support, mental health agencies and community organisations.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty during this time or feel you need support/advice please call Shona Fowler on 07896 280843 to have a chat or email shona.fowler@nhs.scot

If you wish to connect with Broke not Broken directly Danielle is in the advice hub on Thursday mornings or can be contacted on 07518 913107 or email admin@brokennotbroken.org

The Social Prescriber will connect you with local community groups, supportive exercise sessions, walking groups, green/nature prescribing activities, volunteering, learning opportunities or help you link with another agency. They can be contacted via southsocprescribers@pkc.gov.uk

These are just examples so please contact us if there is anything else you need or want to discuss with us. We're always available for a friendly, informal chat.

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- **Webchat** from our Perth CAB website www.perthcab.org.uk/ <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.



GOLDEN DAYS

WINNING WAYS *by Jo Middlemiss*

MY PARENTS MET AND got engaged in 1942. I know this because I wear my mother's engagement ring, and it's written on the inside. My father was in no great hurry to meet his loved one. When he left school, he went on to study for the priesthood. However, that wasn't for him, so during the years of indecision, he worked in a grocer's shop called Henry Healy's on the High Street of Glasgow. Forever after, he knew good ham and bacon!

After a few years he went off to study medicine, and met my Mother in the Southern General Hospital, where she too worked as a much more junior doctor.

They were both pretty fussy, but when they met, they only had eyes for each other. After two weeks of courting, he asked her, 'Do you think we could be more than friends?' And she just

said 'Yes' and that was it, engaged after two weeks.

We children loved that story, and it was indeed a love match. They didn't hang about in the baby department, and seven of us popped out in pretty quick succession. I think we would all agree that it was an incredibly happy, if very busy, home as my Granny lived with us.

Of course my mother never worked until the youngest went to

school, so things were fairly tight, but we never noticed that at all.

Time went by, the children grew up. The teenage years were interesting, but we all weathered the storms. Gradually we flew the nest, although they never seemed to want us to leave. Every growing family was welcomed back with open arms.

They had two spiritual homes – their church and the golf course, and I would be pushed to say which one they liked best! They prayed and played and very much stayed together.

As my father moved through his 80s, his health failed him and so did his wonderfully gentle mind.

My mother was still sprightly in her 70s, but utterly devoted to his care.

We celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 28 April 1993. He was in the hospital, where he had served for many years, and we all gathered in a day room. She looked stunning in a blue velvet jacket and gold coloured skirt, and he was in a smart suit. Sadly his eyes were vacant, but I think he knew he was surrounded by love. A year later, he was still with us, but with only a few moments of lucidity. He called her back after a visit and asked her, 'How long have we been married?', and she answered, '51 years'. He replied, 'They'll have to shoot us, won't they!' That was the last thing he said to her. We mourned him deeply.

I am reminded of all of this, because we have just celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary, with a superb family party in Kinross Rugby club. I find it so hard to believe that all these years have passed. 50 years of ups and downs, adventures and disasters, joys and heartbreaks, but definitely not ready to be shot!

On our Anniversary Day, I couldn't help remembering my wedding day. I was standing in my wedding finery, alone with my Dad after everyone had gone to the church. I was expecting some wise words or a loving compliment. He looked at me and said.

"Have you locked the back door?"

I wonder what he would say to me now.

"How about a glass of Champagne, it's time to celebrate."

Jo Middlemiss MBE



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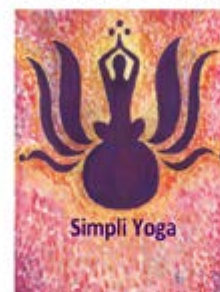
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SARAH RANKIN COOKS

ALTHOUGH THE good weather can arrive and disappear in an instant – often several times a month from now until August – let us assume that the last few weeks mini-heatwave heralds the opening

of the al-fresco dining season.

So, pop on a sunny playlist and get ready to create a couple of truly delicious salads that will lift your mood and waken up your tastebuds.



JERSEY ROYALS, CHORIZO, OLIVES, PRESERVED LEMONS & DILL.

1 kg baby jersey royals

4 preserved lemons, sliced and seeds removed

Handful green Queen, Gordial or Halkadiki olives, sliced

100g chorizo, sliced thinly

USING THE BEST of the season new Jersey Royals, which are creamy and delicate, you'll get a lovely burst of fresh tang from the preserved lemons. These are whole Beldi lemons, preserved in brine. They are a staple of Moroccan and North African cooking. You can buy them in jars in the pickle aisle of your supermarket.

Boil the Jersey Royals until tender in well salted water. Make sure you have halved any larger ones to ensure even cooking. Drain and set aside. Fry the chorizo, reserving any of the cooking oil. Add this to the extra virgin olive oil, brine and fresh dill and mix together to make a dressing. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Toss the potatoes with the lemons, olives and dressing and scatter the crispy chorizo on top.

50ml extra virgin olive oil

2 tbsp brine from the preserved lemons

30 fresh dill, chopped

Salt and pepper



ROASTED CABBAGE, CRISPY CHICKPEAS, PUMPKIN SEEDS & VENISON SALAMI

1 head cabbage or 1 large bag spring greens

Olive oil

3 garlic cloves, finely sliced

150ml chicken stock

1 can chickpeas

2 tbsp smoked paprika

1 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp ground coriander

1 tsp garlic powder

3 tbsp pumpkin seeds

10 slices venison salami – I use

Great Glen Charcuterie

Extra virgin olive oil

I LOVE THE juxtaposition of hot and cold in salads and this one is as easy as can be. Use whatever green cabbage you have, savoy, sweetheart or spring greens would work perfectly. You can leave out the venison salami, but I have no idea why you would, its utterly delicious and really brings an extra flavour dimension to the dish.

Preheat the oven to 180°C.

Drain the chickpeas and add to a bowl with the smoked paprika, cumin, coriander, garlic powder and salt and pepper. Mix well to combine. Add to a roasting tin and cook for 35–40 minutes, shaking occasionally until they are crisp and browned. Set aside.

Shred the cabbage leaves roughly and wash thoroughly. Add a

little olive oil to a large pan and add the garlic, cook for a minute or so and add the greens. Cook for a couple of minutes, add the chicken stock and cook for another two or three minutes on a high heat. You really just wanted the cabbage just cooked, still retaining its lovely green colour and crunch. While that cooks, toast the pumpkin seeds in a dry pan until they start to pop.

Serve the cabbage with the crispy chickpeas and pumpkins seeds on top, and tear over the slices of the salami. Drizzle over a little extra virgin olive oil and any of the cabbage cooking liquor left over.

You could serve those with a Green Goddess dressing which is basically all the soft green herbs and spring onions from your fridge, blended with Greek yoghurt, olive oil and a few capers.

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KINROSS SHOW 2025 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE



- CLASS 1 Pot Plant – Flowering
- CLASS 2 Pot Plant – Begonia
- CLASS 3 Pot Plant – Foliage
- CLASS 4 Vase Mixed Herbaceous
- CLASS 5 Vase Mixed Annuals
- CLASS 6 4 x Marigolds to be displayed on board (provided)
- CLASS 7 4 x Pansies to be displayed on board (provided)
- CLASS 8 Vase of 3 Dahlias – Decorative
- CLASS 9 Vase of 3 Dahlias – Cacti
- CLASS 10 Vase of 3 Dahlias – Pompom/Ball
- CLASS 11 Best Single Rose – any variety
- CLASS 12 Vase of Mixed Roses
- CLASS 13 Vase of 5 Sweet Peas – One Colour Only
- CLASS 14 Vase of 5 Sweet Peas – mixed
- CLASS 15 1 Spike Gladioli

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- CLASS 16 Bowl Of Floating Flowers – 8 years and under – any number of flowers but make a good pattern
- CLASS 17 Bowl Of Floating Flowers – 9 – 14 years – any number of flowers but make a good pattern
- CLASS 18 A Farm Animal Made From Vegetables (8 and under)
- CLASS 19 A Farm Animal Made From Vegetables (9 – 14)
- CLASS 20 Arrangement Of Garden Flowers In Jam Jar (age 8 and under)

- CLASS 25 A Decorated Wellington Boot – age 8 and under
- CLASS 26 A Decorated Wellington Boot – age 9-14 years

THEME FOR DECORATED WELLINGTON BOOT – 'MY CHRISTMAS BOOT'

VEGETABLE SECTION

- CLASS 27 3 x Courgettes
- CLASS 28 3 x Onions (white)
- CLASS 29 3 x Onions (red)
- CLASS 30 4 Potatoes – white – named
- CLASS 31 4 Potatoes – coloured- named
- CLASS 32 1 x Cucumber
- CLASS 33 6 Tomatoes (large)
- CLASS 34 6 Tomatoes (cherry)
- CLASS 35 4 Carrots
- CLASS 36 1 Marrow
- CLASS 37 1 Lettuce
- CLASS 38 4 x Beetroot
- CLASS 39 6 x Pods Of Peas
- CLASS 40 6 Pods Broad Beans
- CLASS 41 3 Leeks
- CLASS 42 3 x Small Turnips
- CLASS 43 4 x Stalks Rhubarb

ALLOTMENT CLASS

- CLASS 44 Box of Mixed Vegetables

FRUIT CLASS

- CLASS 45 Plate of 12 Strawberries
- CLASS 46 Plate of 12 Raspberries (any colour)

- CLASS 21 Garden In A Seed Tray – using natural material only – age 8 and under – accessories allowed
- CLASS 22 Garden In A Seed Tray – using natural material only – age 9-14 – accessories allowed.
- CLASS 23 Model Farm In A Seed Tray – models allowed – age 8 and under
- CLASS 24 Model Farm In A Seed Tray – models allowed – age 9-14

- CLASS 47 12 x Strings Red Currants
- CLASS 48 15 Blackcurrants
- CLASS 49 12 Gooseberries
- CLASS 50 Any Other Seasonal Fruit (Figs/Apples/Peaches)

EGG SECTION

- CLASS 51 3 x Hens' Eggs (any variety) – Age 12 and under
- CLASS 52 3 x Hens' Eggs (any variety) – Age 13 and under

NOTE: Plates and shavings provided for display of eggs

FLORAL ART SECTION

This year's theme:

'THE FOUR SEASONS'

NAFAS Rules need not be adhered to – simply read the Schedule carefully and pay attention to size and materials allowed. Space allowed – width 76 cms x 60 cms depth. All exhibits to be composed of natural plant material unless otherwise stated. All fresh plant material to be in water or water retaining substances. All flowers and foliage to be in good condition.

- CLASS 53 WINTER BLUES – An arrangement using artificial material only – paying attention to appropriate colours (blues/silvers) accessories allowed.
- CLASS 54 SPRING GREENS – An 'all green' arrangement using fresh foliage from your garden. No accessories
- CLASS 55 SUMMER BLOSSOMS – An arrangement in a bowl (to be looked at all round) – and using flowers from your garden – no accessories.
- CLASS 56 AUTUMN'S BOUNTY – An arrangement in a basket using fresh flowers in the colours of autumn – include some fruit and vegetables.
- CLASS 57 FROSTY MORNING – A petite arrangement not exceeding 25cms x 25 cms x 37 cms height. Using fresh flowers and foliage.

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Grandmentors matches volunteer mentors (usually aged 50+) with young people (16-26) who are care experienced or have had adverse childhood experiences. We are currently looking for mentors in the Kinross area. We provide training and support during your mentorship. If you would like to give a little time to help a young person take steps towards independence, or hear more about the project, please get in touch at perthandkinross@volunteermatters.org.uk

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

Our long-established charity playgroup is welcoming volunteers for flexible and rewarding roles including fundraising, garden upkeep, lunch preparation and committee support. No experience necessary. Please contact swansacre.chair@gmail.com for more information.

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.

SSAFA

The Armed Forces charity is always on the look out for new volunteers in a variety of roles: client case working (free training is provided), admin office roles, fundraising or PR/media work. Contact the Branch Secretary 07594 650900.

Kinross-shire Day Centre

We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). 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?

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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

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Guide Dogs Kinross

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

1st Kinross Cubs

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Kinross in Bloom

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Kinross Community Council News from the April Meeting

Present at the meeting on 22 April were CCLlrs D West, W Freeman, D MacKenzie, A Vaughan, C Willsher, C Collins, L McKay, S Sharp, Cllrs R Watters, D Cuthbert and N Freshwater, Police Scotland, Lesley Ann Cassidy, Greenspace Team Leader, Grow Wild, Rami Okasha, Chief Executive, CHAS, Kinross, Mrs C Aird (minute-taker) and 6 MoP

Apologies: CCLlr M West, E Gilmour and W Robertson.

Police Scotland Report

Since the last meeting, 61 calls had been received, with 11 crimes recorded. There were two crimes of note – a failure to stop/report an accident (Sandport, Kinross) and vandalism to car door (Simpson Wynd), both of which are subject to a live investigation. In response to a question relating to the closure of Burleigh Sands car park, Police representatives advised that they had been advised of this closure but were unaware of when this would be happening, or whether this was a temporary or permanent.

Grow Wild

Discussion: A presentation was made by representatives from PKC with regard to the Grow Wild opportunity within Kinross (copy of presentation attached). The presentation gave background information on the project, along with details of rollout site changes, guidance, tree planting and working with communities. There were a number of questions from the audience relating to grass cutting, drain issues, job vacancies and Davies Park, which were all answered on the evening.

CCLlr West thanked Lesley Ann and Susan for their presentation and advised that any questions from Councillors, or members of the public, should be emailed to LAcassidy@PKC.gov.uk

Rachel House Redesign

CCLlr West introduced Rami Okasha, Chief Executive, CHAS. Mr Okasha gave some background information on CHAS and Rachel House, explaining that it was no longer fit for purpose, hence the fundraising campaign which has begun. It was also noted that whilst the work was being undertaken at Rachel House, the patients and their families would need to be cared for in temporary accommodation and CHAS were speaking to NHS Fife, Tayside and Forth Valley to see if they had any suitable premises. CCLlr C Collins commented that a care home in Bridge of Earn had recently closed and wondered if that may be suitable. Mr Okasha thanked CCLlr Collins for this information.

Mr Okasha advised that the fundraising campaign had raised around half of the total amount required, and commented that there had been significant contributions from local business, but he was here to ask the community to continue to help support and fundraise for CHAS.

Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes of the March meeting were not approved due to the number of gaps with regard to who raised items, and the wording of the CAP discussion. The minutes would be discussed and approved at the May meeting.

Developing the CC – Assigning Roles and Responsibilities

Discussion: D West advised that recruitment to the vacant roles of KCC Treasurer and Secretary was required and asked if there were any nominations. W Freeman nominated L McKay for the role of treasurer, and D West advised that M West had emailed to advise she would like to stand for this vacancy also. In respect of the Secretary role, D West advised that A Vaughan had stepped forward to volunteer. Both roles were proposed by D West and seconded by C Collins.

D West also advised that there was a form being circulated in respect of CCLlrs' specific areas of interest, and this would be discussed at the next meeting. After a vote, CCLlr M West was appointed as Treasurer (5 votes to 3 votes). There were no other nominations for the role of Secretary, so CCLlr Vaughan was appointed.

It was agreed that two signatories out of three would continue to be required for any purchases/payments.

CCLlr Freeman is to give email access to CCLlr Vaughan.

CAP Update

D West advised that he had investigated information available regarding the CAP, as requested at the previous meeting and thanked L McKay and A Vaughan, as well as Cllr D Cuthbert for their contribution which had been combined and emailed out to members.

He was pleased to note that the leaflets were currently being printed and that the survey would be undertaken in May. He made the following clarification for the record

The Grant application was made in the name of the CC. It had been awarded to the CC and the CC would be responsible for claiming the monies against the £5000 grant. The steering group was not a constituted body, had no bank account and therefore the CC needed to know what the expenditure was and when it was to be expected. The CCs treasurer therefore had to be involved in the steering group.

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There was discussion around membership of the steering group (currently KLEO, CHAS, CClrs Freeman and McKay, Kinross Partnership and Cllr R Watters), where D West proposed KCC be represented by M West in her role as treasurer and Cllr Freeman. D MacKenzie suggested that there be three KCC representatives on the steering group – CClrs Freeman and McKay, along with M West. Cllr R Watters felt it was important for the two original CC members to remain on the steering group, as they had undertaken a lot of the work with regard to the CAP.

L McKay asked whether there would be a conflict of interest between M West in her role as KCC treasurer and D West as Chair. Under the constitution this is allowed, however, they cannot both be signatories.

L McKay stated that volunteers are sought to complete the CAP surveys in 14 areas of Kinross. She would be grateful for any support from KCC members and anyone else who could help.

Cllr Vaughan complimented L McKay and B Freeman for the work they had done with regard the CAP. He felt that communication could have been better previously but that has improved now. There was also appreciative support given from a member of the public.

M West to join the steering group.

Four members of KCC have been recruited to represent KCC at a Stakeholder interview, which is another element of the CAP process. The members are D. West, A. Vaughan, C. Willsher and D. Mackenzie, meeting details tbc. There will be a training session for survey volunteers next Tuesday 6pm at the Kinross Day Centre.

Planning Matters

Applications Validated

25/00468/FLL Installation of flue at 1 Ladeside, Kinross

25/00489/FLL Erection of spinning facility and associated works at Todd and Duncan Ltd, Lochleven Mills, High Street, Kinross

25/00439/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse at 49 Springfield Park, Kinross

25/00339/CLP Alterations (proposed) at 83 Lathro Park, Kinross

Applications Determined

24/01443/FLL Alteration and extension to mixed use boathouse to form bar/restaurant/café/events space, erection of firepit both, relocation of public toilets, erection of windbreak screens to outdoor seating area and other associated works at Loch Leven Fisheries, Pier Road, Kinross, approved.

25/00187/FLL Extension to dwelling house at The Woodlands, Hatchbank Road, Kinross, approved.

25/00339/CLP Alterations (proposed) at 83 Lathro Park, Kinross, approved.

Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr N Freshwater advised that there was a meeting arranged for the next evening with regard to Intensive Support Provision at KHS. D West confirmed that D Mackenzie was attending

the meeting, in a personal capacity, and had also offered to represent KCC. An update would be provided in due course. D West commented that he may also attend.

Cllr R Watters advised that a reporter had now been allocated to the flood protection scheme issue and was currently gathering evidence. The local inquiry/hearing has been delayed (? to June) and he was currently waiting on a response as to whether members of the public can watch the inquiry. The results of the inquiry will be presented to the most appropriate committee once the reporter has made their decision. This could be the Climate Change committee in August, or possibly the full PKC meeting in September.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that he had met with the PKC Chief Executive recently and again raised the issue of road safety. Whilst there is a policy in place in PKC, a number of issues have not been resolved due to other priorities, e.g., 20mph zones, pavement parking. However, he advised that the Chief Executive had agreed to look at the current policy and also at outsourcing some of the repairs/issues in order to reduce the time to resolve issues.

A member of the public raised an issue with cars using the path in Davies Park and Cllr Watters advised that a bollard was supposed to have been installed (it hasn't) and therefore agreed to follow this up with PKC.

There was also a concern raised with regard to the work recently completed by SGN in Leven Place, and Cllr Cuthbert advised that this should be reported via *mypkc* and should include photographs.

With regard to the issue of the traffic lights to be installed by Persimmon Homes, Cllr Watters advised that PKC planning officers had confirmed that Persimmon had a legal obligation to install traffic lights, as per the conditions set out in the approved planning permission. Cllr Cuthbert advised that PKC officers have been invited to contact Persimmon with regard to submitting the funding into a fund for other improvements in the area.

Reports from CC Councillors

B Freeman advised that the Kinross-shire Committee were undertaking an online survey with regard to improvements required in the town.

D West reminded Councillors of the need to complete the proforma which was currently in circulation.

Correspondence

Email from Jane Freer re overgrown hedges and PKC pavement parking ban. Following information from Cllr Cuthbert who advised that PKC would leave a card asking home owners to cut back hedges, and if not undertaken in a specific time period, PKC would do this and then charge the owners, D West confirmed he would respond to Ms Freer.

VE Day Celebration Assets: This email has been forwarded to B Freeman and L McKay to highlight the celebrations being arranged.



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KCC Account Number: D West advised that an email had been received from Daryl Scott advising that the 1st Kinross Scouts had recently taken over the running of Millbridge Hall and as such, required KCC bank account details in order to set them up in the new invoice producing system. B Freeman is to contact Millbridge Hall with the information.

My Place Awards: Two categories for these awards - Community-led Projects: to recognise community-led built environment projects which have transformed their locality (includes new buildings; historic buildings or monuments that have been reused or refurbished; designed public realm schemes, such as street works and parks; and designed landscapes such as gardens or public green spaces) and Community Champions to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to their communities through achieving positive change in the local area, whether through placemaking, built environment projects, improving public spaces or increasing access to spaces and places by communities. Nominations are to be made via the My Place Scotland website by 30 April 2025.

D West advised that Councillor Peter Chan had resigned from KCC.

Rosemount Nursery: D West advised that the nursery owners had been in contact to ask for KCC support with regard to the nursery needing to find alternative accommodation since the owners of their current building were looking to sell. It appears that there is nowhere suitable in the town for the nursery to relocate to and it was agreed that KCC would send a letter of support to PKC.

Volunteer Awards: Kinross-shire Partnership are holding a Volunteer Community Award and as such nominations were now being sought. L McKay suggested nominating the man who litter picks in the town but was advised by Cllr Watters that the man was too shy to be nominated, but Cllr Watters had advised the man concerned that residents appreciated the work that he did.

Community Minibus Transfer Scheme: PKC will soon be requesting applications from local community groups who may be interested in owning and operating an ex-PKC minibus.

Civic Trust AGM: In his role as KCC Chair, D West has been invited to join the Trust, which he has accepted, and he confirmed he would attend meetings when available.

AOCB

Councillor Collins advised that an email relating to the Scottish Volunteer Organisation would be circulated to members.

Crossing at Davies Park: L McKay asked for an update on the issue of crossing at Davies Park. Cllr Watters advised that he had discussed the issue at a recent road safety meeting advising that this corner was a priority for KCC.

Community Noticeboards: A Vaughan enquired as to the number of noticeboards in town, and whether these were used. B Freeman advised that there was one in the bus stop

near CHAS/Baillies, and it has been used in the past.

KCC Website: B Freeman advised that a number of updates were required on the website, and there also needs to be a solution to the issue of a personal email address being used for the website and C Collins agreed to look into this.

Next Agenda: L McKay asked for a discussion relating to the groups that Councillors sit on at the next meeting, and it was agreed to add this to the agenda. D West also asked for an item to be on the next agenda relating to portfolios.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council is on Tuesday 24 June. All are welcome to attend.

Fossoway Community Council

News from the May Meeting

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

Present at the meeting on 6 May were Councillors S Bruce-Jones, T Lamb, and N Marchant; Ass Councillor Farquhar; 12 (MoP).

Apologies: Councillors A Carter, A Cheape, G Pye and K Williamson; Councillors N Freshwater, R Watters and D Cuthbert; PC B Samson.

Police Report

From 1 April 2025 (last report) there have been approximately 19 calls to Police from the Fossoway area and three crimes recorded on Police systems. On 15 April there was a RTC on the A977 where a driver failed to stop and provide details following the RTC. This is subject to a live investigation.

On Thursday 10 April, Community Officers PCs Samson and Duncan carried out a day of action in relation to warrants across the area and were successful in getting one person arrested on an outstanding apprehension warrant.

Matters Arising

Windfarms

Brunt Hill – ECU: Following an initial extension granted by Scottish Ministers to PKC to respond by 20 November in response to the Applicant's ongoing discussions with Consultees, a further extension was given to 23 April. Following the Applicant's submission of Additional Information which will require to be advertised and require a further round of consultation a further extension has been granted to PKC to respond by 10 September 2025 to allow the application to be considered at their Planning and Placemaking Committee on 3 September 2025.

Craighead – PKC: The Transport & Planning response has raised several queries and has asked for responses to these before it can make a decision. We think that the planning application for access road which we have received is aimed at in part providing a response and we will review this in Planning Matters.

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Local Place Plan (LPP) Update

The CC has been in email dialogue with a MoP who raised concerns about the process used to develop the LPP and whether or not it was democratic. The CC has responded. The MoP has informed the CC that they have made a formal complaint to PKC.

The next step in the LPP process is for PKC as planning authority to check that the LPP contains all the required information for it to be declared valid. Once that is done then they will accept the Local Place Plan and proceed to register it. The CC has received a request from PKC for the following information in order to complete the registration of our LPP:

1. Evidence of compliance with the requirements of regulation 4
2. Evidence of comments received.

Both of the above have been submitted.

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 Area Including A977 Mitigation Measures

Speeds and safety on our roads continue to be a concern to all residents and following the RTC on the A977 last month Cllr Cuthbert raised these again with PKC officers including confirmation of what remained in the Mitigation Budget and how it could be spent. The response from Officers was that there was a remaining Budget of £173,000.

Officers implied that their understanding was that there is unlikely to be sufficient room within the public road boundary to proceed with a roundabout at the A977 / B9097 junction although they had not carried out an options appraisal or initial design work. Notwithstanding this they thought that a roundabout would exceed what is left in the budget.

The Officers also stated that it is their intention to carry out further surveys ONCE the national 20mph strategy has been implemented, and then to arrange a meeting to discuss the results and options for the remaining budget.

In the CC's opinion it is therefore unlikely that we will see any progress on this in 2025 which is very frustrating considering that the lights have been operational for nearly 18 months already.

We have received a number of suggestions for further measures on the A977 and A91 plus other roads within Fossoway and these have been included in our Roads Priority list given to Councillors and in both the CAP and LPP.

MoPs brought to our attention the following issues relating to A977 Drum Crossroads lights:

- The lights do not recognise when a cyclist approaches either when at the side or centre of the carriageway.
- There is a very fast change from green to red but the change is delayed so that when a vehicle is travelling at 40mph and

a change occurs the driver is forced to brake sharply to stop in time.

- Daily occurrence of vehicles jumping the red lights.
- As there is no filter, it is often difficult to turn off A977 across main traffic to access Drum.

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

Glenfarg Community Transport Group have been informed by the Community Transport Association that Glenfarg have been shortlisted for Bus Service of the Year for the Scottish Transport Awards being held in June for their 23 Bus Service. CClr Lamb reported that the six-day passenger usage of the combined 55/23 bus has now reached over 1800 people and the 23 service accounts for over 550.

PKC have advised that they will be releasing a further three community buses at the end of May and three more at the end of November. There have been over 45 applications for the buses but some of these have stepped back as they have become more aware of the challenges involved in running a community bus, and the amount of funding required. CClr Lamb has prepared a detailed business case and the Trust has an active funding application to cover running costs for one year.

Seamab School Construction Work

It is important to note that local residents are supportive of Seamab as an institution but are concerned about the safety of the children during the construction phase and the impact on residents' daily lives and safety. The residents feel that they have not been heard when they have raised concerns in the past. The residents are now engaged with Safer Communities Team.

CClir Marchant has received the following responses to her questions from Safer Communities Team PKC, which have been shared with close residents:

Current intake and plan to increase this and age of young people: Current intake is 25 with a capacity limit of 25. The age limit of attending pupils has increased to 18. This doesn't necessarily mean that new older pupils will attend Seamab but will allow some existing children to continue with their education in situ.

How are calls regarding concerns handled: All calls relating to safety concerns will ultimately be dealt with by the school, if they are school or child related. Issues regarding the building site are managed by the contractors who keep Stuart informed. All pupils are supervised while they attend school with required safety plans in place.

A MoP advised that they had received confirmation, following an independent soil analysis, that asbestos was present in an open trench within the building site. A video showing this was

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shared at the meeting. Local residents were concerned about dust rising from the open trench and contaminated materials on the surface of the ground.

The CC agreed to write to elected Cllrs and PKC Officers to seek their advice on how to deal with this. Concerns were also raised that planning conditions have not been upheld and the CC will include this in their email to PKC.

Fossway Community Benefit Hydro Fund

CCLlr Pye is arranging an onboarding meeting with the two new Trustees.

New Business

Dog Fouling on Millenium Path: A MoP informed the CC that the lack of dog bins on the millennium path is resulting in dog waste being left along the path. The CC provided the PKC website link on where this can be reported, however PKC has not responded yet. <https://my.pkc.gov.uk/MyServices>

PKC Grow Wild: PKC are rolling out the Grow Wild Initiative to all of Perth & Kinross, there will be some new signage on sites that will identify that some areas of grass will be left longer. PKC would be happy to meet with communities to map areas and agree potential locations for tree, shrub, or wildflower planting. PKC have been fortunate to have allocated budget to allow them to roll this out with communities and they will be recruiting staff to accelerate this process. The CC agreed to liaise with local bloom groups to arrange a meeting with Community Green Space.

Nature Restoration Fund: PKC has received £187,000 from the Scottish Government to support projects that help reverse biodiversity loss and restore Scotland's nature. The fund is open to both council led and community led projects, with a minimum funding threshold of £1000. Closing date is 2 June 2025.

Consultations

PKC: As part of PKC's consultation on preparation of LDP3 they have put out a call for sites Survey: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/ee4ca60116e54817a00359e84d641ef2>

SEPA: are launching a consultation on a proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (EPAS) - a fairer way of reporting on how businesses are meeting their responsibilities. The CC encourages local businesses to respond by 30 June 2025 by visiting: <https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/compliance-and-beyond/epas/>

Community Council Business

Fossway and District CC Elections: There was a recent thread on social media about how CCLlrs were elected and what they did. Main CC elections are held every three years with the option to co-opt or hold by-elections in between to ensure minimum numbers of councillors are maintained.

The next CC elections will be held on 6th November 2025 and nominations and elections are managed by PKC (<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncilselections>).

[pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncilselections](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncilselections)).

The Fossway and District CC has a minimum of four and up to eight CCLlrs. CCLlrs are all volunteers and if anyone wishes to find out more about becoming a CCLlr please reach out to us on fossway.cc@gmail.com

Meetings Attended:

CCLlr Lamb: Glenfarg Financial Partnership Meeting with PKC 1st May, Glenfarg Community Transport Meeting, on 5 May.

CCLlr Bruce-Jones: attended online meeting with Community Greenspace updating regarding Grow Wild on 30 April.

Planning Matters

Planning Decisions

25/00217/FLL Extension to dwelling house Ardoch House, Fossway. The application was approved, the CC had made no comment.

Planning Applications

25/00391/FLL Extension to dwelling house and installation of a flue at Townhead Cottage, Carnbo, no CC comment.

25/00301/FLL Formation of access track at Land 700 metres north of 4 Ashfield, Carnbo. The CC made neutral comments regarding flooding and safety of core path users during construction phase.

The next meeting of Fossway and District CC will be on 3 June at 7.30pm at Moubray Village Hall, Powmill

Glenfarg Community Council News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting on Monday 5 May were CCLlrs Ponton, Pilmer, Christie, Fraser, Macleod and Smart. PKC Cllr Watters. N.Lindsay BLC Energy and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: CCLlr Murray, Police Scotland PC Samson. PKC Cllr Cuthbert, PKC Cllr Robertson

Police Report

In PC Samson's absence CCLlr Pilmer, Secretary, advised that due to operational matters Police Scotland were unable to attend and that their bi-monthly report would be forwarded, by email, to the Secretary. Also, the Secretary was asked to write to a higher Police Scotland authority requesting that a Police representative is required for the next GCC business meeting.

Solar Power Generation Project

Introduction: Neil Lindsay of BLC Energy Ltd gave an introduction and presentation about the proposed 30 Mega Watt Solar Power project in line with the Binn Eco Park's wider Renewable and Solar Energy goals. The proposed site is to be located southwards of the Binn Eco Park and eastwards of Balvaird Castle.

Community Engagement: A media item for the project is to

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be supplied for the village newsletter and two exhibitions are proposed with the first one suggested to take place in early June, courtesy of the Community Centre, although details are still to be confirmed and a website is expected to be formed too. The project requires planning permission that remains to be confirmed by PKC Planning, and it is expected that this will be sought before the end of 2025.

Community Benefit Fund: A discussion reviewed the proposed sums of £400 and £500 per Mega Watt per annum over the duration of the Solar generation (circa 40 years) although subject to negotiation should the project go ahead. The sums proposed could go towards the community itself in two forms as follows:

- One to support local projects, and
- A Grant scheme for supporting local households struggling with energy and living costs.

All subject to further discussion.

Future Community Actions: N. Lindsay to consult with CCLr Ponton regarding media topics and proposed exhibition timescales.

The CCLrs conducted a further discussion as to how to receive funds and to review the possible set up of a Community Benefit Development Trust (CBDT) in consideration of any future money distribution. It is known that a CBDT is being set up in the Bridge of Earn community for future funds from the present Community owned Binn Wind Farm Turbines and we need to explore this set up as a potential possibility for Glenfarg. A local known person was suggested as a potential source of CBDT information, and it the GCC agreed that the person be approached for advice.

Correspondence and Action Points

Speed related vehicle topic and Action Point letter: CCLr Pilmer raised the matter of a letter from PKC's P. McAdams in relation that confirmation was given that the implementation of a National 20mph strategy for Cities, Towns and Villages is planned for the 2025/2026 Financial year. Transport Scotland are tackling major routes and PKC will be focussing on residential areas. It is envisaged that Community Council areas can review and instigate further calming measures. A further comment raised the point of physical traffic calming measures on the Main Street B996 due to the letter stating that the residents did not support it. This point was disputed by the members of the public present and a further discussion took place about the implementation of other traffic calming measures such as chicanes/give ways. This additional traffic calming topic will be addressed once the 20mph limits are put into place and be reviewed by the GCC in the future.

PKC Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) Letter: CCLr Pilmer reported about the proposed LD3 Plan for the PKC area. It was noted that during the LDP2 proposal that no development areas

were suggested for commercial/community/landowners/developers and other parties in identifying sites in our small community. The GCC is aware of the current development conclusion of Copperfields and two further small, localised developer sites only at present.

Action Points

Police Scotland Visible In Village: CCLr Pilmer confirmed that he had written to the Community Police requesting for a more visible focus in the Village. Police Scotland's local Community PC Samson replied that this would be carried out as per operational activities.

Greenbank Road PKC Cllr Robertson: CCLr Ponton explained that in PKC Cllr Robertson's absence that he had raised this matter again, prior to the evening's Business Meeting, and that his questions with Social Housing remain unanswered. A general discussion took place, and it was understood that matters concerning the physical condition of the outside of the properties in question had seen some improvement but no complete reinstatement back to their original condition as gardens with partition fencing. Vehicles, their parts, and other factors are of great concern as is their location in the gardens' grounds.

It was noted that the Community Centre has been the subject of vandalism to windows, antisocial behaviour was being carried out in the grounds, that the front door has had to be locked in the evenings when functions are being carried out and CCTV is to be investigated as a further security option. All unacceptable for our village residents.

Meetings – Virtual and Public

Lochelbank RWE Wind Farm Panel Meeting: Cllr Pilmer reported on the key matters discussed on the evening of 22 April. Only two fund applications were proposed both from Bridge of Earn.

A point not recorded in the Minutes is that two Glenfarg Panel members are due to finish their term later this Autumn and an advertisement for their replacement will be placed through the Village media outlets in due course courtesy of the GCC/Foundation Scotland (the Fund administrators).

Kinross-shire Committee Development Meeting: CCLr Fraser reported on the key points discussed because of this new committee meeting and had circulated the presentation to the CCLrs as of 23 April. Communities, Infrastructure & Economic Development, Roads, Environment were the topics.

Planning

25/00354/FLL Formation of compound Land, 160 Metres North East Of Doran Cottage, Duncruevie, Glenfarg, awaiting decision

25/00350/CLP Alteration and extension to Myrtle Cottage Greenbank Road, Glenfarg, approved.

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25/00264/CLE Installation of biomass boiler and all associated works at Store And Yard East Fordel Farm, Glenfarg, approved
24/01843/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 2 Candy Farm Cottage, Glenfarg, refused
25/00522/FLL Formation of bridge, haul road with turning point, installation of gatehouse and erection of fence hoarding (for a temporary period) at the reservoir, Glenfarg, awaiting decision.

Finance Report

CCLlr Fraser reported that in the absence of the Finance CCLlr that the report was unavailable for the evening. It is to be forwarded to the CCLlrs in due time.

The matter of Bank Business Account charges to the client was discussed and it was with concern that the CCLlrs were made aware of this financial cost now being faced by the GCC. It was agreed that we need to look into other Banks that do not charge, however the sad reality is that it would appear to be across all High Street associated Banks. A question to be asked of other Community Councils by CCLlr Fraser as to what they do for Bank Business activities and are they charged?

AOCB

The Glenfarg Hotel: Unacceptable matters in the village led on to a discussion about the physical condition of the Glenfarg Hotel and concern was raised with PKC Cllr Watters about the impending consequences/outcome. The GCC is unaware of who owns the Glenfarg Hotel to raise the concerns, and it was noted that a hotel in High Street, Crieff had been demolished because of PKC intervention. Whether or not PKC intervention will happen for the Glenfarg Hotel remains unknown at this time.

The next meeting of Glenfarg Community Council will be held on Monday 7 July 2025.

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

News from the April Meeting

<https://cleishandblairadam.org.uk>

Present at the meeting on 7 April were F Principe-Gillespie, C MacLaren, F Whalley, S Gordon, J Bunce, Cllrs W Robertson, R Watters, N Freshwater

Apologies: Cllr D Cuthbert, PC Samson

Crime Prevention & Police Report

The following crimes were recorded since the last CC Meeting: Theft by housebreaking (farm on B996 near Blairadam) – (10/02/2025 - 11/02/2025)

By forcing open steel door and stealing items from within, subject to live investigation.

Wilful Fireraising (unclassified road between Coldrain and

B9097) – (16/02/2025)

Set fire to rubbish dumped at the side of an unclassified roadway, subject to live investigation.

Attempted housebreaking with intent to steal (Cleish) – (23/02/2025)

Smashed rear patio glass and attempted to enter the property, subject to live investigation.

Theft by housebreaking (barn, Ardgarney, Cleish) – (26/03/2025 - 27/03/2025)

Entered barn using true key, stole black Suzuki quad bike, subject to live investigation.

Traffic

On 05/02/2025 local officers from Kinross responded to a call at Hatchbank Road, Gairneybank, Kinross whereby a male was traced in a vehicle. Enquiries revealed this male did not have insurance for the vehicle. The vehicle was seized by Police and driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 12/02/2025 roads Policing officers responded to a call on the unclassified Cleish to GairneyBank road following a road traffic collision. A 42-year-old female driver was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for careless driving.

Financial Update

After paying invoices for Parish Online and CAP the closing balance was **£371.81**

The Bank of Scotland have this year started to charge a monthly fee for Treasurer's accounts such as the one used by the CC. The CC will investigate to see if we can find alternative free banking services.

Planning

The following planning applications have been added or updated since the previous CC meeting.

Applications Refused

24/01233/FLL- Erection of a dwellinghouse, Land 20 Metres South Of Hillview Kinnauld Blairadam. *Application refused, and review dismissed by Local Review Body.*

Applications Pending

24/00938/FLL - Formation of seven residential caravan pitches each with ancillary facilities building, septic tank, ancillary touring pitches, vehicle parking and access, erection of one stable building and associated works - Land 180 Metres North of Hawthorn Wood, Benarty Road, Keltay

This has also been reported to PKC Planning Enforcement as work appears to have started before permission has been granted.

25/00268/FLL Erection of 5 dwellinghouses, formation of vehicular access and associated works, Land 90 Metres North Of Nivingston House Cleish. *The CC has submitted a holding objection, as there was detail missing from the application and*



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the CC is awaiting further information on the application.

25/00333/FLL Renewal of permission 21/02257/FLL (Erection of salesrooms, workshops, formation of parking, access road and associated works; erection of replacement domestic stables, storage building and associated works), Land 90 Metres North of Nivingston West Cleish.

Planning Enforcements

25/00002/ALUNDV Alleged unauthorised erection of a garden building at Hillview, Kinnaird, Blairadam, Kelty. A large residential cabin has been erected without planning permission.

24/00123/LAND Land adversely affecting amenity at Blairfordel Farm Kelty. Enforcement notice issued.

Blairforge Planning Enforcement

Concerns were again raised in relation to the enforcement of planning decisions by PKC, and in particular the lack of progress on enforcement of the planning violations at Blairfordel Farm which appears to be leading to the unconstrained growth of a settlement where there are increasing numbers of structures without planning consent.

Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan

The CC has been granted funding to help with the development of a CAP to cover Cleish and Blairadam. This work will feed into the Local Place Plan for Cleish and Blairadam, which is a crucial way through which the local residents can make their views and priorities for development known.

The CC has facilitated a number of consultation sessions in Cleish and Blairadam and should be able to report at the next CC meeting on the findings of the CAP consultation.

Sustainability Group

Representatives of the CC attended a meeting of the Sustainability Group at Glenfarg Village Hall, where work continued to develop the constitution and operating principles for the Sustainability Group.

The Sustainability Group also issued a response to the Scottish Government paper on community benefits and wind farms.

Village Updates

Blairadam

Pavement Parking: There is an on-going problem with vehicles parking on the pavements in Keltybridge and forcing pedestrians to walk on the roads. PKC has announced that the pavement parking ban will be enforced from January 2025.

Middleton Park Residents Dumping Rubbish: It was reported that a number of residents on the North side of Middleton Park have been dumping rubbish over the back fence into the woodland behind, and onto the public path which passes behind this fence. The issue will be referred to the owner of the wooded area.

Cleish

Cleish Church, Associated Cottage and The Glebe: A SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) has been established in Cleish to investigate the community interest in acquiring the Church, Cottage and Grounds for community benefit. The group is currently awaiting valuations on the church and cottage.

AOB

Sharing Community Activities: A recent meeting of the Kinross Committee raised a question about how best to keep the community up to date with the activities and plans of the Committee and CCs.

A challenge has been highlighted with the use of Facebook to publicise activities where posts are not being seen by all members of the community because Facebook is not promoting those posts into users feeds unless the organisation pays for this. As a result, organisations cannot guarantee that everyone who follows them will see all the posts they share!

The CC is looking for suggestions on how best to reach the community to provide regular updates on our activities.

Virtual / On-line CC Meetings: The CC uses Microsoft Teams for the on-line meeting. Details of how to join the virtual CC meeting will be published in the normal way, and if you are interested in attending virtually, please e-mail the CC Secretary for details (cc-sec@blairadam.net)

CC Website: All information relating to the activities of the CC are published on our web site <https://cleishandblairadam.org.uk/> where you can also subscribe to receive updates whenever any new information is published on the site.

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

Portmoak Community Council News from the April Meeting

www.portmoak.org

Present at the meeting on 8 April were Cllrs W Robertson; A Miller, A Davidson, A Clark, K Donaldson, L Hatch, J Hortal; and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater, R Watters; Cllr S McGregor, and D Paterson.

Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Committee Update: The PCC representative for the KC has not yet been formalised. Chair promised to liaise with the necessary contacts to reassign the meeting invites. Cllr W Robertson and the Chair had no additional updates.

Road Safety Action Update: Further to the March PCC meeting the Secretary had reached out to the Police Liaison to ask for information on the process of how to report incidences of speeding, as highlighted in the monthly Police report. The response from the police had been considered unsatisfactory,



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requiring a record of car number plates and/or make and model of car, information not necessarily easily identified or retained if for example speeding was observed while driving, walking or cycling. There was still some ambiguity around the use of the word 'complaint'. Cllr W Robertson was more positive regarding responsiveness of the police to follow up on more general reports of speeding and offered to liaise with the police on any collated reports of regular observed speeding occurrences. PCC members agreed to share info. on regular speeding that they have observed and recorded. Regarding Speedwatch, W Robertson had been in contact with the Police Liaison Officer about the status of the project and is additionally waiting to hear from MOCC as to the dates they intend to commence Speedwatch, pending Police Scotland checks and vetting on volunteers. It has been a few months since the Portmoak meeting and so the Chair was eager to get a fix on the process and timelines.

Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: The Chair had a meeting on the 17/04/25 with the landowner, and D Stubbs or Community Greenspace, following an outreach from the landowner who does have aspirations to develop some parts of the land which are within the boundary of the Scotlandwell village envelope, and also other parts which are outside the envelope or development zone. These aspirations need to be pursued through the normal channels directly with PKC Planning. The Chair had been surprised that PKC Planning seem to have had lengthy discussions with the landowner about planning, but no pre-planning info had been shared with PCC to this effect. PCC were looking to obtain a 5 metre zone from the edge of the existing pavement into the site. The landowner said he was willing to put the path in but only subject to planning acceptance to which the Chair had stated PCC could not agree to, as development planning permissions must go through the planning process with PKC. The Landowner is willing to allow the feasibility study, but not to accept a path without a contract agreement for planning permission to build on some of the land. Also discussed a wider extension to the cemetery to which the landowner was also agreeable but on the same contra-terms. The Chair felt it was a few steps forward and several back which was discouraging, but at least the landowner was now engaging with PCC.

The Chair had spoken to a representative of the Woodland Trust with regard to the feasibility study on the Northern section of the path, and hoped to hear back from the Woodland Trust that they were ok for the study to progress. Cllr W Robertson acknowledged that the Chair had proceeded the project by actually managing to engage with the landowner and felt this was a positive step forward.

Play Facilities at Scotlandwell Green: The new play park is looking great and is being well used by the local children. There had been a couple of snagging issues which were thought to now be resolved. Agreement to remove this item from the agenda.



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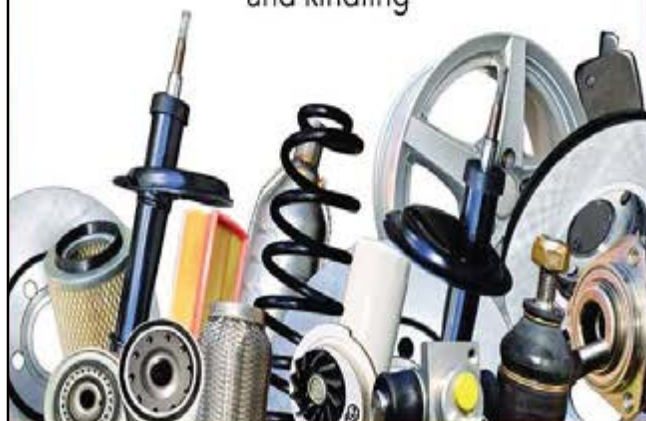


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Portmoak Gala Update: A Clark gave an update and praised the committee for the work they were putting in with planning and organising. Raffle tickets were now available. Raffle prizes are still required if any businesses or individuals would like to donate. Volunteers still required for the set up and take down.

New Matters

Adoption Of Road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell: Chair had requested this item be re-added to the agenda as the adoption of Wellside Park had not yet taken place. Parking tickets had been issued to residents for parking on pavements but these had been challenged as the road is still not adopted. The SUDS pond had been deemed to be overgrown and had been blamed for the delay, but this has now been cleared. PKC Officers now need to attend at Wellside Park to inspect the site and move on the road adoption. The Chair asked Cllr W Robertson to ask the relevant officer at PKC if this could be escalated and W Robertson agreed to request this.

Planning

New Applications

25/00410/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse, Kilmagadwood Cottage, Scotlandwell approved, no comment.

25/00295/FLL Alterations to dwellinghouse and installation of flue, Kingsbank, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell, approved, no comment.

Westfield Site Update

Progress with Developments, Westfield Community Liaison Committee: The Chair had noticed a lot more incineration taking place. K Donaldson reported that there had been a turbine issue so currently no power was being generated. Liaison meeting in April which K Donaldson will attend. The Chair noted again the poor condition of the road surface on

the B9097. Cllr W Robertson confirmed the roads engineer had inspected the road and agreed that it needed resurfacing.

Paths Group Update: No updates at present. As always more volunteers were always welcome on the Paths Group who did fantastic ongoing work. It was hoped that the Paths group would be able to attend PCC meetings from time to time to update on planned work.

Treasurer CC Accounts

Portmoak CC Account: £ 644.95

Michael Bruce way Account: £1273.33

Councillors' Reports

Cllr W Robertson: promised to circulate any local items to all PCC members if he was notified of any local items from residents. Complaint about number of accidents at the bend near Lochend Farm, W Robertson had raised this item to the relevant officer to assess the location. A Clark asked about reducing the speed limit at this point to 40mph as there is a Core Path that also crosses near the corner. W Robertson thought some signage would be useful. There was a discussion about local signage (Speed signs etc.) that were currently damaged around Portmoak but Cllr Robertson indicated that these were considered by PKC to be low priority at present, but agreed to mention the signage at the next roads meeting.

Matters Notified To The Secretary

Notice of Statutory Consultation: establishment of new Intensive Support Provisions for pupils with Additional Support Needs at Kinross High School: PCC encouraged residents to view the consultation if this was an area of interest to them A Clark agreed to have a look at this item and report back.

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AOB

Reminder of the Kinross Half Marathon on Sunday on 11 May, when the A911 through Portmoak would be closed by official order from PKC. Emergency access was maintained.

Renewable Energy Event in Crook of Devon: event flagged in April '24 PCC meeting, Cllr A Davidson had attended the event and had found it very useful, and flagged the The Heat Project in Blairgowrie, <https://theheatprojectscotland.org/> who offered free, professional energy advice to households in Perth & Kinross to help them become more energy efficient and reduce energy bills. At the event, they had discussed insulation, heat pumps, solar panels, and funding available to communities that were off the gas grid, like Portmoak. Cllr Davidson encouraged people to get in touch with the Heat Project, and emphasised they are not selling a product, and can give you good advice on how to improve the energy efficiency of their home.

The Well, Scotlandwell: Chair updated: Scotlandwell in Bloom are licensed as the custodians of the Well. A recent Engineers report had highlighted an extensive repair list and fund raising is now in progress. A lot of people use and take water from the Well, and a QR code was proposed for the locale to encourage donations. There is a quite a large fundraising journey ahead, and it is probable an official Well & Washhouse organisation needs to be created to separate the upkeep from the Scotlandwell in Bloom team.

The next meeting of Portmoak CC will be on 10 June at 7.30pm.

Milnathort and Orwell Community Council

The minutes of the May meeting were not available at the time of this Newsletter going to print. The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell CC will be on Thursday 12 June at 7.30pm at Orwell Church Hall.

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Fairtrade in Kinross-shire

Perth & Kinross is a Fairtrade Zone

Kinross-shire is a Fairtrade county, Perth & Kinross is a Fairtrade Zone and we have 12 councillors who are Fairtrade Champions which means there is one for each ward. This greatly helps our communication and connection with the council. This type of support from councils in Scotland has helped us to renew Scotland's Fair Trade Nation status.

Willie Robertson is the Fairtrade Champion for Kinross-shire and the photo shows all the Fairtrade Champions, with a couple of members of the Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Group. We would like to increase the number of schools which have Fairtrade status and the Fairtrade Champions are supporting this aim. Please get in touch with Karena at kjarvie@btinternet.com if you would like to know more.



institutions and schools, helping teachers to prepare and mark papers and support learning for boarding pupils.

We look forward to welcoming old and new friends on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

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The sun has certainly been shining during the month of May and long may it last! Saturdays continue to be busy with one Saturday being extra special as we celebrated Sheila's 93rd birthday with her family. All the candles on her birthday cake were blown out in one go!

Our charity for June is SOLAR AID. This is a UK based charity operating in many African countries. Through work in Malawi, its social enterprise "Sunny Money", provides lights for the light library which are sourced to help with any lights which have problems. This means that schools will receive a number of solar lights that a child may borrow. Few lights are lost as any light not returned must be paid for by the parent. The library allows children who want to learn in the dark evenings to do so safely. It allows students to study for their exams and continue their education. The charity also provides solar panels for training



Kinross Historical Society



The committee are currently busy getting everything ready for the next season of talks and would be very grateful for some help from members.

As most members will be aware, we are seeking to change as far as possible to email communication and membership renewal, rather than sending out paper forms. While this was hampered by the losses of our databases last year, we are making good progress but still have email addresses for only around three quarters of the membership. We recently sent a text message to all members whose addresses we do have. If you did **not** receive that message the Society does not currently have your email address (even though you may have received circular emails in the past), and we ask that you please send it by email to khspostbox@gmail.com.

Kinross-shire Climate Cafe



Our next meeting is at the Potager Garden on Tuesday 3 June at 6.30pm. We will look around the garden and have a short talk about home composting. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. If you want to come along, please email kinrossshireclimatecafe@gmail.com to let us know so we have an idea of the number of people attending.

Last month we had a very interesting session with Lesley Campbell from STAR Development Group who are leading Kinross Community Action Plan (CAP).

Lesley, alongside Colin Roxburgh, has been developing the plans in Scottish rural communities for over 30 years. She showed us examples of plans developed for Pitlochry, Burntisland, Aberfeldy and a few other towns. Highlighting the transformative impact these plans have had, especially in fostering green-focused initiatives. Many of these communities have developed their environmental ideas in CAPs into real sustainable solutions – green-focused organisations that support different projects like repair cafes, refill shops, and even got council support to develop community hubs.

After her presentation, we participated in an interactive workshop to gather ideas specific to Kinross-shire. These contributions will be included in the Kinross CAP, which aims to guide our community toward a more sustainable and vibrant future.

The KCAP is currently in the surveying stage and volunteers will be visiting houses to talk about CAP and encourage survey participation. Please be kind and welcoming.

You can also fill in the survey online at <https://s.alchemer.eu/s3/Kinross-Community-Action-Plan-Survey-2025>

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

Kinross Camera Club



www.kinrosscameraclub.wordpress.com

Find us on Facebook

We are planning a series of workshops and meet-ups during the summer months. For further information and regular updates please visit our Facebook page and website.

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 please contact us by email at secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk or visit our website and Facebook page. All abilities of photographer are very welcome; we are a very sociable and friendly group. No fancy camera equipment is required, all you need is an interest in taking photographs. You can even come along to a few meetings before deciding if you would like to become a full member.

The featured photograph this month is 'Angel' by Bill Paton (below) and is the winning photograph in our Creative Digital competition.

To continue the new summer feature 'Members Spotlight', this month our club member Dallas Key shares her highlights and memories of being a member since 2010:

"I came along to Kinross Camera Club in about 2010 with a friend who thought the social side of the club would be good for me. I was a total novice and only had a tiny 'pink' point and shoot camera. I thought I would be laughed out the door but I was very wrong. The club welcomes all levels of photographer with open arms and I have never looked back. The help and encouragement I got fired a passion in me that I didn't know was there.

Eventually I managed to win a few competitions which fired my enthusiasm even more.

After a few years I was invited to join the committee and then to take over the role of President which I held for around 4 years and really enjoyed.



It was entirely due to the club's influence and help that when I retired from work, I enrolled in a full-time photography course at Lauder College and graduated in 2018 with an HND.

I enjoy all types of photography but my personal favourite is wildlife. This was my lifesaver during lockdown as I live right next to Loch Leven so you would find me at 6am every morning wandering around the loch, camera in hand and not another soul in sight. I use a Panasonic Lumix with 60 times optical zoom. Great for long distance shots so I got some great pics.

I have made many great friends through the club and especially enjoy the summer outings and weekends away. Great fun with like-minded company. No matter what your equipment or ability the Camera Club is a lovely, welcoming,



social group who are always very happy to help you develop your camera skills. Here are a couple of my favourite photographs."



KYTHE

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KYTHE is delighted to welcome Andy Bradley to the team as the new Head of Youth Work. He describes himself as an exiled scouser who has been involved in youth work in many forms throughout the years. His first interest in youth work was through a 'brilliant wee church youth group' when he was a teenager. From that his grounding in youth work was in rural Suffolk and then the contrasting urban Glasgow! More recently, he has worked at Hot Chocolate Trust, a faith-based organisation working with young people in Dundee city centre. Andy loves that youth work communities are unpredictable, creative places where young people can develop their strengths and confidence at their own pace – places which can be transformational for everybody involved. Andy sees very clearly how much KYTHE means to the local community and looks forward to playing his part in growing the community.

The young people who come to KYTHE gain a lot from it, such as friendship, new skills, a place for fun and activity, but also the chance for volunteering opportunities in the community. An intrepid group of young people (with youth worker, Katy-Beth) spent an hour and a half on a cloudy afternoon in April litter picking among the bushes and trees at the back of the high school. During that short time, they collected five large bin bags of rubbish, which was mainly plastic bottles and lunch-time rubbish, along with one football boot!

It wasn't an elegant task, some considering the amount of rubbish as disgusting, but it is



Andy Bradley



still good to see their smiles at the KYTHE Hub, knowing they have contributed to the local community.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil

Once again there was fantastic weather for our weekend away in May. This year we travelled to Bute where we had wonderful views on all our walks. In just three days we managed to pack in easy woodland and coastal walks as well as a more challenging walk at Kilchattan Bay. All of the walks were reached either directly from the hotel or by using the excellent island bus service. We also had a visit to the beautiful and impressive Mount Stuart House and Gardens before returning home. We will have lovely photographs and memories of Bute and the joy and laughter of our fellow walkers.

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.

View from Bute



Tuesday 3 June, Kinghorn Loch

An easy walk following tracks, paths and pavements through agricultural land to the loch with its mallards and geese. Return through woodland and gentle uphill farm road with excellent views.

Tuesday 17 June, Lochore Meadows

A leisurely 3.5 mile walk around the loch with lovely views, good path and café at the end of the walk.

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.

Saturday 7 June, Kingsbarns

Circular

Starting at Kingsbarns beach car park, a flat walk along the coastal path, and perhaps the beach, towards Crail and the Chance Inn. Thereafter along the old rail tracks back to Kingsbarns. Could be muddy. A moderate 8.5 miles.

Sunday 22 June, Benarty Hill

A moderate walk up Benarty Hill from RSPB Loch Leven with good views of the Loch and Fife countryside.

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.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk



Free Concert

Come and listen to the Kinross Kacophony Orchestra on Wednesday 25 June at 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. The Orchestra will present a concert showcasing five or six pieces they have been working on with conductor Dougie Flower over the past few months and which they would like to perform for you before the summer break. Entry is free!



Kacophony Orchestra

The Kacophony orchestra 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 are on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. The fee is £5 a session.

Leven Voices is a fun, informal drop-in singing group which you can join anytime. No music reading or singing experience is necessary. Sessions are on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm-9.30pm at Kinross Parish Church. The fee is £4 a session.

Acoustic Open Mic

This is an evening for anyone who would like to play a couple of songs in a live situation. Sessions take place on the third Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm in the lounge of the Green Hotel. Text Nigel on 07758559187.

Kinross Farmers' Market

The next Kinross Farmers' Market is on Saturday 28 June from 10am-2pm on the High Street of Kinross. The market is a great place to buy high quality, fresh food from local producers and artisan traders and to shop at the High Street's established businesses. The markets are on every fourth Saturday of the month until October (there is no market in July).

Kinross Summer Market

There is no Farmers' Market in July but, like last year, KLEO will organise another, bigger market at the Market Park on Saturday 23 August from 10am to 5pm. This market will be a community event to celebrate summer with a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls and there will be some great entertainment too!

If you like to book a stall space at this market, please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk. All stalls for the farmers' market 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.

The markets on 27 September and 25 October will take place back on the High Street. The Festive Street market is on Saturday 22 November at Loch Leven Community Campus.

Eddi Reader back in Kinross!

The headline act for this year's Kinross-shire's Winter Festival is singer and songwriter Eddi Reader on Friday 28

November, 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets are £27.

Anthony Toner: Some of Prine, some of Mine

Belfast-based songwriter Anthony Toner opened the show for the legendary Barbara Dickson on her last visit to Kinross and makes a welcome return for the Winter Festival with a unique afternoon concert on Sunday 16 November at 3pm in Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets are £10.

Tickets and Contact Information

Tickets for the Eddi Reader and Anthony Toner concerts are available at Morgans Estate Agency in Kinross or Light Up My Heart in Milnathort. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets online using our website.

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

Kinross in Bloom



Whist the weather in May really felt like summer, the pansies in some of the high street planters suddenly gave up the ghost, possibly due to lack of water. All the pansies have now been lifted and the planters filled with summer blooms. The hanging baskets are filled and hung in suitable locations. The areas of sustainable plants have survived the winter and are looking very healthy. These plants survive from year to year and need less watering over the summer season.

Thanks are due to fire fighters from Kinross Fire Station who filled up the water tanks at the polytunnel. Often these tanks are self-sustaining, using rainwater, but the past dry weeks have meant this is not the case this year. The Bloom Buggy should soon be a regular feature across the town as our team of volunteers follow a rota for summer watering.

Kinross residents should not be shy about approaching members of the watering teams with comments and suggestions.

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



ASW 28 Powered Glider

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC)

krmfc.bmfa.club

Find us on Facebook

With the excellent weather we have been having over the last few weeks, it will come as no surprise to hear that a lot of our members have been flying at the field.

The selection of models range from helicopters to drones and from aerobatic planes to large wingspan gliders. An example of a glider is shown in the picture above. This is a Volantex ASW28 plane with a wingspan of 2.5 metres. It is mainly made of EPO (Expanded PolyOlefin) foam which is ideal for absorbing bumps yet allows for a degree of movement as well.

The ASW28 has a folding propellor which allows the props to spring out and power the plane when required, but also allows them to fold in and reduce drag when the plane is gliding. This plane isn't without its challenges to fly – the wings flex under load (just like the full size one) and, when

power is applied, the plane wants to climb very rapidly so some down elevator needs to be mixed in as well.

The indoor events are now a regular event and it is good to see that the number of attendees is maintained as we get to the summer months.

Our new website recently added a 'History of the Club' section and it is a fascinating read, with mention of music festivals, World War 2 aces and even a bit about the planes! Check it out at the website listed at the top of the article.

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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Annual General Meeting

The Trust's 34th AGM took place in May.

Chairman's report: Chairman Alistair Smith welcomed everyone, including specially invited representatives from other groups. The Trust is seeking to have better communication with like-minded organisations.

We remembered Ian Smith, a very supportive member of the Trust, in particular of the Best Kept Village competition, who passed away in January. His cheerfulness and enthusiasm is much missed.

Since its inception the Trust's aim has been to help protect, conserve and develop a better built and natural environment. One of the early activities of the Trust was publishing information and calling for action on algal blooms on Loch Leven in the early 1990s.

Alistair referred to the work of the various committees of the Trust (Planning, Environmental and Awards) and thanked committee members for their work.

Planning: Eileen Thomas reported that in the year to 31 March 2025, there were 149 Kinross-shire planning applications, down 28 on the previous year. We objected to 11 applications. Of these, four were approved, two were refused, two were withdrawn and three are awaiting a decision. We wrote letters of support for three applications, all of which were approved. We made a general comment on one application, which was approved.

Eileen gave an update on some of the larger planning issues locally, with Sarah Bruce Jones of Fossoway CC contributing to the update on wind farms in the Ochils.



Kinross in Bloom 200 Club

May Draw

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Jean Miller

Paul Baughan

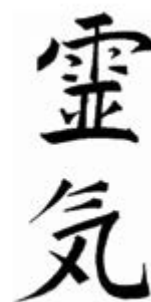
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The Kylesku Bridge

Various groups, led by Kinross CC, are involved in creating a Community Action Plan for Kinross. Currently survey forms are being delivered around the town. The Trust has a representative on the CAP steering committee.

There were questions from the floor regarding the fun fair in the Market Park and how the wind farms, should they be consented, would connect to the national grid.

Environmental Report: Andrew Flinn reported on the raingardens project since it began in 2021 with the improvements to drainage and introduction of wildflowers at the Park & Ride. Over the next couple of years the focus was improving habitat at the wetlands at Junction Road.

Unfortunately the fund we had applied to for a grant last year was temporarily suspended. Our funding application has been carried forward to this year and we are confident that we will be able to implement the project applied for. This will involve the creation of more amphibian habitats at new sites in the South Queich catchment and monitoring the plan to see what lessons may be learned.

Andrew and Brian D'Arcy are working on an environmental plan which includes peripheral planting at the Park & Ride, raingardens in identified areas and amenity trees. However, as well as financial resources we need human resources.

Appointment of Officers: Ken Miles is standing down after 34 years as treasurer of the Trust. Alistair Smith said Ken had been a founding member of the Trust and we are all very grateful for his diligence in looking after the funds for all that time. Alistair thanked Ken sincerely and presented him with a gift from the Trust.

For the coming year the officers will be: Chairman – Alistair Smith; Vice Chair – Andrew Flinn; Secretary – Eileen Thomas; Treasurer – Gareth Thomas.

Questions: There were several questions and comments from the floor. These included: discussion of the cessation of the Best Kept Village competition; who is responsible for the Covid memorial at Broom Road; and could the Sluice House be opened under Doors Open Day or similar.

Talk on 12 Bridges of Scotland

Following the AGM, Alistair Smith gave an illustrated talk on

12 bridges of Scotland, some of which he had worked on in his career as a civil engineer. Members of the audience were fascinated by the descriptions of some of the technical challenges faced by the designers and engineers, and the solutions they came up with.

It was also interesting to hear historical aspects. The Kingston Bridge in Glasgow is so named because of its proximity to Kingston Quay where trade to and from Jamaica was undertaken. One of Alistair's earliest jobs was designing the roads coming off the bridge when he worked for Fairhurst. Other bridges featured in the talk were the bridges across the Forth, the Tay Road Bridge, the Skye Bridge and the beautifully elegant Kylesku Bridge, for which Alistair was project manager.

Alistair was warmly thanked for a fascinating talk.

The Rotary Club of Kinross and District

www.ribi.org



We have been busy in recent weeks preparing for the new Rotary year which starts in July.

Some of you may have seen the display in the library of the excellent work completed for our Young Photographer and Young Artist competitions.

Meanwhile Kinross Primary School tied in second place at the





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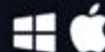
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Area Primary Schools Quiz and will progress to the District Final on 14 June in Aberdeen. Well done to all our talented youngsters!

On 12 May we were privileged to have Joan Brown, Abby-Leigh and Libby Elliot from an inspiring north-east Fife based charity called 'Lucky Ewe', which is dedicated to empowering people with additional support needs through meaningful, hands-on experiences in farming. Lucky Ewe helps young people bridge the gap between school and adulthood. We were struck by their impressive ethos of positivity, personal growth, inclusivity, compassion and happiness. Joan Brown told us of the struggles and challenges that they have faced and overcome while Abby is one of the young people whose life has been transformed. It is a truly remarkable story. To find out more, go to www.luckyewe.org.uk or contact them by email at office@luckyewe.org.uk.

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

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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
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Did you know you can access our free digital resources with your library card? Use your library card to access an extensive range of digital resources.

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).

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.

Inner Wheel Club of Kinross and District



www.innerwheel.co.uk

Our speaker at the May meeting held at the Kirklands Hotel was John Fletcher, who gave us an extremely interesting and informative talk on deer farming.

While studying at Glasgow University to be a veterinary surgeon in the late 1960s, John was inspired to specialise in deer by a picture of stag's head in Gilbert Scott's building. He then started working on deer on the Isle of Rùm as part of his post graduate career. Eventually this led to John and his wife setting up their deer farm at Auchtermuchty in 1975, from which they exported deer to France and Europe, giving rise to the trade in venison. We learned about deer's antlers and why they fall off each year and sadly also learned of the trade in antlers for use in Chinese medicine along with the impact this has on the deer.

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Clubs & Community Groups

John concluded with a brief talk on his role as a kidney donor, saying there are up to 5,000 people waiting for a donor. He commented that almost everyone has two kidneys but we only need one!

As usual the meeting concluded with business and plans for next year and our next meeting in June which will be at the Kirklands Hotel.

Kinross Potager Garden

Follow us on Facebook. Enquiries to Amanda James on 07963 476803 or amandajames1577@gmail.com.

With the warm weather, the growing season is really under way, but dryness and low night-time temperatures have also been challenging.

It has been a busy time for visitors to the garden, with Milnathort Rainbows and Guides, Kinross Beavers and the Eco group from Kinross Primary School. They have sown seeds to take home, found bees and other bugs, and the tadpoles in our water barrel, and helped to build a new insect habitat. The Climate Café group will also be visiting us at 6.30pm on Tuesday 3 June, when we will offer some advice about home composting and organic methods.

We are a charitable group, run by volunteers, and would always welcome anyone new to help us to maintain the garden and the plants for sale at our volunteer sessions on Monday mornings (10.30am to about 12.30pm). No prior experience necessary! We rely on plant sales to continue our activities, and are also open to sell plants or give advice at those times.

For several years we have sold plants at the Crook of Devon shop, and we are grateful that Richard Scott has agreed to host plants outside Loch Leven Laundry, on the High Street. Plants are labelled and priced, please just put the money in the collection tin inside.

Wishing everyone a sunny and successful growing season.



Kinross and District Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association



Evening Hike

The Battalion evening hike competition was held in Kinross and the route took in part of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. Five teams competed, tackling a variety of mental and physical challenges. The Kinross senior team finished as overall winners of the Neil McCorkindale trophy.

Drill Competition

The Battalion drill competition took place in Scone. The Kinross Company finished as runners up, two points behind the winners who were 1st Scone. The Kinross Company has a remarkable record as drill medal winners which stretches over many decades.

VE Day Service

Representatives from all sections of the Kinross Company participated in the special VE 80 Commemorative service at St John's Kirk on Sunday 11 May. The annual display of the Kinross Company will be held at the Church Centre at 7pm for 7.30pm on Friday 6 June.

Summer Camp

The annual summer camp will be a visit to our twin town of Gacé in Normandy from the last weekend of July till the first weekend of August.

Milnathort in Bloom

What a busy month it has been. We received our plug plants delivery in mid-April and our brilliant group of volunteers gathered to plant them up. We grew them on for a few weeks and our lovely volunteers have just planted up the hanging baskets for the village, the ones we sell for funds, the troughs for the village and the planters for the newly refurbished cart on Stirling Road. Huge thanks to Kinross Wooden Products for completing the cart to a very high standard, it looks





smashing. Many thanks also go to our volunteers for homemade biscuits to keep us sustained during our planting sessions.

We are always blown away by the support this community shows Milnathort in Bloom. We usually just beaver away, doing our flowery thing, not bothering anyone. However, when we need help, you always deliver. In last month's *Newsletter* article, we appealed for help with some of the permanent flower beds in Milnathort following the passing of our dear friend Graeme. We are pleased to say that we have been lucky enough to secure the help of the lovely Ann who has already started looking after the bed in Whyte Place, George (a veteran) who has kindly agreed to tackle the bed at the War Memorial and Carole, who will be looking after the small bed at the cross and weeding the large boxes when needed. Thank you so much for supporting Milnathort in Bloom and helping us to make the village a bit more colourful!

Our next activity will be to plant up the large boxes and tubs in the village with a mixture of hostas, alyssum, lobelia, impatiens, fuchsias and geraniums. This will take place in mid-June. Our secretary Fergus has also put together what he refers to as the 'Heft' group (his words). This is a group of physically active folks who will be assisting us by hauling all the large troughs from the polytunnel to the village and hanging the baskets. The rest of us aren't getting any younger, so this is a great idea. Thanks Fergus!

If anyone would like to give us a hand (either as a one off or on a regular basis), or has an idea of something that would benefit the village flower-wise, please do give us a shout on Facebook. Have a great month!

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

MARCH DRAW

1st	105	Susan Ford, Scotlandwell
2nd	116	Stephen Taylor, Kinnesswood
3rd	56	Norma Smith, Kinnesswood

APRIL DRAW

1st	21	James Gardner, Scotlandwell
2nd	96	Nigel Burnside, Scotlandwell
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Kinross Garden Group

We had an excellent start to the garden visits. We visited two private gardens near Bridge of Allan; Milseybank and Kilbryde Castle. Both were beautifully laid out with a profusion of azaleas and rhododendrons which were flowering madly in the spring sunshine!

The view from Milseybank to Stirling Castle and the Wallace Monument was amazing, as was the tranquillity at Kilbryde. We stopped for lunch between the gardens at Bridge of Allan. Kilbryde is open by arrangement until 30 September and well worth a visit.

The next visit will be to Blair Castle on Thursday 12 June and we will have lunch at Pitlochry. The bus will start from Milnathort at 10am. Members can pay for this trip by dropping off a cheque/cash for £32 (made out to Kinross Community Garden Group) to Caroline Anderson ASAP. Alternatively, payment can be made by bank transfer. All information is provided on the 'Information Sheet'.

The visit after this will be to Floors Castle near Kelso on 10 July. Payment for this is due by the 27 June.

There are a few spaces left for both of these trips. For more details about the outing programme, and also for more details about membership of the Kinross Garden Group, contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.

KADAC

During May, the 'Our Gallery' section of our website was refreshed with new artworks. Within our membership, there are absolute beginners attending right through to very experienced painters.

Everyone's creativity is embraced. Each member was invited to submit two original artworks for inclusion in the digital gallery with many choosing to do so. In the online gallery you will find artworks in a wide diversity of styles created in a variety of media including oils, acrylics, watercolour, pastels, gouache as well as mixed media pieces.

Thank you to Stewart Niven for taking the photographs and processing them. Please enjoy browsing this online art exhibition on our website.



At the start of May, the committee met to discuss and plan the Annual Art Exhibition, which this year will be held in Cleish Village Hall on 5-7 September. During the summer, members will be busy creating and finishing off artworks to exhibit at this event.

Our spring term came to a close on Friday 30 May and members enjoyed tasty summer treats to celebrate the success of a productive and creative few months. The club is now in recess until August, nevertheless, two outdoor painting sessions are planned for the summer. The first is due to take place on Tuesday 3 June within The Grouse and Claret gardens. The second will be an 'en plein air' session in Kinnesswood on Friday 4 July.

Details of both these events will be confirmed to members by email.

The club resumes for the autumn term on Tuesday 19 August/ Friday 22 August 2025.

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 High School



Grow Your £1

Our S1s have been busy over the last few weeks growing their £1 investment. We have been very encouraged to see the range of activities they have undertaken, including cutting grass, walking dogs, making and selling crafts, washing cars, baking and more.

They have made us very proud, and we are excited to share the total they have raised with you soon. We look forward to our assembly which will celebrate their success, not to mention the prize giveaway to recognise the incredible efforts of our learners. As a school, we would like to say a big thank you in supporting them with this enterprise projects, with all profits raised being donated to CHAS.

VE Day

As part of a series of events this week marking VE Day, in both the school and the community, S3 pupils learned about the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Christina and Magnus each read out one story of the fallen and pupils shared stories of relatives who had fought in the two World Wars.

Pupils and parents were invited to the Kinross War Memorial on Thursday 8 May at 9pm, when a beacon was lit to commemorate Victory in Europe 80 years ago.

Barista Training

The teachers had a training session so that they can deliver the Barista Skills Level 5 to pupils. They enjoyed learning how to operate the coffee machine. The rest of the staff are enjoying the opportunity to buy a coffee! We can now make a double ristretto venti half-soy non-fat decaf organic chocolate brownie iced Frappuccino extra hot with foam!



Litter!

During our one-hour analysis of the school grounds for our Green Flag Award, S3s collected 840 pieces of litter from the school grounds with a total weight of 30kg. The litter was found to be 63% plastic based, 29% paper based and 7% metal based. Thanks to all the S2s who did such a good job.

Loch Leven Castle

This term we have been supporting our S1 pupils to continue to develop relationships and connections with their peers and staff. S1s have been visiting Loch Leven Castle where they were tasked with a numeracy challenge and an activity which linked to their learning about the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Following our trip to the island, learners enjoyed time at Kirkgate Park where we played team games, had lunch and walked back to our campus. This excursion was free for all learners and it was important to us that we utilised our local community and surroundings for this trip.

Mandarin Competition

A group of talented S3 pupils have made it through to the final round of the Chinese Bridge Mandarin Speaking Competition. They travelled to London to compete in the final, representing Scotland on a national stage. The competition challenges students to demonstrate their Mandarin language skills through speeches and cultural performances.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils' dedication and achievement. The success highlights Kinross High School's commitment to language learning and international education, and the pupils' journey is sure to inspire others across the region.

S3 trip to Lochore Meadows Outdoor Centre

S3 went to the Lochore Meadows Outdoor centre. In perfect weather they undertook their choice of activities including kayaking, paddle boarding and mountain biking. The highlight of the trip was a game of water polo of the kayakers versus the paddle boarders!

Apex Group

APEX pupils loved their trip to UHI Perth, where they had a tour of the amazing resources and facilities. They came back with excitement about what opportunities beyond school there are.

They also had a great day in the Kinross Day Centre with Angela and Chris from Bell Group. They started the day with a painting challenge, learning how much paint to have on their brush and how to control the brush for cutting in. They then prepared the room before starting the painting process.

We had Kevin Stewart from Perth Fire Service in to give an introduction to First Aid. Pupils got the chance to learn



valuable skills that would help them be more confident in an emergency.

S1 Science Fayre

For our first S1 Science Fair students researched, investigated, experimented and presented their findings. They explained the science behind their investigation to judges from scientific industries, their peers and parents. The standard was exceptionally high. With a whopping 75 projects on display there were lots of successes for all our pupils.





Portmoak Community Woodland Group



Chocolate eggs, chocolate lollipops and chocolate bunny rabbits were all up for grabs at the Portmoak Community Woodland Easter event on Easter Saturday.

Children were invited to go on a chocolate hunt among the trees, in the community orchard in Kilmagad Wood. Then there was the all-important decorated egg competition with woodland group member, Susan Forde taking on the near-impossible role of judge, as the kids tried to read her every expression and second-guess her decisions. She did really well to pick out the winners and explain why she found some designs more eye-catching than others. Her years as a school teacher certainly paid off!

Chris's Place, the terraced area in Kilmagad Wood, makes a perfect amphitheatre for events like this, with an excellent slope for the egg race. Everyone lined up their hardboiled eggs for this final competition of the afternoon and we nearly had a photo-finish.

Eggs of a different kind will feature this spring and summer, as we welcome wild birds, like blue tits and robins, to the nest boxes installed with help from Portmoak Primary School last year. If you're out for a walk, keep an eye on comings and goings from the 60 boxes dotted around the wood. Once the birds are feeding their young you should see feverish activity as they try to keep up the supply of food.

Speaking of walks, on 10 May at 7am, we had a guided birdsong event in Portmoak Moss led by Scott Paterson. It was billed as a breakfast bird walk rather than the 4am dawn chorus which we used to do, and the result was a big leap in

numbers from just a handful of folk to 20 people this time. Are we getting lazy?

Anyway, we were brilliantly rewarded by a magnificent chorus from 33 species of birds, including both Mistle and Song Thrush, and Scott's highly entertaining and informative descriptions of how to identify the different birds.

We also saw red squirrels, roe deer and a brown hare. A great morning.

Kinnesswood In Bloom



The Friends of KIB cards have been distributed round the village. Already we have received some generous donations to further our work. This is the main fundraiser for our group and we appreciate all the support.

The McKelvie Trust has expressed that they are willing to give us a donation. Our current wish list is for some barrels and new benches.

We have a date for a visit from the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Jim Fairlie. We hope to show him the village and take him to see the work at the school polytunnel and raised beds.

The sun has been shining on the school work parties and several classes have already planted seeds, planted on, learned about tomatoes, various vegetables, what makes good compost and the need for water and heat to help plants grow. It has certainly been a great spell of weather for the children to enjoy and they are very enthusiastic about all that they do.

Gordon Vance has kindly agreed to put together our portfolio again and the first draft is an excellent showcase of our work. We have plenty of time to send him more photos and extra pages to impress the judges.

The Michael Bruce garden project has received several grants and we hope to hear more from potential funders soon.

Marjorie Smith has been teaching some of the children of Portmoak about biodiversity and has had the P1/2 class pond dipping and the P6 class looking at hedges. Our own planting area to encourage wildlife is being well tended by John. All areas we look after have required more watering than usual over this extended dry spell.

Norma attended the Beautiful Scotland Seminar on Zoom. Although we are well seasoned entrants in the Beautiful



Scotland competitions, there were plenty of tips for groups taking part.

As well as the Saturday work parties we have had a few short evening sessions to try to keep up with areas which required to be tidied. We are always looking for volunteers to help with sessions.

Our next meeting is at the Well Country Inn on Thursday 12 June from 7-8 p.m. Please note the change of date and time.

Kinross Squirrels

The squirrels are officially ready for their next camping adventure! For our first meeting of the summer term they learned about maps including how to find their way, how to recognise important markers and they even had a go at drawing their own maps. Plus, they 'packed' their camping bags with all the essentials for the different weathers they might encounter; snacks, a flashlight, first aid kit, sunscreen and, of course, a cosy blanket to stay warm. Next time they hit the trails, these squirrels will be prepared!

For our second meeting of the term the squirrels were working on their Let it Grow activity badge by planting sunflower seeds. The squirrels were also learning about different fruit and vegetables including tomatoes, pomegranate, pineapple and sugar snap peas and had a great time tasting them as well! We then ended the evening by presenting the squirrels with a special VE Day 80th anniversary uniform badge.



The squirrels put their physical skills to the test on 9 May at the Myre Park in mini 'Olympics' as part of there Be Active badge. We had welly throwing, egg and spoon race, football dribbling, relay races, ball-hop challenge and a group race for the finale!

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

Our first night back after Easter break saw the beavers play some games, make up some challenges for their personal challenge badge and we also went over the Code of Conduct.

At the end of the meeting there was a special presentation to our Young Leader Leo (pictured below right) who was presented with his young leader mission badges, belt buckle and certificate by Bev, our District Explorer Leader (Young Leaders) who made a special trip to Kinross to make the presentation on Friday evening. Leo worked hard over several months to complete his training which has included organising numerous activities for the beavers. Well done!

The following week the beavers took advantage of the sunny weather as they had a great night at Lochore Meadows working on their Navigation Stage 1 Badge. Using maps, they split into groups and followed the different orienteering trails around park. The beavers did a fantastic job – well done to all.

It was back to the Millbridge Hall for our meeting on 9 May for a special meeting as the



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beavers did some events around the 80th anniversary of VE Day. They played a special game of 'corners' in the main hall answering questions about World War Two. They also had some quiet time colouring in images of World War Two vehicles. Not to miss out on all the fine weather, they also played some games outside.

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

The cubs had a brilliant first night of the term as they took advantage of the weather and headed down to the Kirkgate Park to do a variety of activities for their Athletics activity badge. Everyone had a great time.

The following week the cubs were capturing some pictures of Kinross as they headed out in groups to do a photo treasure hunt around the town for the first part of the Photographer activity badge. They had to find a variety of things such as a convenience store, the police station, a hotel and a dentist. All the groups did well and found most items on their lists.

For our meeting on 7 May the cubs headed to Kinross Rugby Club with their bikes and took part in a variety of activities for their Cyclist badge. They had to demonstrate how to dismount a bike safely and went for a cycle around the rugby club pitches. They also had a discussion about safety and security of bikes such as the best place to secure a bike, what sort of clothing to wear whilst cycling and what lights to have on their bikes. Finally, the cubs also looked at how to maintain a bike by looking at saddle height, tyre pressure and how to fix a chain if it comes off. Everyone had an enjoyable evening and are looking forward to completing the badge after the summer holidays when they go for a group cycle.

Volunteering can make a huge difference to young people's lives. If you would like to get involved with 1st Kinross Cubs, then please email kinrosscubs@hotmail.com for more details.



Kinross Centre

We have really been enjoying the recent beautiful weather. It has allowed us to get out and enjoy the trishaws and our relaxing trips on the union canal.

We had a great afternoon enjoying celebrating VE day with some live music. The music was from David and Evelyn Cairns and their amazing friends and neighbours, who had us all singing, dancing and tapping our toes. Everyone had a great afternoon; stories were shared and tears were shed.

Our barge trips have started up again. We are going along to the union canal every month and spend the day chugging along and enjoying watching all the wildlife, the fishermen and the rest of the world go by.

In the centre we continue to enjoy our three course lunch which is prepared daily on the premises. This is followed by games, craft groups, art groups and much, much more.

If you feel you would like to join us by coming for lunch or volunteering, please give Nan a call.

Milnathort Bridge Club



Some of Willie Young's bridge students have joined us for the summer season. We welcome Allan Dearing and David Halliday to the club and trust they will find competitive bridge challenging and enjoyable. They will now have the opportunity to put into practice all that Willie and Jim have been putting across to them over the past number of months.

Well done to Beryl Harley and Jean Bennett for their fine performance in keeping MBC to the fore on Monday 12 May when MBC participated in the SBU Celtic pairs simultaneous event.

RESULTS

North/South	East/West
28 April	
Willie Young/Jane Smith	Jean Bennett/Sandy Scholes
5 May	
Jim & Catriona Marshall	Ian & Pat Cook
12 May	
Ian & Pat Cook	Jean Bennett/Beryl Harley
19 May	
Jim & Catriona Marshall	Ian & Pat Cook

SWI

Carnbo SWI

Lyn Willsher welcomed members and our tellers Isobel Robertson and Norma Blair from Bridge of Earn Institute to our AGM. The tellers went to count votes while business was discussed. A new committee was announced with Mhairi Lavender taking over as our president. Grace Paterson provided entertainment and, after tea, we played a few games of Beetle. Lyn gave the vote of thanks.

Our next meeting is at Carnbo Hall on the Monday 16 June at 7.15pm when our speaker will be Rhona Bradbury of Ritzy Glass.

Competitions

Flower of the month: 1st Molly White, 2nd Barbara Nicol.

Jar of homemade Orange Curd (Ann Bernard Trophy): 1st Linda Band

Glenfarg SWI

It is hard to believe that our meetings have finished for the summer following a busy programme.

Our AGM was held on VE day so this opportunity to celebrate in style could not be missed! We held a tea party and the tables were laden with sandwiches, cakes, jam tarts, highlanders, pancakes and gallons of tea. We are fortunate enough to have 12 ladies who were around on VE day 1945 and they were able to share their memories with us all. Our famous raffle even followed the theme with, corned beef, carnation milk, rhubarb, fray bentos pies and loads more. We had a lot of fun reminiscing, looking at the many old photographs, minute books and recognising names from the past.

It seemed very important that our Margie Davidson Vase was presented for the first time for a floral arrangement. Margie's family have gifted this to us in her memory. This was won by Liz Yull (pictured) with a beautiful arrangement of flowers from her garden. Liz also won our jubilee cup for gaining the most points over the year. The Endeavour cup was won by Lillias

Johnston for the most entries. Our rose bowl was presented to Janette Stronach for gaining the most points over the year for our flower of the month competition. Altogether a brilliant effort has been shown by all our members over all our meetings.

Although we don't have any meetings over the summer, we still have a lot going on preparing the programme for next year. This is put together with our members' suggestions, which are very varied.

Our annual trip this year is a bit different with a number of us going out in the Trishaws from Kinross and enjoying tea and cakes at Heaven Scent at the end of May. We are also busy preparing for the annual Kinross Show on Saturday 9 August. There are always lots of discussions and many happy family members enjoying all the events.



Above: All Glenfarg SWI members. Below: Ladies who were around on VE day 1945, Right: Liz Yull, Top right: Dressed for the VE celebration



Each year we usually enjoy at least one trip to the theatre. This year we are taking in 'The Marriage of Figaro' at the end of July in Falkland, Fife.

Our meetings restart on Thursday 11 September at 2pm. New members are always welcome.

Cleish SWI



Anne Bayne with Anne Douglas, President

Nancy Gibb with Anne Douglas, President

Flower of the Month LtoR Fiona, Marion, Dorothy

Competitions LtoR Marion, Julie, Margot

President Anne Douglas welcomed members and two tellers from Glenfarg SWI, Joyce Clark and Janette Stronach to our May Meeting and AGM. After business everyone enjoyed a buffet and blether. Thanks to all the members for their delicious contributions. The annual competition results, two new Honorary members and new committee were announced.

We were delighted to announce our two new Honorary members; our oldest member Nancy Gibb and our longest serving member Anne Bayne who have both been stalwarts of Cleish Rural. Congratulations ladies. The new committee members are President Anne Doig, Carol Herd, Agnes Thomson, Jane McGee, Alison Morris, Helen Buchanan, Fiona Campbell.

Well done to all the competition winners and good luck to the new committee for the year ahead. Our next meeting is the summer outing to Loch Katrine on Sunday 8 June.

Competition Results 2024/25

Monthly Points Competition: 1st Margot Moran, Joint 2nd Julie White and Marion Laird.

Flower of the Month:- 1st Marion Laird, 2nd Dorothy Morris, 3rd Fiona Barnfather.

Milnathort SWI

At our meeting on 17 April we welcomed Maureen from the Quarrymill MacMillan Coffee and Gift Shop. She gave a very informative and interesting talk about the premises. The coffee shop serves homemade fresh food, sandwiches, scones, cakes, etc. A vote of thanks was given to her for coming along to our afternoon meeting.

Competitions on 17 April

Decorated egg: 1st Cathie Cochrane, 2nd Aileen Hunter, 3rd Denise Stephenson.

Flower of the month: 1st Aileen Hunter, 2nd Kathleen King, 3rd Grace Drysdale.

Our meeting on 15 May meeting was our AGM. After usual business, events, reminders, etc., we were entertained with a Scottish themed quiz. Jessica, Jennifer and Elspeth were the winners.

Jean gave her annual report, Ann her report and Denise circulated a copy of the audited accounts, all of which

were agreed. After refreshments, the annual awards were announced as follows.

Most Points Cup: Denise Stephenson.

Best Trier: Aileen Hunter.

Flower of month cup: Grace Drysdale.

Members were reminded that our afternoon tea will take place at Jamesfield on Thursday 19 June at 2.30pm. Jean thanked everyone for attending on such a lovely sunny afternoon and wished all a safe journey home.

Competitions on 15 May

Individual Quiche: 1st Denise Stephenson, 2nd Jane McConville, 3rd Kathleen King.

Flower of the month: 1st Kathleen King, 2nd Grace Drysdale, 3rd Elspeth King.

Powmill SWI

Powmill SWI met for the AGM in Moubray Hall on Wednesday 21 May. Theme of the evening was a pot luck supper where all members brought along a dish, resulting in an array of both sweet and savoury delights.

As this was the last meeting before the summer break the trophies for the competitions were awarded.

Trophy for the most points: Mary Wilson

Jessie Gibson clock for runner up in points: Tricia Greer

Handicraft Trophy: Mary Wilson

Eileen White trophy for AGM handicraft (Knitted dishcloth): Maz Thorn

May meeting competition results were:

Knitted Dishcloth: 1st Maz Thorn, 2nd Janice Young, 3rd Donna McBain

Traybake: 1st Janice Young, 2nd Mary Wilson, 3rd Donna McBain

Green fingers: Floral arrangement in an egg cup

Mary Wilson

Powmill SWI will reconvene in September on the third Wednesday of the month in Moubray Hall, where all new members will be made most welcome.



President Sharon presenting Mary Wilson with the trophy for most points.

Walking Football

This activity has lots of appeal for players who fancy a game of football while jogging or walking. The group meets every Wednesday at 8pm sharp for an hour of football and fun at the Community Campus in Kinross. The group is open to all ages, genders and abilities. Players from any of the local villages, towns and surrounding areas are also welcome. Just turn up on the night and you will meet lots of new friends. Come along and give it a try!

Kinross Golf Club

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With such fine weather, we have enjoyed another very busy month at Kinross Golf Club. Our two courses have rarely been busier and we have seen a bumper number of guest societies and visitors these past few weeks. It is so pleasing to see the courses so well used, and in such fine condition, thanks to the sterling efforts of Paul Wilkie and the greenkeeping team. Please join him in prayers for a little overnight rain to help keep the verdant colour on the fairways and greens.

Our league competitions are well underway, and it is heartening to see Kinross doing so well in several district and regional competitions. Congratulations are due to Robbie Hepburn, one of our leading junior golfers, for his selection for the Perth & Kinross District Junior team. Our ladies section is also active and we have teams entered in a number of regional and national competitions. A testing tie with Crail Golfing Society in the Kyocera Competition is one to watch. Good luck to our ladies for that match.

A highly successful mixed open attracted a grand number of teams and raised a tidy sum for CHAS at the same time. Many congratulations to the Ladies Committee for organising such a successful day.

Off the course we have enjoyed the return of the ever popular quiz night, albeit with some highly dubious marking ensuring that your correspondent's team came joint fourth. Appeals to the quizmaster fell on deaf ears and VAR proved inconclusive. Swotting has already begun for round two!

Our only sadness last month was to learn of the passing of Mrs Marjory (Madge) Malcolm aged 101. She was one



of our honorary members, one of our longest serving and one of our best. She distinguished our club. The committee and entire membership send their sincere condolences to Madge's family.

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 6.30-8pm with new members welcome.

Orwell Bowling Club

What a start we have had to the bowling season this year. Who needs to head abroad with the weather we have had recently! As for the green, it is playing incredibly well and thanks go to the greenkeeper for keeping it in tip top condition as we are preparing for some large bowling events at the club. It has been a fair few years since we have hosted a Hamilton Trophy match here at Orwell, but on Saturday 31 May we will be welcoming the county teams of Clackmannan & Kinross v Stirling West. The green will be full of quality bowlers and we hope that the weather holds for us on that day to highlight the club and the playing surface as well as our members who are looking forward to hosting the event. Anyone is more than welcome to pop in past to spectate and enjoy the bowls on the day. Apologies in advance to the surrounding areas as there will be a lot of visitors to the club who will be travelling by car and will need to park up close by.

Our very own Gordon Clark and Kieran Wilson have both been selected to trial for the County Bowls Team and we wish them both the best of luck on Wednesday 21 May at Alloa East End. Get stuck in guys, team Orwell is behind you!

The end of May and early June is also the start of the Scottish Championships and Orwell will again be well represented in the singles, pairs, triples, fours, mixed pairs and 2 bowl pairs (seniors included). Of course we wish all our representatives all the very best of luck and will update you on how we got on next month.

We have had some great and very close friendly matches so far playing at Strathmiglo and Victoria away with our home



games playing against Maitland and Newburgh. Friendlies are a great way of meeting new friends but also enjoying the game that we all love.

So far this year we have managed to welcome in eight new members. Some have played bowls before, some are beginners, but no matter what level you are all at we do hope that you all enjoy your time at Orwell Bowling Club this season.

This month we have also added two new sponsors, namely Ashley House Care Home (based in Milnathort) and Crannog Property Estate Agents who have offices in Kinross, Kelty and Glenrothes. We really do appreciate the support from our sponsors but, as always, we would welcome any more to add to the six we currently have.

We have previously mentioned that the club is considering investing in a Petanque playing surface on the grounds which will again offer the local community another

attraction. It would also allow those who perhaps don't have the time or, indeed, the fitness to play bowls to enjoy a game of Petanque (or French boules as it is commonly known). We are gathering the material costs as the club are looking at installing this ourselves with the help of our members and local community. As always any support in helping the club financially (Petanque Sponsor) to help us pay for the materials would be very much appreciated. If any young adults are out there who need to help with a community project for their Duke of Edinburgh then this could be a great opportunity for us to help each other. Many hands make light work as they say!

Playing bowls should always be a great experience and it has many benefits. It gets you out and about, it's a form of exercise, you can meet new friends or catch up with old ones, and it is a very skilful and challenging sport at times. It is a low cost sport to get involved in. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned pro, aged 8 to 88, bowls could be the sport for you. If you fancy it please come along to the club and have a try. We are confident that you will enjoy it!

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.

Kinross Tennis Club

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The recent spell of beautiful weather during May brought a lively buzz to Kinross Tennis Club, with courts filled with players of all ages enjoying the sunshine and perfect playing conditions.

Earlier in the month, our Open Day was a resounding success with coaches Siobhan and Jenni leading proceedings on court and others hosting a barbecue and refreshments at the clubhouse. Over 75 people attended throughout the event,



enjoying the tennis and chat. From beginners picking up a racquet for the first time to seasoned players, the day was a great reminder of the range of members at the club. It was fantastic to see the courts so active, with over 30 people managing to squeeze on there for some of the activities!

We are planning more activities for members through June and July, with events based around upcoming Grand Slam events. Members should keep their eyes open for emails and updates relating to French Open and Wimbledon events and the annual Club Championships are coming soon too.

The bright dry weather through April and May also encouraged members down to the courts for the regular social sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. These have been well attended in the early season and it is great to see so many people down there. Hopefully that will continue through the summer!

Our competitive season is well underway, with ladies, men and juniors all involved in matches from Perth to St Andrews and Montrose to Lundin Links. The Kinross teams have started well in their matches against other local clubs, although after several of our teams were promoted last year, the new season has brought new challenges! It is great to see so many of our members representing the club and testing themselves in the Tennis Tayside leagues. League play is a fantastic opportunity to foster friendly rivalries with other clubs and build friendships and camaraderie within our club.

Summer Tennis Camps

We will be running 3 tennis camps this year and new players are very welcome. Reasons to book in include:- All equipment (including a racket) is provided; All sessions run by LTA qualified coaches; Single session booking available - no need to book in for the whole week; Prizes for all Friday players; It's the perfect way to try tennis for the first time or build on tennis skills whilst having fun with friends.

Camps will run on the following dates:- 14-18 July, 27 July - 1 August, 11-15 August.

And the session times are as follows:- 9.30-11am, Red ball (4-6 years); 11-1pm, Orange/Green ball (7-9 years); 1-3pm, Yellow ball (10-16 years).

To book in please visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/>

If you have any questions, just get in touch with Siobhan MacLeod, LTA Accredited Coach by text or WhatsApp on 07443 223408 or by email at kinrossstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Membership and Contact

If you are looking to get involved, come and join us at Kinross Tennis Club. Whether you are a seasoned player or a beginner, there is something for everyone. Membership for juniors starts at £10 per year for those aged up to 10 and £18 for those aged up to 18. Adult membership is £59 and a family can all join for £119.

Please see the membership section of our website or contact us at kinrossstennis@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more.

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

KCC v Edinburgh South on 4 May

The 2025 season got underway with a home fixture against Edinburgh South. The sun was shining as Edinburgh won the toss and elected to bat first. KCC bowled well and Edinburgh were on 9 in the 4th over when Rahul Kanduja took his first wicket of the season trapping the opener LBW. David Campbell took his first wicket the following over dismissing the number 3 batsman with a lovely middle stump direct hit. As Edinburgh moved steadily on it was 14-year-old Rob Cooper who struck next with a double wicket maiden over leaving the visitors 35 for 4 wickets.

It was another of the teenage KCC players who made the next breakthrough as Fraser Darrah dismissed the Edinburgh skipper with the team on 62. Richard Smith joined the wickets club dismissing the dangerous Ahmad LBW for 10 after only two previous deliveries. With 10 overs of batting left Edinburgh decided to throw everything at the ball and added 52 for another two wickets. Edinburgh finished on 131 for 7 off their 30 overs.

KCC got off to a solid start with Ivan Groenewald and David Campbell playing a cautious opening partnership getting to 16 in the 10th over before Campbell missed a straight delivery and was hit on the pad in front of the stumps. Rob Cooper came in and batted solidly hitting a flurry of boundaries and moving the score on considerably. Ivan mistimed a drive only





Robert Cooper on scoring 51 not out against Doune & Dunblane CC

to see it caught at mid-off. KCC then moved into a defensive phase batting well but struggling to find gaps in the field. It became clear that the 131 was likely to be beyond KCC and they adopted the approach to bat out their 30 overs for as few wickets as possible. The team finished on 77 for 6 with Rob taking batting honours with a score of 15.

A good start to the season against a significantly more experienced side. Rob Cooper was man of the match for his 2 for 17 bowling and 15 runs.

Doune & Dunblane v KCC on 11 May

KCC travelled to Doune with a young team including five teenagers. Several of the experienced KCC team are out with injury which give the younger players their chance to shine. Again, Rob Cooper stepped up to the mark making his debut senior 50.

Doune batted first and made steady progress. The short cut outfield and the warm weather really gave value to shots as boundaries were easy to find. Rahul Kanduja struck first taking the Doune skipper with the score on 22 in the 6th over. In the 11th over Doune were 49 as Varun Sanwalka got his first wicket of the season. Louis Gallagher, the Doune opener reached his maiden 50 in the 25th over as Doune passed the 100 mark for 2 wickets. Gallagher retired on 50 and Doune used the next 10 overs to add another 99 for a total of 4 wickets.

After tea, the usual pairing of Groenewald and Campbell opened the innings for KCC. Groenewald was unlucky to be caught having only scored 2. Rob Cooper came to the crease and clearly set out his intent with a succession of well-placed drives and hooks. Campbell and Cooper added 100 runs before Campbell was bowled on 48. Derek Cooper came in with Rob on the verge of his maiden 50 sitting on 48. Rob hit a great drive to Cow Corner and Derek was totally committed

to ruining the required two. Unfortunately, he was short of his ground on the second run moving Rob to 49 and sacrificing his own wicket. Rob didn't take long to make the milestone with another 2 runs before retiring on 51. The feat was rightly appreciated by both sides and Rob had a standing ovation as he left the field. With seven over to play KCC were just ahead of the required run rate. Doune then upped the bowling performance, and three quick wickets left KCC with an uphill task needing 65 of the last 5 overs. A valiant effort but KCC fell short finishing on 151 for 8. Again, Rob Cooper was man of the match.

Although KCC lost the first two matches of the season, there have been many positive improvements across this young side and there is plenty to look forward to as the season progresses.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

- 18 May** KCC v Dundee University (Home)
- 1 June** Forfarshire Dev XI v KCC (Broughty Ferry)
- 15 June** The David Roe Memorial Test match
KCC v Albion Rovers CC (Home)
- 29 June** Gifford Goblin CC v KCC (Haddington)

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>



This month we have a longer update with no less than 17 events to update on including our very own 40th running of the Webster Loch Leven Half Marathon!

We begin with two championship counters. Three KRR attended the inaugural Ben Chonzie hill race with Dave Mudie finishing in 2:40:47 and Karen Ritchie clocking 3:07:09, and Rashmi Shah in 3:24:45. While 12 KRR took on the undulating Craigtoun Country Chase 5 miler. Angus Gray came out on top for the men posting 30:28 with Matt Newton 30:54, Alex R6 31:43 and Tony Wallen 38:46. Caroline Jones led the ladies back in 33:24, with Wendy Grieve 44:35, Val Findlay 46:36, Christina Atkinson 48:54, Ann Malcolm 49:48, Lynn Beveridge 54:13, Hannah Lopez 54:14 and Isla Craig 54:15.

The following weekend was one for longer races. We'll kick off with the TCS London marathon. A fab 5 KRR completed in the iconic event this year with Jillian Gordon finishing in 3:23:55, Caroline Jones sneaking under 3 and half with 3:29:29, Angela Scott dipping under 4 with 3:59:06, Stephen Jones 4:08:51 and Connor Finlay 5:15:44! Another fab 5 KRR attended the Adidas Manchester marathon on Sunday. Barry Smith clocked his first sub 3 with a terrific 2:53:34, followed back by Matt Newton in 3:03:43, Iain Watson in 3:16:25, Jim Reilly in 4:04:33 and Laura Reilly in 4:34:58!

Up at the Devil of the Highlands on Saturday there were a fantastic 4 KRR members. Willie Bell finished the 42 mile West Highland Way event in 7:54:39, followed by Billy Webster in 9:00:41 and Andy Johns 9:32:29. Out at the sharpest of sharp ends Alison McGill stormed to victory in the female field in a quite incredible 6 hours 18 minutes 49 secs! Alison also gained the ladies record for the second fastest time the course has been completed in!

As if London and Manchester weren't warm enough, another fab 5 KRR ventured to Croatia to complete the Dubrovnik half marathon with John Beveridge first of them back in 1:27:19 for a top 20 finish, Ally Sinclair in 1:44:17 and Lynn Beveridge, Hannah Lopez and Simone Young all finishing in 2:45:27, give or take a few seconds.

A super 6 KRR featured in the results of the Dalgety Bay 10K



on Sunday with Isla Craig first back in 63:10, followed by Karen Birnie 53:16, Michelle Murray 65:33, Linda MacEachen 72:47, Tamsin Kinnaird 80:24 and Sarah Eaton 80:29.

Richard Aldred posted 2:01:47 at the Bristow 15 mile trail race as part of the Run Balmoral weekend in Aberdeenshire.

George Hughes was the sole KRR rep at the Barry Buddon half marathon, clocking a great time of 1:26:16.

Gregor Malcolm was mixing it with Alistair Brownlee and co at the Yorkshire 3 peaks race, one of the classic long hill race events in the UK, and finished 12th overall (618 finishers) in a fantastic 3 hours, 28 minutes and 4 seconds.

The following weekend 13 KRR featured in the Tay Ten results in Perth with Allan Kemp (5th M40) and Val Findlay (4th F60) first male and female KRR back in 1:02:20 and 1:29:27 respectively. They were followed back by Andy Laycock (2nd M60) 1:04:07, Alex Reilly 1:05:56, Richard Pool 1:16:00, Wendy Grieve (5th F60) 1:30:21, Christina Atkinson 1:35:47,

Ann Malcolm 1:36:00, Lise Hepburn 1:38:00, Michelle M6 1:42:24, Lynn Beveridge 1:48:56, Linda MacEachen 1:49:04 and Gordon Donnachie in 1:57:24.

Gregor Malcolm was at the stacked Stuc a Chroin hill race on Saturday; a top class field as the event was a long race counter for the British hill running champs, and finished 25th Scot/43rd overall in 2:22:56.

The midweek Dumyat hill race served up 3 KRR in the results for the 4th off road counter. Matt Newton 2nd M50 in 44:12, Karen Ritchie 59:27 and Pauline McAdam (3rd F60) 72:22.

Black Rock 5 was busy with club members too on Friday night with 19 KRR in the results of the 5th off-road counter. Matt Newton 28:22 and Jillian Gordon 37:58 first male and female KRR back, followed in by John Beveridge 29:19, Alex Reilly 29:30, Iain Elliott 31:20, Joe MacKenzie 31:34, Richard Aldred 32:01, Kirsty Gray 39:16, Wendy Grieve 40:20, Duncan Gray 39:53, Angus Gray 40:23, Leonard Zabek 44:35, Christina



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Atkinson 45:25, Lise Hepburn 45:27, Lynn B6 46:57, Isla Craig 46:59, Michelle Murray 48:07, Lynne Zabek 48:31 and Linda MacEachen 49:04.

Two KRR were at the Thornhill 10K. Barry Smith ran a blistering 36:01 10K PB to finish 4th overall and Lynne Zabek continued her return to form finishing in 63:24.

In one of the worst kept secrets Simone Young and Hannah Lopez took on their first ever 12 hour ultra event on Saturday, each posting more than 40 miles at the Formartine and Buchan Railway 12 hour ultra. Hannah (2nd F50) 41.8 miles and Simone (3rd F50) 41.56 miles.

And finally the event of the month, the 40th Loch Leven Half Marathon! It was a very hot morning for running but all 789 runners who started the course finished the course! The race was started by local Olympian and previous winner, Eildh Doyle. As always the community showed out in force to support them, with shouts of encouragement, sweets for

Simone Young (left) and Hannah Lopez with their awards from the Formartine & Buchan Railway 12 hour ultra



energy and very welcome hoses spraying water and children with super soakers to keep them cool. A huge thank you to the local businesses and community who support the event and, of course, to the army of volunteers, without whom we couldn't run it.

This year the runners were able to give a donation when entering to local charity TRACKS and a fantastic £500 was raised! Finally, thanks to Alan Ruiz photography for the amazing course photos and Munro Strachan for photographing the prize giving.



There were 22 KRR running in the half marathon. First back for the boys was David Scott (11th overall, 3rd M40 and 2nd East District MVet) in 1:19:37 and Lorna MacDonald (3rd F50) was first for the ladies in 1:45:06. They were followed in



Andy Hutchison 2:05:21, Christina 6A 2:10:47, Janice Webster 2:19:53, Niamh Quinn 2:30:46, Elisabeth Zhelyazkov 2:38:26 and 60th birthday boy Gordon Donnachie 2:53:09!

by John Beveridge (2nd M50) 1:24:37, Munro Strachan 1:27:33 (1st MJun), Scott Beveridge 1:31:16, David Mudie 1:34:20, Sandy Freck 1:34:59, Martin Hill 1:36:54, Billy Webster 1:41:55, Claire Gibson 1:45:44, Louise Dryburgh 1:48:20, Brigid Wallen 1:51:07 (3rd F60), Christine Myerscough 1:52:26 (4th F60), Jamie Cargill 1:53:36, Matthew Moyes 1:56:38, Megan Turnbull (4th FJun) 1:57:22,



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Top: John Beveridge Above: Gordon Donnachie who celebrated his 60th birthday on the day! Left and below: Brigid Wallen*



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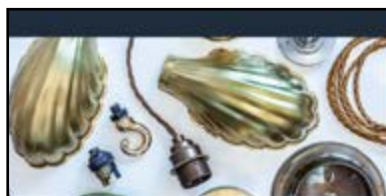
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OF OWL THE CHICKS TO SEE!

WE'VE BEEN ENJOYING spring here at RSPB Loch Leven. The lapwings are doing well. So far we've recorded 34 nests and 20 chicks, and we've had brilliant views of the fluffy chicks from our middle (Waterston) hide. Goslings, cygnets and ducklings have also been frequent sightings, and we've heard a cuckoo calling away too. One of the recent highlights has been seeing tawny owl adults and chicks, better known as 'owlets'. They can be quite hard to spot in the trees, but it's worth persevering as they are a delight to see!

As you can imagine, with the warm weather we've had some great insect sightings too. Butterfly species that you can see here include small copper, peacock, small tortoiseshell and orange-tip to name a few. The sandy banks along the Sleeping Giant path are a great place to watch some insect drama, with lots of solitary bees, dark-edged bee-flies and bumblebees to spot.

As you will have seen, we've not been able to open the shop and café for the full 7 days a week for a while now, due to reduced staffing. We are working really hard to



Tawny Owl chick by Ava Sheehan

get back to a 7-day operation, and we are nearly there. It is always worth checking our website for up-to-date opening hours, or if ever in doubt give us a call on 01577 862355 or email lochleven@rspb.org.uk. On days when the shop and café are closed, our Visitor Centre is open 11am-3pm and our trails, hides, car park and toilets are open 24/7. Thank you all for your patience during this time.

Did you know that we have two mobility scooters available to hire to use around the reserve? Our Leafy Loop and Wetland Trails are great places to explore with the scooters. If you would like

to book one, give us a call.

Looking ahead to our events programme, we have a Wildlife Writing Workshop, suitable for all levels, on Saturday 28 June. This is a great opportunity to learn tried and tested exercises to develop your nature writing skills, led by published author and poet Anita John. We'll also be joined once again by the Festival Players for an outdoor theatre show, this time of As You Like It on Friday 18 July. We also have Bat Walks and Osprey Watches in the diary too. If you'd like to book your place or find out more about our events programme, visit our events website: events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven

Spring is a really nice time of year to visit us, with lots of wildlife to spot and activities to take part in. Head to our website to plan your visit, and we hope to see you soon! <https://www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/loch-leven>

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WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER?



NATURESCOT WILL BE HOSTING our annual Discovery Day on 14 June in Kirkgate Park, with a range of stalls from the RSPB, CEH, Eastern Lowlands Red Squirrel Group and activities such as squirrel feeder building and nature crafts, as well as moth trapping and a bird ringing demonstration! All activities are free and everyone is welcome. There will be a marquee up, and the event will run from 11am to 3pm. We will also be hosting other activities throughout the holidays, so keep an eye out for more information.

As we head into June the reserve will start to fill with young birds, with our first mute swan broods on the water by late-May, plenty of Mallard, with Gadwall starting to head out onto the loch too. You might also spot some Barnacle Geese with young, not a very common sight, but in our April nest survey on St Serfs we had 61 nests!

In May, the large gulls on St Serfs started hatching as well, so it's very busy out there right now. Another exciting wildlife sight is ospreys fishing. They returned in May, and although they don't breed here, we see them regularly throughout the summer.

A friendly reminder that there is limited water access on the loch, so any paddleboarders or kayakers please keep 200m

away from the shore and do not attempt to land on islands to avoid disturbing wildlife.

We now have a full team of seasonal staff as we welcome Bella and Chris to the team. They will be out and about during the week and on weekends, so please feel free to stop for a chat if you see them. They are also there to make sure people visiting the reserve are doing so responsibly.

We have been seeing a high number of people having fires and disposable BBQs, as well as large groups camping and creating noise disturbances. One of the worst incidents included someone using petrol to start a fire. We have signs up on the reserve asking people not to have fires, as this often takes place in or near wooded areas, and meadows, which is not allowed under SOAC, but especially during the past few months when wildfire warnings have been issued by the Scottish Fire Service. If you know anyone who likes to come down to the reserve to have fires, please make sure they are aware of the dangers and the damage they cause.

To keep updated with what's going on have a look at our social media, and feel free to get in touch.

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The Pier: Hannah Phillips

SHEEP'S OUT FOR SUMMER!



WELL I THINK THAT tremendous is the word I would use to best describe the weather since my last article. We had decided to lamb all the ewes outside this year because we are keeping more cattle than we have done for a few years and there wouldn't have been space for many of them inside the sheds. This decision was made with the caveat that one batch of what we reckoned to be the most vulnerable ewes likely to have problems could be brought inside if conditions deteriorated. The rest would just have to be out in whatever Mother Nature would decide to throw at them. It was with a certain amount of apprehension that we approached lambing as the weather can have the power to make or break it. As it turned out, we could hardly have wished for better conditions, which was a huge relief. There were still plenty of the usual ups and downs, but having next to no weather related issues made a huge difference.

The cattle are all outside to their fields with the exception of Russ the bull and a couple of cows for company and the cows have been calving away quite nicely. They will hopefully be finished fairly soon but there are generally a few stragglers who like to keep us waiting. The wee calves are getting a great start outside just like the lambs.

Weather

Recent Weather Reports From Kinross April 2025

Total Rainfall	26.1mm/1.04in	
Heaviest Fall	5.6mm/0.22in	(14 Apr)
Total Sunshine	184.1 hrs	
Sunniest Day	10.8 hrs	(10 Apr)
Max Temp Average	13.95°C	
Highest Temp	20.2°C	(29 Apr)
Min Temp Average	-1.54°C	
Lowest Temp	-7.1°C	(17 Apr)

The pigs have been enjoying the sunshine too although some days have probably been a bit too warm for them and their rooting has been curtailed as the ground is quite dry and hard. They are needing quite a lot of water taken out to them at the moment. The British Lops, which are a pink pig, are more susceptible to being sunburned than the Saddleback which is a mostly black pig, but they have been coping quite well so far. Our spring barley was drilled into very good soil conditions on as early a date as we have ever done (although, admittedly I don't tend to rush it). It is mostly looking okay but there is no doubt that it would benefit from a wee bit of the 'r' word as some of it has struggled to germinate.

We very rarely suffer from a lack of moisture here at Backward Farm but there are a few areas in our permanent pasture fields which are starting to look a bit brown and it is the mix of wet and dry which makes our countryside green and lush. There also seems to have been a bit of a problem with some pyromaniacs thinking it's a good idea to set fires in wild areas, although none have caused too much damage – yet, which is very fortunate because once a fire gets established it can spread with devastating speed, especially when fanned by a breeze. A bit of gentle rain would help dampen the aspirations of the fire-raisers, give our cattle and sheep lush grass to graze and help our seeds to germinate. All in a balance, of course.

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By Arrangement 1 Feb - 31 Dec

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Nominated charity: CHAS: 60%.

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Harthill,

Reediehill Farm, Auchtermuchty KY14 7HS

Nichola and John Fletcher

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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.

Other details: By prior arrangement, teas, coffee and cake, or lunch can be provided for groups.

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Directions: On the A823 between Muckhart and Auchterarder, the white house next to Glendevon Parish Church, on the left hand side of the road heading north.

Other details: Donkey and miniature pony petting. No dogs please.

CAREFUL WITH THE COMPOST!

WELL, WHAT A GLORIOUS few weeks it has been... wall to wall sunshine! I know, that statement will now be the kiss of death for the rest of the summer... fingers crossed the lovely weather continues.

The last few weeks for me have been filled with lots of digging, weeding and tidying – along with growing on seedlings, plant-



ing up hanging baskets and the dreaded watering.

The greenhouse is now full of plants in various stages of development; a mixture of stuff grown from seed and plug plants which have been potted up and grown

on. It's always been my tendency to try and get everything at a stage to be planted out in early June, but I've relaxed a little this year and some of my plants may not be ready to go out until the end of June, or even early July (gasp!).

My hanging baskets have the potential to be absolutely gorgeous this year – they're a mixture of begonias (overwintered), lobelia, bacopa, petunias, verberna... and a couple of other plants I can't recall off the top of my head. The colours should be predominantly orange and blue, if I've used the right plants.

This year, to try and keep on top of the watering, I've used some water crystals so that the baskets 'shouldn't' dry out too much – I tend to give them about a litre of water a day, so fingers crossed everything works out okay. I will of course keep you posted!

I'm also going to use water crystals in my patio pots this year. I usually take out the top four or five inches of old compost and top up with new stuff, with slow-release fertiliser added, and this year, water crystals.

Some of you may remember me moaning over the last couple of years about potting plants on in the greenhouse, and them not doing anything for ages. Or sowing seeds and them not germinating. I blamed all sorts of things, but I think I finally sussed it... it's the compost. I usually buy multi-purpose stuff they sell in supermarkets as it's done me well for the last decade. I've found in the last few



years though that it's dry, fine, and usually full of sticks, pretty poor stuff. This year, as Sainsbury's didn't have compost, I went and bought some Jack's Magic. And let me tell you... it IS magic! It's rich, dark and crumbly, all my seeds germinated and my potted-on plants are growing a treat. It's not cheap mind, but I would highly recommend it. Look online for the cheapest deals.

In the garden generally, things are looking green and flowery. The broom and spirea have been gorgeous this year, the perennial cornflowers, daylilies and peonies are starting to flower and my much-loved oriental lillies are popping up (watch out for the dreaded lily beetle – bright red critter, can't miss it).

As well as starting the annual knee-aching planting out of hundreds of plants, there's more weeding to be done (though I dug out my strawberry bed and membraned it to cut down on weeding), things to be tidied and cleaned... and I may even find time to loaf around reading a book in the sunshine.

Have a great month folks... please remember to take the time to admire your hard work, preferably with a cuppa and a smug grin.

Teresa





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On 1 January 2025 the local Church of Scotland congregations united to become a single congregation, known as Kinross-shire Parish Church.

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

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Kinross Church

Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church

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

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.

JUNE

Sun 1

10.30am: Quarterly Communion Service.

Mon 2

8.00am: Guided Silent Meditation

Fri 6

BB end of term display

Quiz for Debreceen – a fund-raising quiz to raise money for those going to the Great Church, Debreceen, which is Kinross Church's partner in Hungary. See website, Facebook or weekly email for details

Sun 8

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 9

7.30pm: Adult Dungeons and Dragons

Fri 13

5.30pm: Youth Dungeons and Dragons

Thu 19

9.00pm: Evening service of Compline

Sat 21

11.00am: All Friends Together for adults with learning disabilities

Sun 22

6.00pm: Crossfire, church centre. Last meeting before summer holiday.

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

Mon 23

7.30pm: Adult Dungeons and Dragons

Thu 26

7.00pm: The Year Of Listening

Sun 29

10.30am: Joint Service and Annual Stated Meeting of Kinross-shire Parish Church at Orwell Church. No Service in Kinross Church

LET'S SING!

Sunday 8 June

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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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.

JUNE

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

8 June: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship
Refreshments will be available after the service

15 June: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship
Refreshments will be available after the service

22 June: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship
Refreshments will be available after the service

29 June: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship at Orwell Church including the Stated Annual Meeting of Kinross-shire Parish Church. **There will be no service this morning at either Fossoway or Cleish.**

JULY

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

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 6 June 7.30pm: CONCLAVE (12)

Conclave follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events—selecting a new pope. The Church's most powerful leaders

have gathered from around the world, locked together in the Vatican halls. Tasked with running this covert process, Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) finds himself at the centre of a conspiracy and discovers a secret that could shake the very foundation of the church!

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 21 June** from 4-6pm, with all the usual crafts, activities, fun, and food.

JUNE

1 June Family Service with the Praise Band

5 June Ashley House Service at 2pm.

8 June Communion Service

13 June Tea and a Blether in Orwell 2pm-3.30pm.

27 June Oasis Ladies Group in Portmoak New Room 10.15am-12pm. Fun and games morning.

29 June Michael Bruce Service in Portmoak Church at 6.30pm.

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

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Churches

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Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY



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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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07977 101742 (texts preferred) Not Tuesdays

Chair of Vestry Malcolm Strang Steel

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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.

JUNE

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

Sun 1 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 8 Feast of Pentecost

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 15 Trinity Sunday

10am: Sung Eucharist.

Sun 22 Pentecost 2

10am: Sung Eucharist.

Sun 29 Feast of St Peter and St Paul

10am: Sung Eucharist.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 15 11.15 -12.00 There will be a small **Fairtrade** stall in the Hall
Art @ St Paul's has started up again.

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

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050)

info@lochlevenchurch.com



Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven

Community Campus, at 10:30am each Sunday. Our sermon series at the beginning of June is from 2 Timothy, *Famous Last Words*, followed by a new series called 'In Step' from mid-June. We'll be hosting the following services:

1 June: 2 Timothy 3: Famous Last Words – The Last Days
(David Wylie, Greenview Evangelical Church)

8 June: 2 Timothy 3: Famous Last Words – The Final Bend
(David Wylie, Greenview Evangelical Church)

15 June: Ross Simmons (Tayside Christian Fellowship)

22 June: 1 John 1:1-4: Walking With The Father
(Michael Ford-Hyde, Hope City Church)

29 June: 1 John 1:5-2:2: Walking In The Light
(Michael Ford-Hyde, Hope City Church)

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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Kinross-shire Centre

Scottish Charity SC004968

64 High Street
Kinross
KY13 8AJ

Weekly Programme For June

Monday	Hearing Aid Clinic (2 June ONLY)	10am-12pm
	Barge Trip (16 June ONLY)	10am-4pm
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble, Dominoes	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Vision PK (3 & 17 June ONLY)	10-11.45am
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Trishaws (weather permitting)	1.30pm
	Singing Group (10 June ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: Curling, Quizzes etc	1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service	11.15am
	Reminiscence Group (4 June ONLY)	1.30pm
	Fun Quiz	1.30pm
	Craft Group	1.30pm
	Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes	1.30pm
Thursday	Chiropody Service (12 June 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)	1.30pm
	Bingo	1.30pm
	Life Story Books	1.30pm
	Board Games	1.30pm



Film shows • Cards
Dominoes • Art Class
Exercises • Chiropody
Trips • Daily Papers

All Activities Subject To Change. Activities May Be Added.

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.

KINROSS CENTRE

64 HIGH STREET KINROSS KY13 8AJ

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COFFEE BAR OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC from 8.30am - 3.30pm

Dominoes; Exercises; Lunches Daily



The Newsletter on Facebook

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- Our deadline and publication dates
- What's in the next issue
- Reminders of some local events
- Occasional breaking news

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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

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A free, 12 week course to improve your mental and physical wellbeing

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Suitable for adults of all ages and abilities
 Bikes and trikes available
 To register visit www.ktacc.org.uk





KINROSS-SHIRE RED SQUIRREL GROUP

GET INVOLVED

HELP SAVE RED SQUIRRELS

AND PROTECT NATIVE SPECIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Kinross-shire Red Squirrel Group is a volunteer-led group looking for new members to help monitor squirrel populations in the area and educate others about the plight of the red squirrel




If you would like to find out more about the group, let us know about what you are already doing to help or find out how you can get involved - please email us at: kinrossshireredsquirrelgroup@gmail.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

18 JUNE

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
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES		
Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
July	Friday 13 June	Saturday 28 June

P & K SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM ENDS: Thursday 26 June 2025

IN-SERVICE DAY: Monday 18 August 2025

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 19 August 2025

Kinross Garden Group

2024/25 Season Summer Garden Visit

BLAIR CASTLE, PITLOCHRY

Thursday 12 June

Coach departs Thistle Hotel, 10am

Cost: £32

CARNBO & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL

Sunday Social BBQs 2025

We provide the BBQ equipment, just bring your own food and refreshments to enjoy.

1 June: BBQ with Duck Race

(Duck Race in the field at East end of the village at 4pm, BBQ at Carnbo Hall at 5pm). Ducks cost £1 and can be bought on the day — prizes for the winners!

6 July: BBQ

(5pm) with Outdoor/Indoor Games

3 Aug: BBQ

(from 3pm) Carnbo Summer Celebration — 35 Years Together! This year marks 35 years since Carnbo Hall became a community hall — and we think that's worth celebrating, with live music and activities for all ages. Everyone welcome — come help us celebrate!

7 Sept: Car Treasure Hunt

(starts at 3pm, BBQ follows at 5pm).

Carnbo Hall is available for private hire.

Contact: carnbohall@gmail.com

KHS and KHS Parent council
Partnership fundraiser

QUIZ NIGHT AT KHS

Fundraising for **CHAS**

MAX. PER TEAM
6

Tuesday, June 17th
Doors open 7:00 pm
Quiz from 7:30–9:00 pm

Booking essential via Eventbrite



Get ready to dodge, dip, duck, dive, and dodge at our new weekly sessions

FRIDAYS

7 PM - 8 PM

Loch Leven Community Campus
Kinross, KY13 8FQ



Sessions free until the end of June
Ages 16+

 FIND US ON FACEBOOK
 KinrossDodgeball@gmail.com


ORWELL 70 PLUS: NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Orwell 70 Plus will be held in Milnathort Scout & Guide Hall, Church Street, on Thursday 5 June 2025 from 7 – 8 pm. All are very welcome to attend

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More information at kinrosscommunitycouncil.com

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Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



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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.*



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Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
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Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

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Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

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Diary

May

Sat	31	Portmoak Gala
Sat	31	Storytelling at the library 11am
Sat&Sun	31/1	Muckhart Open Gardens weekend

June

Sun	1	BBQ with Duck Race, Carnbo
Sun-Sat	1-7	Portmoak Festival
Sun	1	Carnbo Hall Social Sunday and Duck Race
Mon	2	Cleish and Blairadam Community Council meets
Tues	3	Fossoway Community Council meets
Tues	3	Climate Cafe meeting at Potager Garden
Thurs	5	Orwell 70+ AGM
Fri	6	Positive Spin Course begins
Fri-Sun	6-8	Wildhood Festival, Tullibole Castle
Sat	7	Milnathort Primary School Fayre
Sat/Sun	7&22	Kinross and Ochil Walking Group Meet – see clubs entry
Tues	10	Portmoak Community Council meets
Thurs	12	Garden Group Outing to Blair Castle
Thurs	12	Milnathort and Orwell Community Council meets
Wed-Fri	11-13	Loch Leven Matters Community Conversations
Fri	13	Newsletter Deadline for July Issue
Sat	14	Kinross Primary School Fayre
Sat	14	Discovery Day, Kirkgate Park
Tues	17	Community Quiz Night at KHS
Tues	24	Kinross Community Council meets
Wed	25	Kacophony Orchestra Concert, Campus
Thurs	26	P&K School Term ends
Sat	28	Farmers' Market, High Street
Sat	28	Swansacre Funday and AGM
Sat	28	Repair Cafe, Milnathort Town Hall

July

Mon	7	Glenfarg Community Council meets
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